

Ride Name	<i>W035-CR-Macclesfield Loop</i>		
Type	<i>Club Ride</i>	Miles	33
Bike	<i>Road / Any</i>	Ascent	825 Feet
Meeting Place	<i>Macclesfield Leisure Centre, Priory Lane, Macclesfield, SK10 4AF</i>	What3Words	<i>longer.since.goat</i>
Date / Time	<i><As per Facebook Event></i>		

Description

This route is all on road ride and will be taken at a leisurely pace. Any type of bike would be suitable, but please make sure your brakes are in good working order – you probably won't need them for most of the ride but there are a few places towards the end of the ride where you will certainly need to stop.

Starting from the Macclesfield Leisure Centre on the Western outskirts of the town we start with a little uphill section to warm the legs up and get away from the urban area. Once through Broken Cross we are into open Cheshire countryside with views over to the Pennines on our left and the Cheshire Plains all around us. Those keen eyed ones amongst you will also be able to catch glimpses of our lunch stop location, but don't get too excited though as it is quite a few miles away yet! We follow quiet country roads on our way to Siddington, where we cross the A34, and carry on our journey to Lower Withington. By now our Lunch stop venue should be obvious to all and we start our approach, which involves about 0.5 mile of the busy A535 before we turn off left into Bomish Lane and access to Jodrell Bank Discovery Centre, (<http://www.jodrellbank.net/>).

For those of you who enjoy being educated there is an opportunity to spend 30 minutes wandering around the dishes, for others there are dishes of another kind to peruse in the cafe.

After Lunch we will continue our westerly journey through Blackden and Goostrey. Once we are through Goostrey we start a lazy clockwise turn around Allostock and onwards to Lower Peover where we continue to turn easterly and head through Over Peover to the Chelford Roundabout. Here we have to negotiate the junction of the A537 and A535, which can be a very busy roundabout, so care is needed. After this junction we have about 0.5 mile back on the A535 before we turn once more on to quiet country roads and our journey back towards Siddington. You may well recognise the junction from earlier in the ride but we will be taking a slightly different branch, with a couple of 100 yards on the A34, bringing us alongside the Redesmere Lake and an opportunity for a short break before our final push back to Macclesfield.

Keep your eyes open and you may see some keen cyclists tackling the “inclines” a little quicker than we are likely to – UK cycling use this area as their training ground! After our rest break there are a few tasty inclines that will test our legs and brakes, as we negotiate our way back to the start point along Fanshawe Lane. We will return to the Leisure centre along Birtles Road, having got there from Birtles Lane via Wrigley Lane and Whirley Road!

Map Overview



Profile



WAYTYPES



- **Path:** < 109 yd
- **Access Road:** < 109 yd
- **Street:** 1.03 mi
- **Road:** 29.7 mi
- **State Road:** 2.15 mi

SURFACES



- **Paved:** 2.84 mi
- **Asphalt:** 29.3 mi
- **Unknown:** 0.87 mi