

A Cycle Ride from Baltic Wharf Club Site



This route has been suggested by Sustrans' Volunteer Rangers. Sustrans is the UK's leading sustainable transport charity and is responsible for the development of the 12,000 miles of National Cycle Network. We hope you will enjoy exploring the local area near the Site and make the most of your stay at Baltic Wharf.

This route takes in part of National Route 41 of the National Cycle Network, which starts at Bristol and runs North to Gloucester, Stratford-upon-Avon and Rugby. The ride follows National Route 41 to Pill and returns along the same way. This is an attractive, off-road route following the Avon Gorge.

The Route

- 1 Cross the Avon New Cut just before the Create Centre, turning right to follow the river.
- 2 Continue under the Clifton suspension bridge.
- 3 After passing through the gorge, the valley opens out with views of open countryside and the River Avon. Watch out for wading birds.
- 4 The destination is initially Ham Green Lake, where you can have a picnic.
- 5 An alternative picnic site is Pill Harbour slipway one mile beyond, where there's a small green also suitable for a picnic. This can be decided once you get to Ham Green Lake.
- 6 Return to Baltic Wharf by the same route in reverse.



The Route

Starting point: **Baltic Wharf Caravan Club Site**

End point: **Baltic Wharf Caravan Club Site**

Distance: **10 miles (12 miles if going to Pill slipway)**

Grade: **Easy**

Surface: **Mainly on Avon Gorge cycle path, which is a gritted/stone path with some potholes. Not really suitable for road racing bikes but slightly more robust bikes would be OK.**

Traffic: **Traffic-free to Ham Green Lake. At the beginning of the ride, bikes can be wheeled 150 metres from the Club Site to the Avon cycle path, so as not to cycle on the road. If you are continuing to Pill slipway, then there is light residential traffic around Pill.**

Suitability for young children: **Yes, but only with continuous supervision as some sections are unprotected from open water. There are barriers at the Pill end but they are fairly large and trailers can be manhandled through. The path is mostly wide enough but there are sections with unprotected steep banks down to the river where extra care will be needed.**

Hills: **No significant hills. Frequent views of the river in the gorge and the Clifton suspension bridge.**

Refreshments/facilities: **None at Ham Green Lake. Shops and pubs at Pill.**

Nearest railway station: **Temple Mead - 1.5 miles**

Other routes in the area: **National Route 4 passes through Bristol between London and St David's. The traffic-free Bristol and Bath Railway is an enjoyable local section of the route.**

National Route 41 continues from Pill to Avonmouth and Gloucester. Regional Route 10 is a circular ride around Bristol known as the Avon Cycleway.



If you have enjoyed your ride, why not look at The Club's website www.caravanclub.co.uk which shows other Club Sites with a cycle route close by or visit the Sustrans' website www.sustrans.org.uk to find other cycle routes and how to become a Sustrans supporter.



This route has been suggested by Sustrans' Volunteer Rangers. The Caravan Club would always recommend that any children or young people under 18 years should be fully supervised by a responsible adult.

Please be aware that using this route is entirely at your own risk.

Extreme care should always be taken when cycling on site, remembering that traffic will be moving around the site and to observe speed limits. Particular attention should be paid when going round blind corners or emerging from paths.