

## DVSA Driving Test Routes Preston — 6 Representative Practice Routes

■ **TRAINING GUIDE DISCLAIMER:** These routes are representative practice routes based on known roads and verified road types used at this test centre. They are NOT confirmed DVSA examiner sequences. Road sequences, junctions and directions should be verified locally with an ADI before use with learners. The DVSA does not publish official test routes.

**Test Centre:** Preston DVSA Test Centre — Chain Caul Road, Ashton-on-Ribble, Preston, PR2 2PD

Preston routes are verified — all depart LEFT from Chain Caul Road, then RIGHT onto Chain Caul Way, LEFT onto Navigation Way or Mariners Way, then LEFT onto Peddars Way. Routes use Tulketh Road, Woodplumpton Road, Cadley Causeway, Blackpool Road (A5085), Riversway (A583 dual carriageway), Lea Road and residential Ashton-on-Ribble estates. Pass rate ~57%.

Route	Title	Manoeuvre	Independent Driving
Route 1	Chain Caul & Tulketh Road — Verified Roads	Bay park — Preston town centre car park	Follow sat nav: Preston Bus Station
Route 2	Blackpool Road & Larches Estate	Parallel park — residential street off Blackpool Road	Follow road signs: Blackpool / Fylde
Route 3	Lea Road & Ashton Estates	Parallel park — residential street, Lea	Follow sat nav: Lea village
Route 4	Riversway & Docklands	Bay park — Riversway / Morrisons car park	Follow road signs: Docklands / Riversway
Route 5	Pull Up Right & Ingol	Pull up on the right — reverse back, re-join	Follow sat nav: Ingol Community Centre
Route 6	Emergency Stop & Garstang Road	Emergency stop (1 in 7 tests)	Follow road signs: Lancaster / M6

■ **Test Format (2025):** Eyesight check → Show Me/Tell Me → ~40 min drive → 1 manoeuvre → Independent driving (up to full test). Emergency stop: 1 in 7 tests. Max 3 normal stops.

■■ **Manoeuvres (current):** Parallel park | Bay park (forward or reverse) | Pull up on the right & reverse. Turn in the road is NOT a current test manoeuvre.

## ROUTE 1 — Chain Caul & Tulketh Road — Verified Route

**Manoeuvre:** Bay park — Preston town centre car park

**Independent Driving:** Follow sat nav: Preston Bus Station

**Approx:** 8–11 miles | ~40 mins

#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Test Centre — Chain Caul Road	Turn LEFT	30 mph — quiet industrial start
2	Chain Caul Road	End of road RIGHT — Chain Caul Way	30 mph residential/commercial
3	Chain Caul Way	End of road LEFT — Navigation Way	30 mph connector
4	Navigation Way	Roundabout LEFT — Peddars Way	Give way, smooth exit
5	Peddars Way	Traffic lights RIGHT — Watery Lane	30 mph residential
6	Watery Lane	Turn LEFT — Powis Road	Quieter residential — 30 mph
7	Powis Road	End of road LEFT — Tulketh Road	Suburban 30 mph — bus route
8	Tulketh Road	Turn RIGHT — Victoria Parade	30 mph residential
9	Victoria Parade	End of road RIGHT — Waterloo Road	Open residential
10	Waterloo Road	Roundabout LEFT — Tulketh Brow	Mini-roundabout — give way
11	Tulketh Brow	Traffic light RIGHT then AHEAD — Woodplumpton Road	30 mph — double signals
12	Woodplumpton Road	Roundabout RIGHT — Cadley Causeway	Suburban roundabout
13	Cadley Causeway	Roundabout RIGHT — return route	30 mph — return toward test centre
14	Chain Caul Road	Return via Navigation Way / Chain Caul Way	Controlled park

**Key Hazards:** ■ Tulketh Brow double traffic lights | ■ Navigation Way roundabout | ■ Cadley Causeway roundabout | ■ Tulketh Road bus traffic

