

## Driver Training Areas — Bolton

This guide outlines recommended training areas in Bolton, 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
Great Lever / Daubhill Estate	Wide residential streets, low traffic volume	Basic car control, clutch, steering, stopping & starting
Farnworth Residential Areas	Quiet side streets with simple junctions	MSM routine, emerging and giving way
Lever Edge Lane Area	Suburban road with parking bays	Bay parking intro, pedestrian awareness

### ■ INTERMEDIATE AREAS — Build Road Skills

Area	Key Features	Skills Practised
Deane Road (A676)	Busy A-road, bus stops, lane changes, crossings	Lane discipline, speed management, anticipation
Bolton Town Centre (Newport St / Bradshawgate)	Complex town centre, multiple signal junctions	Town centre confidence, complex junction handling
St Helens Road (A58)	Mixed suburban / commercial corridor	Varied hazards, following distance, road positioning
Chorley New Road (A673)	Dual carriageway into town, roundabouts	Dual carriageway skills, roundabout exits

### ■ ADVANCED / TEST-READY AREAS

Area	Key Features	Skills Practised
Weston Street & Test Centre Routes	Direct approach to Bolton Test Centre	Test route familiarisation, reading road layout
A666 / Ring Road Corridor	Busy ring road with large roundabouts	Multi-lane roundabouts, high-traffic confidence
M61 Motorway Approach (A6)	Motorway slip roads and dual carriageway	Motorway awareness, joining & leaving safely

### ■ MANOEUVRE PRACTICE LOCATIONS

Manoeuvre	Recommended Location
Bay Parking	Bolton town centre car parks / Middlebrook Retail Park

Parallel Parking	Residential streets off Deane Road
Turn in the Road	Great Lever / Daubhill estate roads
Emergency Stop	Quiet roads off Lever Edge Lane

## ■ RECOMMENDED LESSON PROGRESSION

Lessons	Focus Area	Goal
1 – 5	Great Lever / Daubhill quiet residential streets	Basic control & confidence
6 – 12	Deane Road, town centre, A58 corridor	Road awareness & MSM routine
13 – 20	Ring road, test centre routes, dual carriageway	Test route familiarity
Final lessons	Full mock tests on Bolton test centre routes	Test readiness & consistency

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**Nearest Test Centre(s):** Bolton Test Centre — Weston Street, Great Lever, Bolton, BL3 2AZ