

Attractions on route

1 Central Forest Park

A reclaimed former colliery area with a lake, "twin peaks" view points, skate plaza of international standard and large equipped play areas.

2 City Centre

The regional shopping and cultural centre. Home to the **Regent Theatre**, Victoria Hall and **The Potteries Museum & Art Gallery** with one of the finest collections of pottery in the UK and a genuine "Spitfire" fighter plane.

3 Hanley Park

A "heritage" park dating from 1897 with lake, fountain, modern sculpture, sports facilities and equipped playgrounds near university and railway station. The **Caldon Canal** (more properly named the Caldon Branch of the Trent and Mersey Canal), opened in 1779 to carry limestone from Caldon Low Quarries.

4 National Cycle Route 55

Home to the Ford family for nearly 200 years, **Ford Green Hall** is a 17th century timber-framed farmhouse complete with period garden offering visitors a fascinating insight into the life of the 17th century.

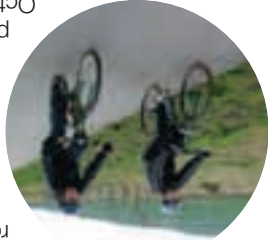


Whitfield Valley local Nature reserve

As you leave Ford Green Hall, you pass Ford Green Reed Bed one of Stoke-on-Trent's two Sites of Special Scientific Interest and part of Whitfield Valley Nature Reserve, which covers a large area from Norton and Bradeley and is a fantastic habitat for wildlife.

Chatterley Whitfield Heritage Country Park

A heritage country park created on the derelict Chatterley Whitfield colliery site. The 50 hectare site has been transformed, including restoring Ford Green Brook into an ecologically friendly open stream and complements other landscaping works to make ideal wildlife habitats and creating or enhancing woodland, grassland, heath and wetland areas in the park. The country park opened in October 2010 and the new plants and trees will need time to grow and mature into a complete heritage country park.



5 Tunstall Park

Tunstall Park, (Victoria Park), a Grade II listed heritage park, housing a range of buildings including the boathouse, bowls pavilion, clocktower, Floral Hall and lodge.

Dimensions

Public leisure centre and swimming pool. The route from Dimensions to Forest Park is part of National Cycle Route 5 and follows the former North Staffordshire Railway "Loop Line" (known as the "Knotty") that ran from Etruria to Kidsgrove and closed in 1962. It passes close to **Port Vale Football Club** which moved to Vale Park in 1950; and **Burslem Park** - the Grade II listed "heritage" park which opened in 1894. The park boasts historical features, gardens, a lake with fountain, modern sports courts and play area. **Burslem Town Centre** the "mother town" of the Potteries has many fine historic buildings and **Moorcroft Pottery** which is famous for its "tube lined" decorative ware and has an exhibition and shop.



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This is one of a series of circular leisure rides. The Leisurely Cycle Rides leaflet gives an overview of all the routes you can choose from and also lists the dates you could join other cyclists for a guided ride around the routes. Each route map can be downloaded from cyclestoke.co.uk or you can request a copy by telephone on 01782 238692 or email cyclestoke@stoke.gov.uk



This route is based on a simplified map. For help on using shortcuts, extensions or combining routes, please use the more detailed Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme Cycling Map and Guide 2011



Continue with directions overleaf at rejoin point
 Cross over to path opposite
 Go down path to road (Little Chell Lane)

Go down road opposite and at end cross to path in open space area
 Cross over main road (High Lane) - you may prefer to cross at the pedestrian crossing further along the road
 Take first left (Clement Road)
 Turn right along road at top (Chell Green Avenue) and then uphill through park on your left (Monks Neill Park)

Continue straight ahead on path to road (Chell Heath Road)
 Cross over to road opposite (Johnson Place) and take path uphill through park on your left (Monks Neill Park)

Possible short cut via Chell

Continue with directions overleaf at rejoin point
 left (Haywood Road) and go to end
 along pavement and cross at crossing) and then take first
 Turn right on to High Lane (you may prefer to push bike
 to Acreswood Road and continue to main road (High Lane)

After 100m take right hand path for up through the trees
 (Brammer Street) and continue straight ahead on to path
 church on to side road (Moorland View), take second left
 Continue along Chell Heath Road and turn left before
 at pedestrian crossing)

Take path on left before football pitches and turn right on
 to Chell Heath Road (you may prefer to push bike across
 at pedestrian crossing)

Possible short cut via Bradeley

Continue along Cromwell Street over crossroads to main
 road (Chell Street)
 Cross Chell Street at crossing and return to start at
 Central Forest Park

Follow road to end and turn left on to Cromwell Street
 National Cycle Route 55 City Centre (Hanley)
 Turn right through gate on to road (Derek Drive) signposted
 follow path left following signs for National Cycle Route 55
 Follow path up steep hill (you may prefer to push) and then
 (Holden Lane Primary) turn left on to path

Take next right on to Ralph Drive and after passing school
 path and then turn left on to Repington Road
 Continue to end, cross over road (Repington Road) on to
 Milton Road and take first left on to Aveling Road

Instead of turning right on to greenway, continue along
 Milton Road and take first left on to Aveling Road

Possible short cut via Birches Head

Short cut directions

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A great circular ride showing how the greenway network spans the city. The route passes City Centre shops and goes out into the countryside, taking in some lovely parks along the way. It demonstrates how easy it is to get around by bike using very few roads. You could stop along the route and use facilities such as the shops, parks or leisure centre or you could revisit them by bike another time.

Forest Park, Chatterley Whitfield and Packmoor



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FREE

Miles: 15 (loop)
 Time: 2½ hours
 Level: Moderate



