

Route Description

Route L9 – Wettenhall & Bunbury from Nantwich (21 miles-easy)

This circular route starts and finishes from Nantwich, but can be based from Audlem by combining it with routes N (Audlem – Nantwich).

The route follows back roads and lanes taking in delightful countryside and crossing three different branches of the Shropshire Union canal network: the Middlewich branch, the main line at Bunbury staircase locks and Nantwich and the Llangollen canal at Swanley.

The broad beam staircase locks at Bunbury are located with a busy boat hire base and provide much interesting activity particularly at summer weekends. Be aware that the historic Bunbury Mill is only open on Sunday afternoons and bank holiday Mondays.

Bunbury was used in the autumn of 2014 as the setting for the fictional village of 'Great Paxford' in the ITV drama, 'Home Fires'. The village was a victim of the blitz in World War 2.

Thomas Telford's historic iron aqueduct in Nantwich has been recently refurbished and looks splendid!

There are optional routes via either Haughton or Brindley, both being equally pleasant.

- The main road crossing of the A534 at Reaseheath requires care
- The crossing and short main road section of the A51 at Alpraham requires great care.
- Welsh Row in Nantwich can be congested and should be cycled with care.
- Those travelling on the Brindley option and wishing to visit The Thatch in Faddiley should note that this involves a short detour on the busy A534, where care should be taken.

Places of interest:

- Bunbury Mill (**Sunday afternoons and Bank Holiday Mondays Spring to Autumn only**)
- Canal staircase locks at Bunbury

Refreshments:

- The Little Man Inn, Wettenhall
- Tollemache Arms, Alpraham
- The Thatch, Faddiley (Brindley option)
- The Yew Tree Inn, Spurstow
- The Nags Head, Bunbury
- The Dysart Arms, Bunbury
- The Nag's Head, Haughton Moss (Haughton option) (closed at Feb 2020)
- Chestnut Café, Brindley (Haughton option)
- Venetian Marina Cafe
- Tilly's Coffee Shop, Bunbury
- The Village Chippy, Bunbury
- Cafe in Bunbury Mill

Key to cycle map symbols

- Cycle route - on dedicated traffic free route
- Cycle route - on quiet road
- Cycle route - off road/towpath/bridleway
- Cycle route - on busy road
- Hazard to safe cycling eg **Narrow bridge**
- Route start/finish
- Point of interest

Map L9

Nantwich - Wettenhall & Bunbury



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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.

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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/