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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.

Join the Chester Cycling Campaign Today

About the Chester Cycling Campaign

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.

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.



About the Route

The Backford Beat

If you are lucky you may come across Herons and Kingfishers on this lovely ride which starts along the canal towpath heading to the North out of Chester, passing through the country park at Stanney Woods to reach Capenhurst.

The return route is along pleasant country lanes to the north of Chester.

Route 6 is 27 km (17 miles).

Route Grading:

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This is a route using a towpath and quiet lanes with some light traffic but care needs to be taken when crossing some busy roads.



- 17 miles long (27km)
- Quiet roads with some traffic
- Suitable for children
- Caughall & Stanney Woods

The Backford Beat

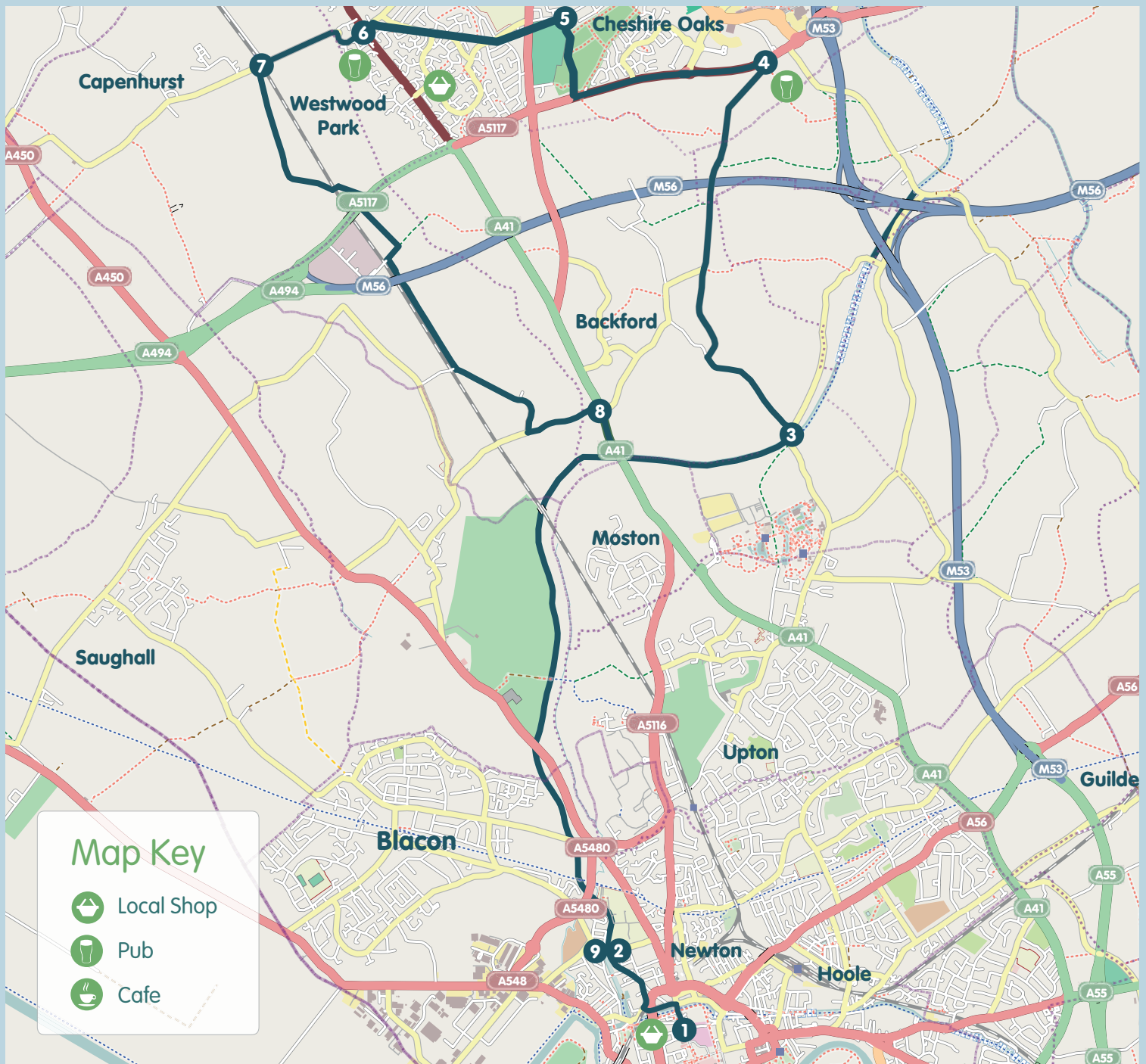
Family Cycle Route No. 6



For more information and to download all the family cycle routes, why not visit our website:

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Start Here

1 Begin ride at Town Hall Square. Go up Northgate past the former Odeon Cinema. Turn left into Canal St at the traffic lights. Go down the hill and turn right into Raymond Street at the mini-roundabout. Take the first left into Garden Lane.

2 At the bottom, cross Cheyney Road and go down the steps to the canal towpath. (There is a ramp besides the steps for bikes). Go north along the canal towpath for 4.75 miles.

3 At bridge No. 134 come off the towpath. Go over canal bridge. 100 meters later turn left to Chorlton. At Chorlton Hall turn right down Little Rake Lane towards Little Stanley.

4 At the A5117, cross to the north side. Take care – busy road. Turn left along cycle path by the road. Cross first roundabout using cycle path – take care, busy junction. Just before 2nd roundabout, turn right (signed Stanney Woods Country Park). DISMOUNT to go through the woods in the park. Take the left path, and keep the sports fields on your left.

5 Exit on the north side of the park and turn left along Woodsome Drive which leads into Dunkirk Lane. Cross main Chester Road into Sycamore Drive. Continue and turn right into Yeoman Way. Turn left at junction into Hope Farm Road. ('Sea Horse Pub' for drinks and toilets).

6 Cross traffic lights towards Capenhurst. ('Old Wirral Hundred Pub' on left for meals etc). At roundabout, turn left towards Capenhurst. (Capenhurst Station - trains to Liverpool or Chester every 30 mins) (Bike can be carried on trains free of charge).

7 Just after the Railway bridge turn sharp left into Dunkirk Lane. Follow Route 56/70 Cycleway across A5117 (staggered junction), and then follow Route 56/70 towards Backford.

8 Turn right at the A41 along cyclepath and take slope down to canal (following Cheshire cycleway signs). Turn right along the canal towards Chester.

9 At the Cheyney Road bridge, go up steps to Cheyney Road. (Ramp besides steps for bikes). Turn left. Then take second right into Bouverie Street. Take 4th left into Garden Lane. Turn left into Canal Street. DISMOUNT at traffic lights and push your bike into Northgate Street to return to the Town Hall.

Useful Tip:
In addition to this map you may also want to use the OS Map 266.