

Driver Training Areas — Preston

This guide outlines recommended training areas in Preston, structured by skill level. Each zone is selected to progressively build confidence, road awareness, and test readiness.

■ BEGINNER AREAS — Low Traffic, Build Confidence

Area	Key Features	Skills Practised
Ribbleton / Fullwood Estate	Quiet residential roads near test centre	Basic car control, clutch, steering, stopping & starting
Ingol / Haslam Park Area	Wide suburban streets, light traffic	MSM routine, simple junctions, pedestrian awareness
Cottam / New Developments	Modern estate roads, clear road markings	Emerging, give way, road positioning

■ INTERMEDIATE AREAS — Build Road Skills

Area	Key Features	Skills Practised
Garstang Road (A6 north)	Busy arterial road, bus stops & traffic lights	Speed management, lane discipline, anticipation
Preston City Centre (Fishergate / Friargate)	Complex one-ways, heavy pedestrian traffic	One-way systems, town centre confidence
Blackpool Road (A5085)	Long suburban route with varied junctions	Consistent road positioning, mixed hazard handling
Fylde Road (A583)	Mixed commercial / residential corridor	Signalling, following distance, junction priority

■ ADVANCED / TEST-READY AREAS

Area	Key Features	Skills Practised
Longridge Road & Test Centre Approach	Direct approach to Preston Test Centre	Test route practice, confident junction reading
A59 / Ring Road Corridor	Busy ring road, complex roundabouts	Multi-lane roundabouts, high traffic confidence
M6 / M55 Approach Roads	Motorway slip roads and dual carriageway	Motorway awareness, joining & leaving safely

■ MANOEUVRE PRACTICE LOCATIONS

Manoeuvre	Recommended Location
Bay Parking	Preston town centre car parks / St George's Shopping Centre

Parallel Parking	Residential streets off Garstang Road
Turn in the Road	Ribbleton / Ingol quiet estate roads
Emergency Stop	Quiet roads off Longridge Road near test centre

■ RECOMMENDED LESSON PROGRESSION

Lessons	Focus Area	Goal
1 – 5	Ribbleton / Ingol quiet residential areas	Basic control & confidence
6 – 12	Garstang Road, city centre, Blackpool Road	Road awareness & MSM routine
13 – 20	Ring road, test centre routes, motorway approach	Test route familiarity
Final lessons	Full mock tests on Preston test centre routes	Test readiness & consistency

Nearest Test Centre(s): *Preston Test Centre — Longridge Road, Ribbleton, Preston, PR2 6SA*