



Leeds Cycling map

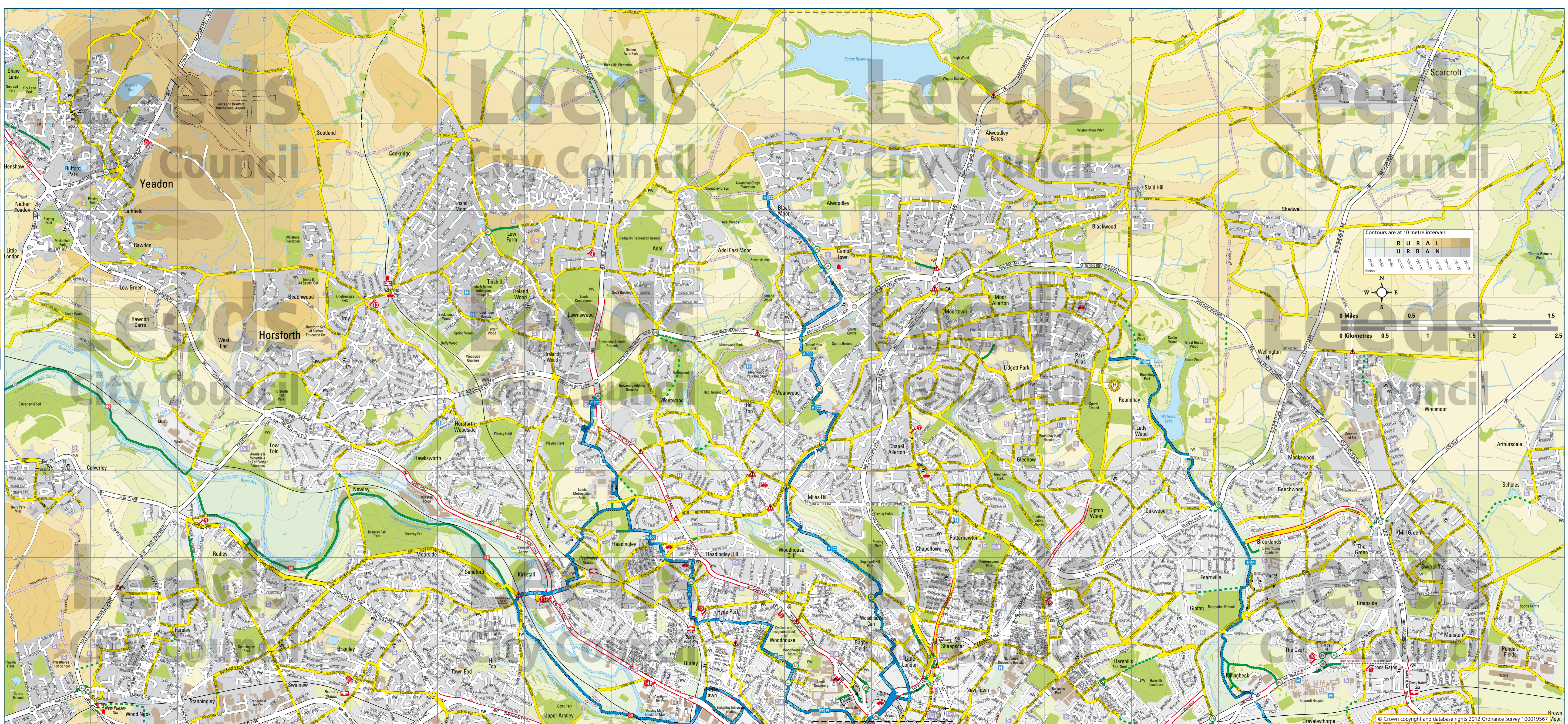
Double-sided map with over 500 miles of recommended routes

Including Horsforth, Morley, Pudsey, Rothwell, Shadwell, Shadwell, Yeadon

Key (for other symbols see main key)

- Turn permitted only by cyclists
- Turn on crossing
- Public Transport Bicyclist route for buses, taxis, cycles
- Priority route for buses, taxis, cycles
- Main Roads
- City Centre Loop, a one way route designed for drivers.

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Leeds City Council recognises that encouraging more people to cycle will bring benefits to the whole community. This will come about through:

- Improved health through increased fitness, reduced risk of heart attack, better weight control and reduced stress.
- Less noise, air pollution and congestion, leading to enhancement of the local environment.
- Less consumption of resources and lower CO2 emissions.
- Economic gains through cycle tourism and leisure.
- Independence for those people who cannot or do not wish to use a car, including children.
- In urban areas, cycling can be the quickest and most convenient form of transport.

Cycle Leeds

Cycling around Leeds can be an extremely pleasant experience. Large parts of the city are relatively flat and few of the hills present difficulties to cyclists. Away from the main routes and dual carriageways, a network of minor streets, country lanes and off-road paths can provide a safe and enjoyable journey.

This map has been produced with the cyclist in mind. It shows a network of routes recommended by cyclists, consisting of a number of signed cycle routes, many quiet roads, traffic-calmed areas and off-highway links. Some sections, over which cyclists must dismount, are included where they provide useful links.

