Summer 6 Mile Routes

1. Forge Lane:

- 1. Down the Golf course
- 2. Right onto Hobs Hole Lane
- 3. Left onto Back Lane
- 4. Over Chester Road onto Wood Lane
- 5. Right onto Forge Lane
- 6. Right onto Aldridge Road, past Little Aston Hospital
- 7. Right into Mill Lane
- 8. Left onto Forge Lane
- 9. Over Chester Road onto Hobs Hole Lane
- 10. Left back up the Golf Course
- 11. Home

Alternative route for Spring/Autumn when the nights are still relatively short: Instead of turning into Mill lane (point 7 above), just continue down Aldridge Road to the double roundabout and return to the club via Little Aston Road, past Fairlawns.

2. Little Aston Golf Course

- 1. Down the Golf course
- 2. Right onto Hobs Hole Lane
- 3. Across the Chester Road into Forge Lane
- 4. Right onto Mill Lane
- 5. Left onto Aldridge Road, Little Aston
- 6. Right onto the footpath past Little Aston Hospital
- 7. Right across Little Aston Golf Course
- 8. Along Roundabout Wood and down over railway line
- 9. Up through houses (on footpath) and Lindarosa Road
- 10. Right onto Hardwick Road
- 11. Straight across Chester Road
- 12. Along Little Hardwick Road (past Crematorium)
- 13. Right onto Erdington Road
- 14. The Green
- 15. Home

3. Over The Beacon (possible new route)

- 1. Out along The Green
- 2. Down Erdington Road to roundabout
- 3. Straight over along Aldridge Road
- 4. Right into Bridle Lane towards Doe Bank
- 5. Up on to Beacon via the very steep slope (that we go up on the Sunday route)
- 6. Along the top of the Beacon
- 7. Down onto Beacon Road
- 8. Across onto Longwood Road
- 9. Bearing left onto Barr Common Road
- 10. Right into the footpath to Marshall Close/Whetstone Lane
- 11. Right onto Churn Hill Road
- 12. Left onto Whetstone Lane
- 13. Across The Croft
- 14. Home

4. Canal 6

- 1. Out via The Green
- 2. Right onto Little Aston Road
- 3. Continue down Leighswood Road (past the shops) to the second roundabout
- 4. Continue down Leighswood Road to the canal.
- 5. Over the canal bridge, turn right onto the canal, then right again to go back under the bridge
- 6. Continue on the canal path until you get to the Longwood Junction (about 3.75 miles)
- 7. Leave the canal and go up and over the bridge
- 8. Take the path on the right, to Longwood Lane
- 9. Cross over and enter the Hayhead Wood car park
- 10. Make your way diagonally across the Airport field towards the single tree that you will see between the two larger clumps/hedges. You may see a tree either side but as you get closer you'll realise that these are much further away
- 11. Turn right at the tree and follow the lane up to Bosty Lane
- 12. Right up Bosty Lane
- 13. Left down Knights Hill
- 14. Left onto Erdington Road
- 15. Across the road and back to the club.

Summer 5 Mile routes

1. The Daw End 5

- 1. Turn RIGHT onto LITTLE ASTON ROAD
- 2. Turn RIGHT onto LEIGHSWOOD ROAD (opposite Beacon Buildings)
- 3. At the CANAL BRIDGE turn onto footpath on your RIGHT to access the CANAL towpath.
- 4. Turn RIGHT at the CANAL to go underneath Leighswood Rd bridge following canal TOWARDS WALSALL.
- 5. Follow CANAL for approximately 1.5 to 1.75 miles UNTIL you see DAW END BRIDGE
- 6. Go under bridge and immediately turn RIGHT and go up to BOSTY LANE by the BOATHOUSE
- 7. Turn RIGHT onto BOSTY LANE (towards the Whitehouse) going over the CANAL
- 8. Using pavement Follow BOSTY LANE and go over footbridge over railway.
- 9. Cross BOSTY LANE with care
- 10. Turn LEFT onto MIDDLEMORE LANE WEST
- 11. Go over footbridge over railway line
- 12. At the end Turn RIGHT onto DUMBLEDERRY LANE
- 13. Turn LEFT at PETROL STATION onto MIDDLEMORE LANE EAST
- 14. At the end turn RIGHT onto LEIGHSWOOD ROAD
- 15. Turn LEFT onto LITTLE ASTON ROAD and then back to the club

