



Britannia to Wedgwood



Miles: 7 (loop)
Time: 2½ hours
Level: Easy



Based on a simplified map. For help on using short cuts, extensions or combining routes, please use the more detailed Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme Cycling Map and Guide 2011

1 Britannia Stadium and Trent & Mersey Canal

- 🚲 Leave car park and go down path via bridges over railway and canal
- 🚲 Turn right on to Trent & Mersey canal towpath and go back under bridge
- 🚲 Continue under next bridge passing housing on left and right to a feature signpost for the former North Staffordshire Railway next to the old railway bridge

Optional detour to Trentham Estate (2 miles)

Push your bike up the ramp by the steps and follow the path (of the old railway) to the end (Pacific Road). Turn left along the road and turn left at the end (New Inn Lane). Pass first road on right (Werburgh Drive) and shortly after turn right on to riverside path (Longton Brook) through open space area. At next road (Bainbridge Road) turn left over brook and cross over road to continue on riverside path. At end turn left on cycle path on footway to pedestrian crossing over A34 (Stone Road). Cross over to Trentham Estate.

Return by same route to end of Riverside Path (New Inn Lane)

Cross over New Inn Lane to path through open space immediately opposite. At end of path turn left along road (Goodwood Place) to end and then turn right (Wetherby Road). At end (The Lea) turn left and continue as it bends round. Turn down third road on left (Earls Road) and at end turn right on to canal towpath

- 🚲 Continue under next 4 bridges (Longton Road, Burrington Drive, old bridge and Jonathan Road)

- 🚲 Pass Trentham canal lock and the Wedgwood factory on left

Possible extension through Barlaston (2 miles)

Continue on the towpath until the Plume of Feathers pub. Pass through the car park to Station Road. Turn left and go over the canal and level crossing. Continue uphill (you may wish to push your bike on the footway) and take the third road on the left (Longton Road) at the green. When Longton Road turns sharp right continue straight on into a tree lined avenue (Queen Mary's Road). Pass Barlaston Old Hall on your left and continue downhill to a T-junction (Wedgwood Drive)

Either

- 🚲 a) Turn left here to call in at the Wedgwood visitor centre, café and shop, or to return to Britannia via the canal

Or

- 🚲 b) turn right and rejoin the main route

- 🚲 Leave towpath via ramp/steps immediately after passing under next bridge (104)

- ⚠ Turn right over bridge along Wedgwood Drive and go over level crossing

2 Wedgwood Factory

- 🚲 Pass **Wedgwood factory** on left and if you have time for a stop then follow the signs on the left to the **Wedgwood Visitor Centre**, café and shop.

For a traffic free return ride retrace the route back along the canal to the Britannia Stadium

Otherwise continue on main route passing lake on right

Rejoin point for extension through Barlaston

- 🚲 Continue to pass housing on left to T-junction
- ⚠ Turn left (Blurton Road) and at next junction turn left again (Barlaston Road)

- ⚠ Take next road on left (Waterside Drive) and continue, passing school on left

- 🚲 Follow road bend to right and take second road on left (Shepley Grove)

- 🚲 Fork left (Sherborne Close) and go through road closure to industrial estate

- 🚲 Turn right (Crowcrofts Road) and follow bend to left parallel to main road

- 🚲 At end turn right (Alderflat Drive) and use traffic light pedestrian crossing (Longton Road)

- 🚲 Use next toucan crossing to cross (Stanley Matthews Way) to shared cycle/footway on right hand side

- 🚲 Follow shared cycle/footway to roundabout, cross over and continue

- ⚠ At next roundabout cross over back to start

Take extra care here

Please turn over for information about safety.