Scarlet Route

Hoole / Vicars Cross

The Scarlet Route links the city centre with Hoole (1 mile) and Vicars Cross (1 3/4 miles). The route takes advantage of the canal tow path, heading out past the Lead Shot Tower. As you leave the tow path at Hoole Lane Lock, follow the route left to Hoole Lane. The route splits here, follow the signs ahead for Hoole and to the right for Vicars Cross. Access from the canal to the city centre is along Frodsham Street and the return to the canal is along Queen Street (off Foregate Street).

City Centre to:
- Hoole - 6 to 8 minutes
- Canadian Av - 8 to 12 minutes
- Vicars Cross - 10 to 15 minutes

8 Reasons to Cycle...

1. Save money on fuel, wear & tear and public transport
2. No more expensive gym fees
3. Proven to reduce stress
4. Reduces your carbon footprint
5. Most efficient & reliable form of transport
6. Eases congestion
7. Lose Weight
8. It’s fun

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Other Chester Routes

Between the city centre and Hoole Lane the Scarlet Route follows the Black Route; this goes through Boughton to the village of Huntington. Both routes run along part of the Brown Route, which follows the canal towpath. Cyclists can take advantage of this off-road path to cycle out to the villages of Christleton and Waverton in one direction or to Ellesmere Port in the other. As the route approaches the city centre it joins the Blue Route, which loops around the city linking up with 7 other routes. Chester Railway Station is accessed via Egerton Street.

The map below shows how the 11 coloured cycle routes link together.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund

Cheshire West and Chester Borough Council have secured funding from the Department For Transport (2012-15), to encourage more people to travel in a sustainable way to and from work. Focussing primarily on Chester, Ellesmere Port and the surrounding areas. Cycling plays a major role in the LSTF programme, so for ideas about how you can get involved please contact the LSTF team on the contact details overleaf.

Cycling Tips

The cycle paths, roads, bridleways and towpaths which make up the cycle routes in Chester are open to everyone.

Please follow these simple cycling tips to ensure your journeys are safe and enjoyable:

- On shared routes pedestrians may not be aware of your approach so be courteous, slow down, ring your bell and give them plenty of space.
- It is illegal to cycle on the footway unless it is specifically marked for cyclists.
- Cyclist should give way to pedestrians on shared paths.

There are also cycle storage lockers available for rental on a quarterly basis. These secure lockers can be found at the Wrexham Road and Boughton Heath Park and Ride Sites, as well as Princess Street, Gorse Stacks and Little Roodee in Chester City Centre. For more information on how to rent a locker, please call 01244973528 or email info@cyclechester.com

Safety

Prepare in advance to keep safe when you are cycling.
- Wear reflective or fluorescent clothing for extra visibility.
- Use lights at night – front and rear.
- Wear a helmet which is a good fit.
- Keep your bike well serviced, check brakes, steering and tyres regularly.

Signs

- Scarlet Route Repeater Sign
- Cycle Lane
- Contra flow Cycle Lane
- National Cycle Network (NCN)
- Segregated route for use by pedal cycles & pedestrians only
- Shared route for use by pedal cycles & pedestrians only
- Cycle Parking
- No Cycling
- No Entry for all vehicles (including cycles)