Summer 4 Mile routes

1. Mill Lane

- 16. Down the Golf Course
- 17. Right onto Hobs Hole Lane
- 18. Over the Chester Road into Forge Lane
- 19. Right onto Mill Lane
- 20. Right onto Aldridge Road, Little Aston to Chester Rd
- 21. Up Little Aston Road (past Fairlawns)
- 22. Right onto The Green
- 23. Home

2. Chester Road

- 1. Down the Golf Course
- 2. Right onto Hobs Hole Lane
- 3. Left onto Back Lane
- 4. Cross over the Chester Road and run down to the Old Irish Harp
- 5. Right onto Little Aston Road (past Fairlawns)
- 6. Right onto The Green
- 7. Home

3. Canal 4

- 1. Out via The Green
- 2. Right onto Little Aston Road
- 3. Right onto Northgate and continue past the fire station
- 4. Left into Vigo Road to the canal
- 5. Left along canal to Leighswood Road
- 6. Left onto Leighswood Road
- 7. Back along Little Aston Road
- 8. Left onto The Green

3. <u>Hayhead Wood Route</u> (more like 4.5 miles)

- 1. Out across the Croft
- 2. Straight on down Whetstone Lane as far as shops
- 3. Right into Churnhill Road
- 4. Cross the road and down Marshall Close
- 5. Through the twitchell/snicket/ginnel (according to where you come from) to Barr Common Road
- 6. Left onto Barr Common Road, then right down path past the fields (opposite flats)
- 7. Ignore the first gap you go past on your right, then go through the second one (there is a 3-way footpath sign here) but don't turn right down the path, follow the hedge in the same direction you were in.
- 8. Turn right at the end of the field and continue around it until you can turn left and go alongside the next field. At the corner of this field go over the style and turn right through the woods.
- 9. When you get to a bit of a T junction (there is a wooden seat on your right) take the right hand path and follow it round through the woods. Take care lots of tree roots, wooden sections and steps.
- 10. Turn right at the next wooden bench and follow the field path
- 11. At the next junction turn left over the slotted bridge
- 12. Follow the path round to the right, over a bridge, then turn left back into the woods
- 13. At the next T junction take the right and then immediately left
- 14. Continue until a T junction with the road behind the hedge. Turn right into the Longwood Lane car park for the Airport.
- 15. Follow the car park to the right then make your way diagonally across the Airport field towards the single tree that you will see between the two larger clumps/hedges. You may see a tree either side but as you get closer you'll realise that these are much further away
- 16. Turn right at the tree and follow the lane up to Bosty Lane
- 17. Right up Bosty Lane
- 18. Left down Birmingham Road
- 19. Right down Harborough Drive
- 20. Left onto Whetstone Lane
- 21. Across the Croft and back to the club.

- **4.** <u>Cuckoo's Nook and The Dingle</u> (a variation of Hay Head Wood, without the airport climb better for a hot day, though again nearer 4.5 miles)
 - 1. Out across The Croft
 - 2. Straight down Whetstone Lane as far as shops
 - 3. Right into Churnhill Road
 - 4. Cross the road and down Marshall Close
 - 5. Through the twitchell/snicket/ginnel (according to where you come from) to Barr Common Road
 - 6. Left onto Barr Common Road, then right down path past the fields (opposite flats)
 - 7. Ignore the first gap you go past on your right, then go through the second one (there is a 3-way footpath sign here) but don't turn right down the path, follow the hedge in the same direction you were in.
 - 8. Turn right at the end of the field and continue around it until you can turn left and go alongside the next field. At the corner of this field go over the style and turn LEFT through the woods.
 - 9. Follow the path along the boardwalk and you will see some signposts with yellow arrows
 - 10. Follow the path and boardwalk out of the woods into the fields
 - 11. Follow this path keeping the trees and hedge on our left hand side until you reach a stile leading onto the Sutton Road
 - 12. Go over the stile and turn Right onto the Sutton Road
 - 13. Cross over the Sutton Road onto the opposite side to the footpath and follow this past Walsall Garden Centre
 - 14. Follow the grass path on the left hand side of the road (you will cross over Skip Lane) taking care of branches from overhead trees
 - 15. Once past the old Three Crowns Pub cross over the Sutton Road (take care when crossing as it is a busy road)
 - 16. Continue on the grass path on the right hand side of the Sutton Road until you reach the public footpath on the right hand side, with a brown sign post to 'Cuckoo's Nook and The Dingle'
 - 17. Follow the footpath going through the kissing gate
 - 18. Follow this path along until you reach the double stiles, go straight over both stiles
 - 19. Follow the path through the woods taking care of tree roots, there are also lots of wooden bridges and steps in this section
 - 20. Keep following the path and here the sign posts are numbered, when you get to sign post 4 follow the path ahead past a wooden bench on your right
 - 21. When you get to signpost 8 (which is on your right hand side) turn LEFT over the broken stile
 - 22. Follow the path around the field (which will take you back to the 3 way footpath sign)
 - 23. Turn left at the sign and follow the path (this is where you came in originally) back to Barr Common Road
 - 24. Cross over opposite the flats and then turn Right down Birmingham Road
 - 25. Turn right into the gulley/alley way into Marshall Close
 - 26. Turn right at the end of Marshall Close onto Churnhill Road and then Turn left onto Whetstone Lane
 - 27. Follow Whetstone Lane to the end and across The Croft back to the Club

