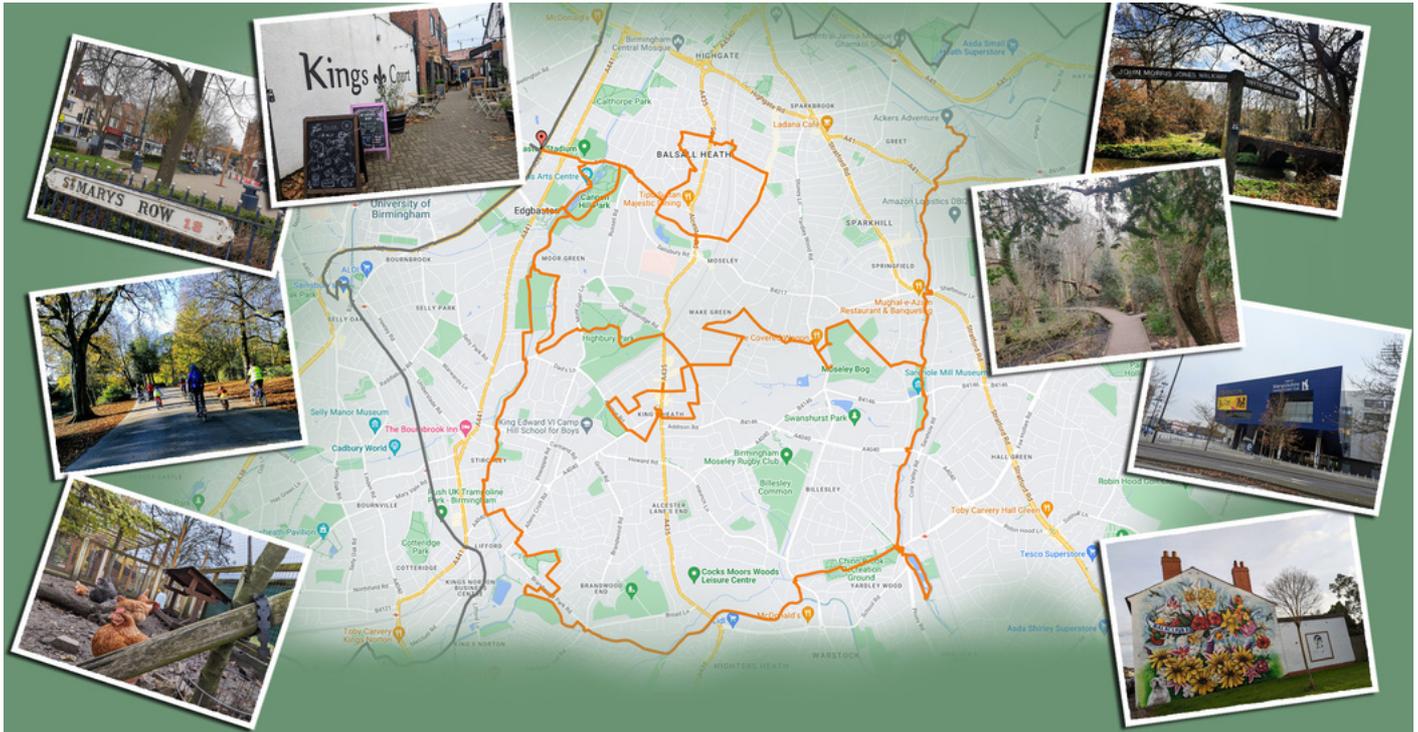




# 69wards - Route 9



## Balsall Heath - Moseley - Brandwood - Kings Heath

**Start/Finish:** A38 Cycle Way -  
Priory Rd Junction

**Distance:** 25 miles

**Average cycle time:** 3hrs

**Average Walking time:** 10hrs 30min

Enjoy a little adventure exploring green spaces and a lovely stretch of canal as well as experiencing great local neighbourhood vibes in Balsall Heath, Moseley or Kings Heath. There's lots of great places to visit on this route including heritage sites and a city farm. You can even discover some of the locations which were a great inspiration to JRR Tolkien, author of The Lord of the Rings.

