

Route Description

Route L5 – Aston, Sound & Hack Green (15 miles-easy / harder)

A fairly short rural circular route to the north-west of Audlem on largely quiet back lanes. There are short sections of moderate gradient either side of the bridge over the Weaver, but otherwise the route is largely flat.

- Route L5 (14.7 miles-easy)
 - A 1 mile section of the A525 Whitchurch Road to Coole Lane is involved in the exit and return to Audlem. This is a busy main road requiring caution, especially around the narrow bridge crossing the River Weaver.
 - The two crossings of the main A530 at Aston and Sound require care.
- Route L5* (13.5 miles-harder)
 - As an alternative to the all on-road route, there is the harder option to shorten the route by use of Woodcotthill Lane which links Aston with Wrenbury Heath. This lane is a mixture of metalled roadway and unmade track, with a deep ford in the middle. Do not cycle through the deep ford, but instead dismount and walk your cycle round the footpath and causeway on the east side of the ford. Cycling is not permitted on the footpath and care should be taken in walking with a cycle as the path is narrow and on a steep bank. The south end of the path can be muddy and slippery after rain and use of this alternative route is not recommended when river levels are high. To the north of the ford, the track is fairly steep.

Places of interest

- The Secret Bunker, Hack Green (Admission charges apply)

Refreshments

- The Bhurtpore Inn, Aston
- The Cafe at Bridge 80

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Cycling Code of Conduct

- ☐ Cycle with care
- ☐ Always follow the Highway Code
- ☐ Be considerate to other users and give way to pedestrians and horse riders
- ☐ Take particular care at junctions, when cycling downhill and on loose or uneven surfaces
- ☐ Ride in single file on narrow or busy roads
- ☐ Consider wearing a helmet and high visibility clothing
- ☐ Check your cycle is fully roadworthy before setting out
- ☐ Fit a bell and use it – don't surprise people
- ☐ By law, you need to use front & rear lights and a red rear reflector & pedal reflectors at night.

Bridleways

- ☐ Ground conditions on bridleways can be poor after rain. Make sure your cycle is suitable for the conditions. Bridleways are not recommended in wet or icy winter conditions.
- ☐ Horse riders have right of way on bridleways.

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About ADAPT

ADAPT is a local community group in the Audlem area committed to finding ways to enjoy living well today while safeguarding the future.

We do this by:

- Growing our own food and selling surplus on our seasonal Saturday stall in Audlem
- Exploring and promoting energy efficiency and alternative sources of energy
- Promoting public transport and cycling
- Supporting our home-produced food ventures
- Developing woodland management skills

The name 'ADAPT' stands for Audlem & District Acting Positively for Transition.

Find us on Audlem Online - <http://adapt.audlem.org>

ADAPT's cycle rides

Why not join one of ADAPT's regular cycle rides, which normally follow the routes in this leaflet. You'll receive a warm welcome and travel at a modest pace suitable for all. All ages are welcome, but children under 18 should be accompanied by an adult. Check out the Audlem Online link below for details of our programme.

<http://adapt.audlem.org/maps/cycleprog.html>

Details will also be posted on Facebook.com/AudlemCW3/