

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

This 10 mile circular route is mainly off road and traffic free, making it ideal for families. The route starts at Maghull Station and passes through Maghull, Old Roan, Aintree and Melling, taking in large sections of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal.



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You also travel along parts of the Trans Pennine Trail route through Maghull. This section of the TPT follows the line of the old Cheshire Lines railway and passes through Jubilee Woods Country Park, an area where Barn Owls can be found.

Along the section of the canal in Melling you can see Aintree Racecourse, home of the world famous Grand National and St Thomas Church, which is built on the site of a medieval chapel with origins dating back to 1190.

1 Turn right out of Maghull Station and travel along Station Road. Frank Hornby, the inventor of Dinky Cars, Hornby Trains and Meccano, lived on Station Road in "The Hollies". This house carries the first ever English Heritage blue plaque to be unveiled outside London.

2 Take the second road on your left, Rutherford Road, cross Drapers Bridge and turn right onto the Leeds and Liverpool Canal Tow Path. The Canal was built during the 1700s at the height of the industrial revolution.



3 Continue along the tow path for just over a mile, before exiting the canal at the Methodist Swing Bridge. Turn left onto Green Lane and continue until you reach the sharp left hand bend next to Maukin Farm.

4 Turn right onto the stone track at Maukin Farm and continue to the junction of the Trans Pennine Trail and Maghull Brook.

5 Turn left onto the Trans Pennine Trail and continue until you reach Sefton Drive. The TPT is an exciting route for walkers, cyclists and horse riders that stretches from the Victorian seaside town of Southport on the Irish Sea to Hornsea on the east coast.

6 Exit on to Sefton Drive, continue for 50 metres until you reach the cycle ramp and steps. Turn right onto Sefton Road and cross using the toucan crossing. Then continue along Old Racecourse Road, which formed part of the Grand National course in 1837 and 1838, before its permanent transfer to Aintree.

7 Turn right into Meadway and rejoin the Trans Pennine Trail at the end of the Cul-de-sac. Continue along the trail before turning right at the sharp bend into Jubilee Woods.



8 Continue through the Country Park, home to the 15 foot stone Barn Owl sculpture before exiting on to Chapel Lane.

9 Follow Chapel Lane, crossing Brooms Cross Road, until you reach the Northern Perimeter Road, cross via the toucan crossing then turn left into Chapel Lane and Aldrins Lane continuing up to the canal.

10 Turn left onto Leeds and Liverpool Canal and continue for 5 miles, passing close to Aintree Racecourse and the well known canal turn, back to Draper Bridge and then Maghull Station.



VISIT

VISIT Sefton and West Lancs are continuing to develop the cycling offer within and around the area by building on the existing potential.

Co-ordinated packages of activities, promoting and marketing the wider area, are continually being developed.

For information on any upcoming events and other cycle routes see our website www.visitseftonandwestlancs.co.uk



CYCLE ROUTES

This route is one of a series of themed routes in Sefton and West Lancashire. They are suitable for families and the less experienced cyclists and include many of the area's landmarks.

All routes are signed and have accompanying leaflets. These are available at all Cycle Hire Centres or via the website.



CYCLE HIRE

If you are visiting Sefton and West Lancs and you don't have your bike, you can still enjoy our range of themed routes by hiring a bike at one of our cycle hire centres. A wide range of bikes are available for all the family.

For further information or to pre-book, please contact the cycle hire staff or see the website.

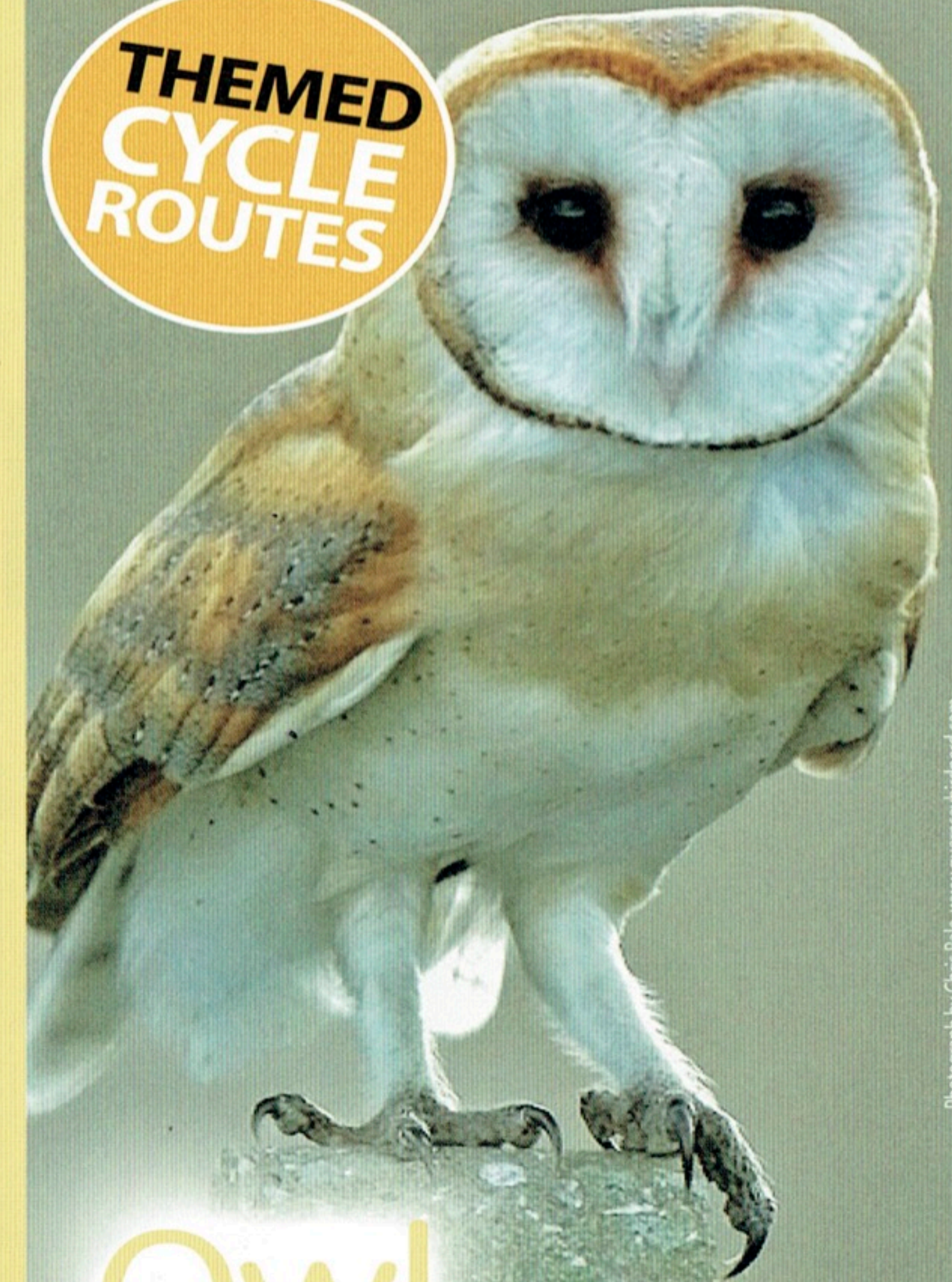
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**THEMED
 CYCLE
 ROUTES**



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**Owl
 Route**



- Easy/moderate
- Mostly off road
- Distance 10 miles
- Time 80-100 mins



SUNNYSIDE

GUEST HOUSE

KEY

-  Owl Route
-  Railway Station