### Highlights:

- Edgbaston Cricket Ground
- Cannon Hill Park
- The Old Print Works
- Moseley Baths
- Wildlife Conservation Park
- Sarehole Mill
- Ackers Adventure

### Green spaces:

- Rea Valley
- Severn Street Pocket Park
- Moseley Park & Pool
- Dawberry Fields
- Moseley Bog
- Kings Heath Park
- Highburry Park
- Holders Lane Woods

### Pitstops & toilets:

- Midlands Arts Centre
- The Old Print Works
- Balsall Heath City Farm
- The Hive, Moseley
- York Road, Kings Heath

**View the full route in detail by clicking the links below and follow using gps via Komoot, the route finding and navigation website/app or google maps.**

[Komoot](#)

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# Route Description



This route covers a larger area so we have created a few loops which means it can be easily shortened if required. Starting at the Priory Road junction/A38 cycleway near Edgbaston cricket ground head down to the entrance of Cannon Hill Park and start of the first loop taking in Balsall Heath/Moseley. This is using mostly quiet roads via the Old Print Works and Mosley Baths. Crossing the Alster Road the route then takes you to Balsall Heath City Farm, Severn Street Pocket Park and along the Ladypool Rd cycle path before reaching Moseley high street where there is plenty of bike parking if you fancy a pit top or a visit to Moseley Park & Pool.



There is an option for a short diversion to Kings Heath or alternatively choose to take the Rea Valley route, almost completely traffic free via Dawberry Fields, then along the Stratford Upon Avon Canal. A lovely route for all the family which then follows Chinn Brook and the River Cole to Sarehole Mill and then Ackers Adventure before making your way to Moseley Bog on the road, don't forget to make time to enjoy Trittiford Mill Pool and look out for swans, heron, nesting grebes or if you're lucky sunbathing terrapins.



Now its time to head to Kings Heath and our second loop, here you will experience the benefits and quieter streets of the Low traffic neighbourhoods traffic filters when traveling by bike or foot. The route takes you on a great journey passing Gorilla Coffee Cafe and the village square to Kings Heath Park. From here you head to York Road, a lovely place to stop for coffee or a spot of shopping, as the road is closed to motor vehicles it makes for a lovely afternoon. Keep an eye out for the fab mural on Balaclarva Rd and be sure to treat yourself to a visit to the pet shop or Kings Court for some baked treats. Then head back to the start via Highbury Park and Holders Lane Woods, great green spaces to loose yourself in nature.



## Key places to join/leave the route:

- Cannon Hill Park
- Ladypool Road, Balsall Heath
- Dawberry Fields
- Trittiford Mill Pool

## Access the route via public transport:

- **Train Stations:** Bournville, Yardley Wood, Hall Green, Tyseley,
- **Bus Routes:** 50, 11, 27

# Accessing The Route

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Our routes are designed to be self-guided, accessible by bike or foot and well connected with bus routes, train stations and bike parking across the city. There are two ways you can access this route and view it more closely. This is through Google maps and our recommended option **Komoot**. These are both FREE route finding tools which allow you to view the routes in more detail and show things like places of interested, green spaces, public transport links and cafe stops.

Komoot also offers turn by turn navigation. It's easy to get started, you just need to sign up, select Birmingham as your first FREE region to start exploring. There are great features to help plan/modify your journey, information about road types and highlights you will find along the way.

**Google Map:** [www.bit.ly/GoogleMaps\\_Route9](http://www.bit.ly/GoogleMaps_Route9)

**Komoot:** [www.bit.ly/Komoot\\_Route9](http://www.bit.ly/Komoot_Route9)



## Be mindful that you are responsible for your own safety

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We think these routes are great for adults, individuals and families who want to explore by bike or foot. Here are a few things to remember

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- Always follow the Highway Code.
- When on shared paths, give priority and be courteous to pedestrians.
- Please be extra careful when riding near open water.
- Ride within your own ability.
- If stopping to rest or look at the map, please stop in a suitable and safe place.
- Most of all, have fun!

# 69wards by Bike or Foot Bingo!



Have some fun while you're out riding or walking the routes with a game of Bingo! Can you get a full house? Take photos and share them with us on social media by tagging **@ecobirmingham** or using **#69wards** & **#WalkCyclePlay**



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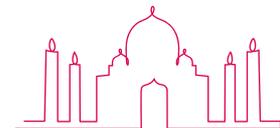
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