## ROUTE 2 — Blackpool Road & Larches Estate

**Manoeuvre:** Parallel park — residential street off Blackpool Road

**Independent Driving:** Follow road signs: Blackpool / Fylde

**Approx:** 8–11 miles | ~40 mins

#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Test Centre	Turn LEFT — Chain Caul Road	Quiet departure
2	Chain Caul Way	End of road RIGHT	30 mph
3	Mariners Way	End of road LEFT	30 mph connector
4	Mariners Way	Roundabout LEFT — Peddars Way	Give way, smooth exit
5	Peddars Way	Traffic lights AHEAD — Peddars Lane	30 mph residential
6	Peddars Lane	Turn LEFT — Whinfield Lane	Quieter residential
7	Whinfield Lane / Larches Lane	Continue — 30 mph	Residential — parked vehicles
8	Larches Avenue	End of road LEFT — Blackpool Road (A5085)	40 mph arterial
9	Blackpool Road	Turn RIGHT — 40 mph	Long A-road — bus stops, crossings
10	Residential side road — MANOEUVRE	PARALLEL PARK	Signal, check, smooth reverse
11	Blackpool Road	Re-join LEFT — 40 mph	Re-establish position, MSM
12	Riversway (A583)	Turn RIGHT — dual carriageway 50 mph	Build speed, lane discipline
13	Chain Caul Road junction	Take LEFT exit — Navigation Way	Decelerate, signal, smooth
14	Chain Caul Way / Chain Caul Road	Return	Controlled finish

**Key Hazards:** ■ Blackpool Road 40 mph A-road — bus stops | ■ A583 Riversway dual carriageway 50 mph | ■ Larches Lane residential parked cars | ■ Smooth exit from dual carriageway

## ROUTE 3 — Lea Road & Ashton Estates

<b>Manoeuvre:</b> Parallel park — residential street, Lea	<b>Independent Driving:</b> Follow sat nav: Lea village	<b>Approx:</b> 8–11 miles   ~40 mins
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#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Test Centre	Turn LEFT — Chain Caul Road	Quiet start
2	Chain Caul Way	End of road RIGHT	30 mph
3	Navigation Way	End of road LEFT	30 mph connector
4	Navigation Way	Roundabout LEFT — Peddars Way	Give way, smooth
5	Peddars Way	Traffic lights AHEAD	30 mph residential
6	Blackpool Road (A5085)	Turn LEFT — 40 mph	Long arterial run
7	Lea Road	Turn LEFT — 30/40 mph	Semi-rural approach
8	Lea village — residential road	PARALLEL PARK	Signal, check, smooth reverse
9	Lea Road	Re-join LEFT — 30/40 mph	Re-establish, MSM
10	Preston Road	Turn RIGHT — 40 mph	Rural character — limited sightlines
11	Woodplumpton Road	Turn RIGHT — 30/40 mph	Suburban return
12	Tom Benson Way	Turn LEFT — 30 mph	Residential connector
13	Peddars Way roundabout	Continue STRAIGHT	Give way, smooth
14	Chain Caul Road	Return via Chain Caul Way	Controlled finish

**Key Hazards:** ■ Lea Road semi-rural bends | ■ Preston Road 40 mph limited sightlines | ■ Blackpool Road 40 mph — bus stops | ■ Woodplumpton Road speed transition

