Wolverhampton – Birmingham on Canal

There are two alternatives to this very simple route.
Either ride back from Birmingham or get the train,
(A local service which carries bikes free, runs every half an hour during normal hours).
In good weather this is a high quality surface although it gets very muddy in places after rain.
It is a proposed section of the Sustrans national cycle network and the surface should be upgraded in the near future.
There are numerous stations along the route which can be used to cut short the route.
The route itself is very simple, starting at broad street basin in Wolverhampton City Centre or one of the many access points along the way it runs to gas street basin in Birmingham (with the option of a road section to New Street Station in Birmingham City Centre)
There is one tunnel along the route which lights are recommended for.
This is a full route description for those that may need it.

Route	Grid Reference	Access Point
Broad Street Basin	918 990	Wednesfield Road A4124
Facing the boat yard turn left (south)		Wolverhampton Station
Away from the locks to head under road bridge.		
DANGER!		
There is a very sharp left hand turn when you exit the bridge.		
Followed by a sharp right over a footbridge.		
Follow under short tunnel.	918 988	
To junction with Wyrley and Essington Canal	925 987	Horseley Fields &
Use ramp to join access road		Willenhall Road A454
Turn right along road to rejoin canal		
By dropping down narrow cutting on right of road		
Go under road bridge and over small bridge		
Follow under road bridge and over foot bridge	925 980	Bilston Road A41
Under Road bridge (sharp left turn at exit)		
Follow canal under another bridge to Road	928 973	Cable Street
Follow under railway bridge to Road Bridge	932 967	Ettingshall Road A4126
Remain on canal under bridge to Road bridge	937 964	Millfields Road A4039
The canal bends under Railway bridge to follow along side of railway and under major road bridge to canal junction.	940 950	
Turn right over obvious bridge, under 2 road bridges and 2 foot bridges to Coseley tunnel	941 940	Kenelm Road Coseley Station
Coseley Tunnel is unlit, cobbled and narrow, but railed. Without cycle lights it is advisable to walk!		
At end of tunnel follow cutting	942 938	School Street
Under bridge to road bridge and junction with canal	950 927	Bloomfield Road A4037
Stay on left towpath under next bridge down past locks to footbridge and Owen Street Bridge.	956 926	Tipton Station
Under road bridge, past boat yard to Dudley Port	967 919	Dudley Port Station
Cross canal at next foot bridge at canal junction,	972 916	
Turn left at end of canal bridge to continue along main canal past Sheepwash Urban Park		
Remain on canal past next junction with Gower canal		
Under 3 road and railway bridges to Bromford Road Bridge	993 900	Bromford Road A4034 Sandwell and Dudley Station
Follow canal to footbridge over canal at Junction	997 899	

Left across bridge and right to join lower canal		
Follow on deep cutting under Motorway and		Galton Bridge Station
road bridges to Galton Bridge	013 984	Roebuck Lane
Over bridge past junction with Soho loop canal	040 881	
And again at	049 874	
Under road bridge to NIA and sea life Centre	056 867	Gas Street Basin

Optional Route to continue to New Street Station
Remain on left hand canal past NIA and take left up steps (wheel ramp) Signposted Sustrans Route ???

Turn Right on road and follow cycle route signs

To the right at the far end of Symphony Hall
At the end of the hall cut across Centenary Square to Pedestrian Crossing on Broad Street, Cross to Bridge Street opposite. Follow and at bottom turn left into Holliday Street.
Follow Sustrans Signs before end of road to turn right down ramp on pavement.
Turn left under bridge and follow Navigation Street to New Street Station