



The Campaign supports moves locally and nationally to bring cycling up to the levels seen in many European nations and to integrate cycling with walking and public transport. In this way, we hope to contribute toward the improvement of health and the urban environment through greater use of bicycles.

Chester Cycling Campaign is campaigning for a safe and cycle friendly city. We support and encourage Chester residents to make increased use of cycling facilities.

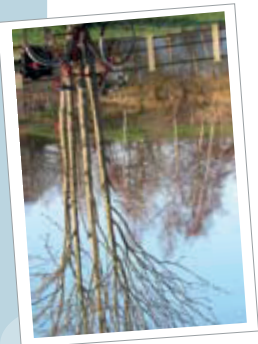
## About the Chester Cycling Campaign

**Route Grading:** **A** Quiet Route – This is a route with long stretches of off-road cycleway.

Passing on a traffic free path through the Zoo this route returns via the Limewood Fields Recreation Ground with its interesting range of adventure play equipment providing an attractive stop off point for those with children. Route No 7 is 12 kms (7.5 miles).

The shortest ride in the series, this route follows the peaceful canal towpath round to the north of Chester where you often see Herons taking flight from the water.

## About the Route



## Join the Chester Cycling Campaign Today

If you would like to see a more cycle friendly city please join us – the more people we can show that support us, the stronger voice we have for pressing for improvements.

The Chester Cycling Campaign meets monthly at 7:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month in the Old Custom House Inn, Watergate Street, Chester. Newcomers will be given a warm welcome.

For more information visit [www.chestercyclecity.org](http://www.chestercyclecity.org)

## Thank You to Our Sponsors

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**CHESTER  
CYCLING CAMPAIGN**

## Family Cycle Route No. 7 The Zoo Circular



Traffic free paths  
& quiet roads



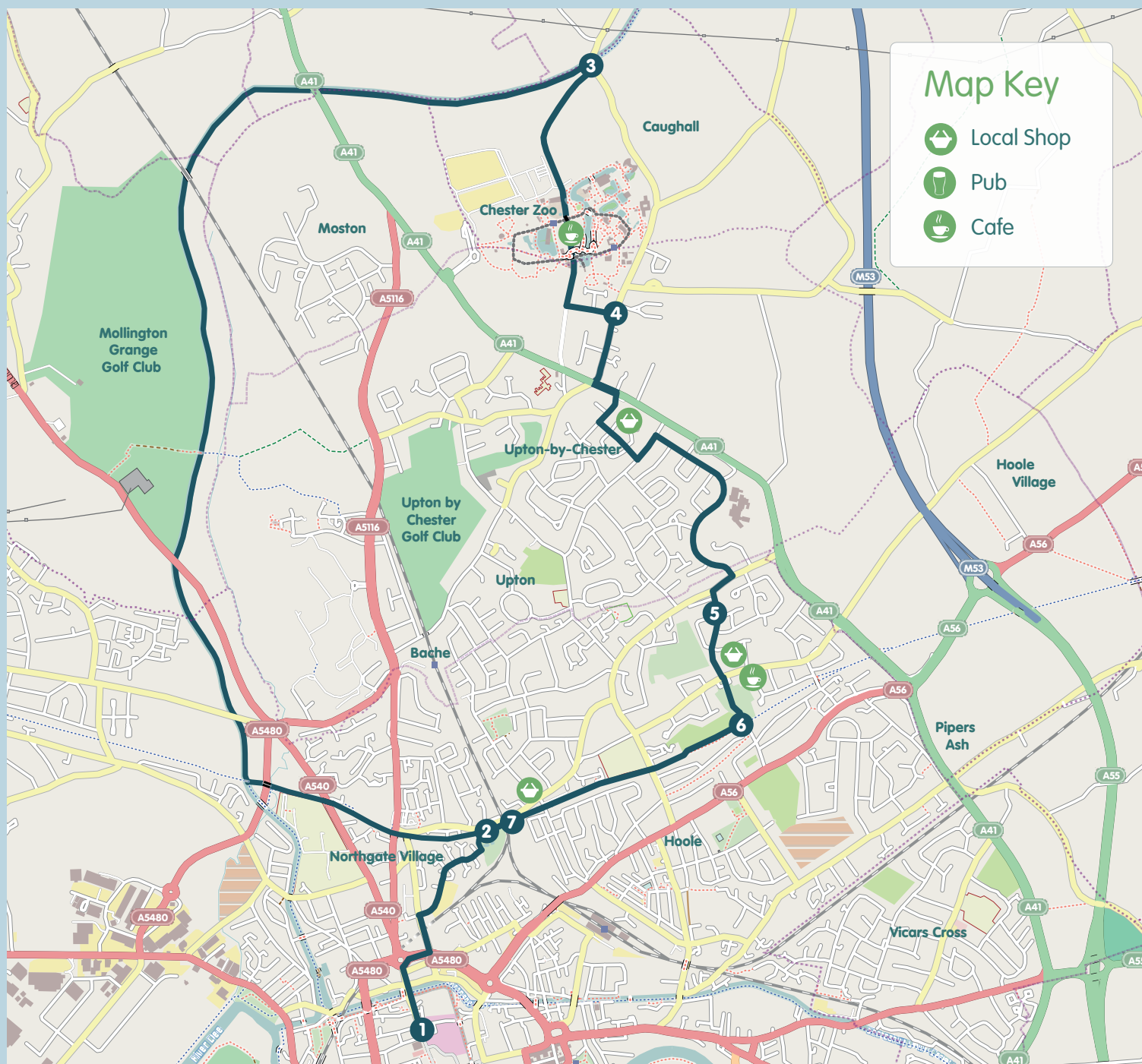
Suitable for children



7.5 miles long  
(12km)



Chester Zoo &  
NCN Routes 56 & 5



## Start Here

**Begin the ride at Northgate Arena in Chester city centre. There is parking in public car parks nearby. Keep together and take care at junctions through Newton – particularly at the A41. Note that there are no toilets/pubs/cafes on the canal towpath.**

**1** From Northgate Arena, go along Victoria Road away from the Ring Road. Turn right into Northgate Avenue (Pink route to Upton). Follow the cycleway signs through Northgate Village, to the National Cycle Network Route 5 Cycleway.

**2** Turn left onto the cycleway via the Northgate ponds (Green route to Saughall). After about 1 km, you will reach the canal. Pass the white route turn to retail parks and over the Deva link. Take left turn down ramp onto the canal towpath. Turn right and go for 4.5 miles along the canal, out of Chester. (NC Route 56)

**3** When you reach the bridge at Caughall (Bridge no.134), come off the towpath. (This is the bridge after going under the A41, where you

will see Route 56 cycleway signs). Turn right and go up the hill following the NCN Route 56 signs.

**4** Follow the NCN Route 56 signs out of the zoo (Pink route). Take care to turn left into Oakfield Drive (the sign is easy to miss). Take care crossing the A41. Follow NC Route 56/5 to City Centre.

**5** Continue following the NCN Route 56 through Newton.

**6** When you reach the Kingsway shops where there is a cafe, cross the road and follow the lane alongside the playground until you reach the turning onto NCN Route 5.

**7** After about 2 km, turn off the cycleway through archway to Northgate Ponds and follow signs to the city centre through the Northgate Village to return to the Northgate Arena.

## Useful Tip:

In addition to the above map, you may also want to use an Ordnance Survey Map 117 and a Chester street map