All these have been developed into a network of routes by CycleCity Guides, a specialist cycle map producer which has experience of producing cycling maps for a large number of cities.

Some of the busier roads have features especially for cyclists, such as cycle lanes marked on the road, advanced stop lines and signalled crossings which cyclists may use. In addition there are several bus lanes, all of which can be used by cyclists, and many recent highway changes include measures particularly designed to be helpful to those on two wheels. Cycle lanes are marked on the map by continuous thin red lines and bus lanes by broken thin red lines.

Many cyclists may be perfectly happy to mix with traffic and use the facilities provided but, for those preferring to avoid busy main roads, the map shows various alternatives.

Leeds Core Cycle Network Routes, shown highlighted in blue, provide continuous signed routes from the suburbs to the city centre and between other key destinations across the city.

Yellow routes are on roads identified as being comparatively safe and convenient to use. Naturally some will be busier than others. If you feel uncomfortable with the volume or speed of traffic, try an alternative route - you may find one you prefer which we have not marked.

Green routes are traffic-free and are a mixture of special cycle tracks, rivers and canal towpaths and official routes through parks. Those shown in dark green have smooth prepared surfaces, but some non-tarmac paths may be muddy in winter and some people may prefer to avoid until off-road sections after dark.

There are a number of bridleways, shown in light purple, where cycling is allowed, but the path may be rough and suitable for mountain bikes only, particularly in wet weather. Some may be unsuitable to commuting or other utility journeys at any time of the year. Please remember to give way to horse-riders and pedestrians on bridleways, and close gates after you to prevent farm animals escaping.

The green dotted lines indicate where cyclists are required to dismount and behave like pedestrians, such as where the route passes through a pedestrian area.

The number of cycle parking stands and special cycle lockers is increasing, especially in the city centre where their locations are indicated. We have also included a list of local bike shops, marked with a small spanner symbol.

Leeds Core Cycle Network

Leeds City Council is developing a network of cycle routes in Leeds that will improve conditions for cycling and encourage cycling as a way of getting around.

Routes will be signed and use a combination of cycle lanes, tracks, quiet roads and junction improvements to link to Leeds city centre, housing, schools, employment sites, parks and greenspace, and the wider bridleway and cycle route network.

Existing Leeds Core Cycle Network Routes are shown highlighted in blue on this map. Leaflets describing routes (plus those below) can be downloaded from www.leeds.gov.uk/cyclenets or be provided by post by emailing Travelwise@leeds.gov.uk or by calling 0113 995 1470 also check this website for new LCN routes.

Other main routes include:

Trans-Pennine Trail
The Leeds arm of a cycling and walking recreational route from coast to coast connecting the Mersey and the Humber and forming part of the National Cycle Network Route 67. Other arms link to Chesterfield and York. The Leeds arm runs on the Aire Calder Navigation from the City Centre through Woodfield and Methley, passing the Royal Armouries and Thwaite Mills Museums, and then onwards towards Wakefield, where there is an interim route for cyclists, rejoining the main east-west route near Barnsley.
Website: www.transpenninetrail.org.uk

Aire Valley Towpath Route
The 'Aire Valley Towpath Route' links the 26 km length of towpath on the Leeds & Liverpool Canal between Leeds and Bingley and forms part of the National Cycle Network Route 66. The route provides a wonderful opportunity to explore part of the longest canal in Britain. It encompasses vibrant urban areas, beautiful countryside and the peace and quiet of a canal side location with interesting and historical places to visit.
Website: www.airevalleytowpath.org.uk

Please note, a free permit is required to cycle on the towpaths. This can be downloaded at www.waterscape.com/things-to-do/cycling/ permit where a full code of conduct can also be downloaded.

Wetherby Railway Path
This route follows the disused railway track between Thorp Arch Trading Estate and Retail Park and Spofforth, passing through farmland and woods and the market town of Wetherby. Other attractions include Wetherby racecourse and Spofforth Castle.

Key

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- Leeds Core Cycle Network (CCN) Route or other signed route on-off-road
- Leeds Core Cycle Network (CCN) Route or other signed route off-road
- Advisory route
- No through road
- Other roads
- Path where you should walk your bike (marked with a crossed-out bicycle)
- Bridleway (rough in places)
- Cycle lane
- Bus lane / with contra-flow
- One way street
- Toucan or signalled crossing
- Cycle locker
- Cycle parking stand
- Cycle shop
- Rail station
- Bus or coach station
- Important building
- College
- School
- Hospital
- Car Club parking bay
- Library
- Place of Worship
- Junctions that require extra care
- National Cycle Network route number
- Cycle locker
- Cycle parking stand
- Leeds City Action Group meeting point

Leeds Core Cycle Network (CCN)

- A Alwoodley to City Centre
- TN Wyke Beck Way (For Roundhill Park follow RP For Temple Newsam follow TN)
- RP Middleton to City Centre
- Ar Arley to City Centre
- W West Park to City Centre

Note: On all radial routes follow the signs for City Centre.