Summer 3 Mile routes

1. Canal 3 (nearer 3.2)

- 1. Out via The Green
- 2. Right onto Little Aston Road
- 3. Right onto Northgate to the second roundabout
- 4. Left into Northgate way
- 5. Right onto Brickyard Lane
- 6. Go past the brickworks and turn left just after Gills
- 7. Over the canal bridge
- 8. Left along canal to Leighswood Road
- 9. Left onto Leighswood Road
- 10. Back along Little Aston Road
- 11. Left onto The Green

If doing this route in reverse you leave the canal at the first bridge, marked 'Northywood Bridge'.

2. <u>Dumblederry 3</u> (nearer 2.9)

- 1. Turn RIGHT onto LITTLE ASTON ROAD
- 2. Turn RIGHT onto LEIGHSWOOD ROAD (opposite Beacon Buildings)
- 3. At the CANAL BRIDGE turn onto footpath on your RIGHT to access the CANAL towpath.
- 4. Turn RIGHT at the CANAL to go underneath Leighswood Rd bridge following canal TOWARDS WALSALL.
- 5. Follow CANAL until you see the HOPLEYS BRIDGE
- 6. Come off the CANAL on the RIGHT until you come up to DUMBLEDERRY LANE.
- 7. Turn RIGHT so you go over the CANAL
- 8. Follow DUMBLEDERRY LANE to the junction of WALSALL ROAD going passed TESCO EXPRESS.
- 9. Cross WALSALL ROAD WITH CARE crossing at pedestrian lights
- 10. Go straight across the WALSALL ROAD into TYNINGS LANE
- 11. At the end of TYNINGS LANE turn LEFT into BIRMINGHAM ROAD
- 12. Turn RIGHT at HARBOROUGH DRIVE
- 13. Turn left at WHETSTONE LANE
- 14. Over the CROFT to the club

Summer mile loops

1. Cricket Club/ Leighswood Ave

- 1. Start behind the cricket club
- 2. Run alongside the field until you reach the opening leading into Hobs Hole Lane
- 3. Turn left into Hobs Hole Lane
- 4. Cross over the road (taking care)
- 5. Down Leighswood Avenue opposite
- 6. Run to the end of Leighswood Avenue
- 7. Left at the roundabout onto Northgate
- 8. Follow Northgate until the big Elms Island
- 9. Follow the road back up to the cricket club

2. Cricket Club/Walsall Wood Road

- 1. Start behind the cricket club
- 2. Run alongside the field until you reach the opening leading into Hobs Hole Lane
- 3. Turn left into Hobs Hole Lane to the end
- 4. Turn Left onto Walsall Wood Road to the end
- 5. Turn Left and head back towards the club
- 6. Follow the pavement around the cenotaph.
- 7. Head back to the club

3. Cricket Field/Noddy Park Road

- 1. From side of cricket club follow the edge of the cricket field anticlockwise utnil you come to the gap into Hobs Hole Lane
- 2. Turn left into Hobs Hole Lane
- 3. Turn Left into Walsall Wood Road
- 4. Turn Left into Noddy Park Road
- 5. turn left back to the club