

## 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 4 Mile routes

### 1. [Mill Lane](#)

1. Down the Golf Course
2. Right onto Hobs Hole Lane
3. Over the Chester Road into Forge Lane
4. Right onto Mill Lane
5. Right onto Aldridge Road, Little Aston to Chester Rd
6. Up Little Aston Road (past Fairlawns)
7. Right onto The Green
8. 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. [Hayhead Wood Route](#) (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. [Cuckoo's Nook and The Dingle](#) (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 stile 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'.

## 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 until 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