

City Sights

- 2.6km (2.9 Miles)
- Flat
- Any bike
- Paved - cycle trails & quiet roads

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	Start/Finish		Rowing Club		Railway Line
	Coffee Shop		Sailing Club		Route: On Road
	Play Park		Road - Take Care		Route: Traffic Free

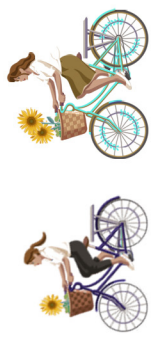


POINTS OF INTEREST

- 01 Walk across the reservoir?
Perhaps not somewhere you would instantly think of to show off your world leading tightrope skills, but in 1873 Charles Blondin made the crossing across the reservoir. The rope is said to have been stretched from the gate house across the reservoir to the other side; nowhere near as scary as his 1859 journey across Niagara Falls.
- 02 Roach pool
Originally a very small fishing pond in the middle of the Lord of the Manor's hunting grounds, Roach Pool was considerably enlarged by Thomas Telford between 1824 and 1829 to provide water to the city's busy canal system, and at this point it became known as Edgbaston Reservoir.
- 03 Canal water
Entering from under the ground is the feeder stream for the reservoir, built as part of Thomas Telford's expansion works. The water coming from the tunnel is fed from a holding pool, just under junction 2 of the M5 motorway. The feeder stream is gravity fed and is approximately 5 kilometres long.



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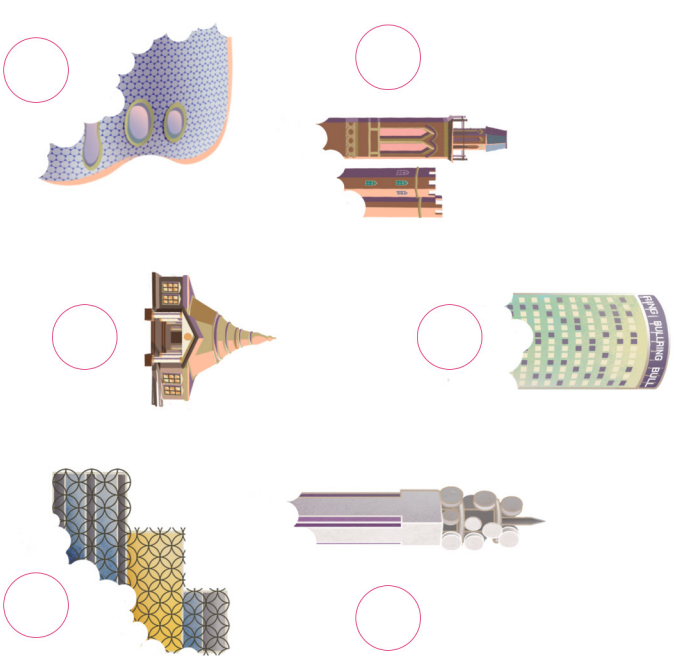
- 05 This time follow the path ahead, taking the right fork up to the railings.
- 06 Head left down Selwyn Road, watching out for cars, and back into the reservoir by turning left onto Gillot Road and then right down the steps.
- 07 Upon joining the reservoir path, turn left and continue all the way round until you reach the starting point.

DIRECTION ROUTE

- 01 From the café, descend through the old car park toward the reservoir and begin your journey clockwise by going left.
- 02 Follow the path around the reservoir until, just after The Red Shed on the left, there is a bridge over the feeder stream.
- 03 Head up the small steps here to the road, turn right onto Gillot Road and then take the next left into the park.
- 04 Upon entering the park, head straight across the middle to the other side and follow the perimeter path around to the right clockwise. Enjoy time in the park, following the path around until you return to where you first entered.



Can you spot these landmarks on your travels?



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