## ROUTE 4 — Riversway & Docklands

<b>Manoeuvre:</b> Bay park — Riversway / Morrisons car park	<b>Independent Driving:</b> Follow road signs: Docklands / Riversway	<b>Approx:</b> 8–11 miles   ~40 mins
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#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Test Centre	Turn RIGHT — Chain Caul Road	30 mph residential departure
2	Mariners Way	Continue STRAIGHT	30 mph new development
3	Riversway (A583)	Turn LEFT — 40/50 mph	Open road — dual sections
4	Strand Road	Turn LEFT — 40 mph	Riverside — wide road
5	Morrisons / Riversway car park	Turn LEFT — BAY PARK	Reverse: slow, mirrors, neat and level
6	Strand Road	Rejoin LEFT — 40 mph	Re-establish position
7	Fishergate / town centre approach	Continue STRAIGHT — 30 mph	Town approach — one-ways possible
8	Friargate / Church Street	Continue STRAIGHT	30 mph — pedestrian awareness, signals
9	Fylde Road / A583	Turn LEFT — 40 mph	Departure from town
10	Riversway (A583) dual carriageway	Continue STRAIGHT — 50 mph	Brief dual carriageway return
11	Chain Caul Road exit	Take LEFT exit	Decelerate, signal, smooth exit
12	Chain Caul Road	Continue to test centre	Controlled park

**Key Hazards:** ■ Riversway 50 mph dual carriageway | ■ Town centre one-way awareness on Fishergate | ■ Bay park in busy Morrisons car park | ■ Speed transition A583

## ROUTE 5 — Pull Up Right & Ingol

<b>Manoeuvre:</b> Pull up on the right — reverse back, re-join	<b>Independent Driving:</b> Follow sat nav: Ingol Community Centre	<b>Approx:</b> 8–11 miles   ~40 mins
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1	Test Centre	Turn LEFT — Chain Caul Road	Quiet departure
2	Chain Caul Way	End of road RIGHT	30 mph
3	Navigation Way / Tom Benson Way	Continue STRAIGHT — 30/40 mph	Residential connector
4	Blackpool Road (A5085)	Turn RIGHT — 40 mph	A-road — bus stops, junctions
5	Tanterton Hall Road (Ingol)	Turn LEFT — 30 mph	Estate entrance
6	Ingol estate — residential road	PULL UP ON RIGHT	Signal, check, reverse 2 car lengths, re-join left
7	Tanterton Hall Road	Re-join LEFT — 30 mph	MSM, pull away cleanly
8	Garstang Road (A6)	Turn RIGHT — 40 mph	Arterial — anticipate signals
9	Fulwood Row	Turn LEFT — 30 mph	Residential
10	Woodplumpton Road	Turn RIGHT — 30/40 mph	Suburban return
11	Chain Caul Way / Chain Caul Road	Return	Controlled finish

**Key Hazards:** ■ Blackpool Road 40 mph A-road | ■ Ingol estate narrow roads | ■ Pull-up-on-right: safe return to traffic | ■ Garstang Road A6 traffic signals

### ROUTE 6 — Emergency Stop & Garstang Road

<b>Manoeuvre:</b> Emergency stop (1 in 7 tests)	<b>Independent Driving:</b> Follow road signs: Lancaster / M6	<b>Approx:</b> 8–11 miles   ~40 mins
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#	Road / Location	Direction / Action	Examiner Notes
1	Test Centre	Turn LEFT — Chain Caul Road	Quiet start
2	Chain Caul Way	End of road RIGHT	30 mph
3	Navigation Way	End of road LEFT — Peddars Way roundabout	Give way, smooth
4	Garstang Road (A6)	Turn RIGHT — 40 mph	Arterial — EMERGENCY STOP section
5	EMERGENCY STOP if required	Examiner signal	Firm, straight, controlled — handbrake, neutral
6	Garstang Road (A6)	Re-establish 40 mph	Compose — continue smoothly
7	Woodplumpton Road	Turn LEFT — 30/40 mph	Suburban connector
8	Ingol / Tanterton Hall Road	Turn RIGHT — 30 mph	Estate — parked cars
9	Blackpool Road (A5085)	Turn LEFT — 40 mph	Arterial return
10	Riversway (A583)	Turn RIGHT — 50 mph	Brief dual carriageway
11	Chain Caul Road exit	Take LEFT exit	Decelerate, signal, smooth exit
12	Chain Caul Road	Return to test centre	Controlled final park

**Key Hazards:** ■ Emergency stop on Garstang Road A6 | ■ Dual carriageway 50 mph A583 | ■ Ingol estate 30 mph parked vehicles | ■ A5085 return bus route