



Around the Purbeck Hills

A figure of 8 very hilly ride around the Purbeck hills following the sides of the hills.

Distance: 20 miles **Ascent:** 670m (approx)

Start Point: Start from layby on Ulwell Road at the Welcome to Swanage signs

Coordinates: Latitude: 50.62790° N, Longitude: -1.97058° W **(OS)** SZ 02171 80919

Safety Tips: Stay on marked paths, especially near cliff edges. Wear suitable clothing and headwear, paths can be uneven and slippery. Keep children and dogs under close supervision near the cliffs. Check the weather forecast before your ride. Mobile phone coverage can be patchy along the coast.

Directions

1. Start

Lat, long: 50.62790, -1.97058 - OS: SZ 02177 80911

Start at the layby on the side of the Ulwell Road on the outskirts of Swanage. Head north along the road out of Swanage.

2. Y Junction

Lat, long: 50.63074, -1.97573 - OS: SZ 01813 81227

Turn left at the junction and follow the road along the side of the Purbeck hills and up a steep hill to the next T junction

3. T Junction

Lat, long: 50.63584, -1.98388 - OS: SZ 01237 81794

Turn left at the junction and continue on the B3351 until you come to a stone bridge and junction with the A351 at Corfe Castle.

4. A351 and East Street and B33511

Lat, long: 50.64135, -2.05803 - OS: SY 95993 82408

Turn right onto the A351, caution this is a very busy road

5. Church Knowle Junction

Lat, long: 50.64154, -2.05852 - OS: SY 95958 82430

Turn left and follow the narrow road around the base of Corfe Castle, over a small bridge and follow the road though the village of Church Knowle until you come to a small crossroads.

6. Cross Roads

Lat, long: 50.63466, -2.09444 - OS: SY 93417 81667

At the cross roads, turn right (sign post for Stoborough and Wareham) and follow the narrow road up and over the steep hill. Follow the road until you come to the next T junction with a sign post for Church Knowle, Furzebrook, Stoborough and Wareham. Turn Left at the T junction

7. T Junction

Lat, long: 50.64262, -2.09689 - OS: SY 93245 82552

Turn left at the T junction and continue though the village of East Creech until you come to a Y junction next to a telephone box. Turn Left.

8. Y junction

Lat, long: 50.64251, -2.10365 - OS: SY 92768 82541

Turn left at the junction and follow the road South up a long hill and around to the right, continue down the road until you come to a T junction with Grange Road.

9. Grange Road Junction

Lat, long: 50.64031, -2.12419 - OS: SY 91315 82298

At the junction, turn left and follow the very steep climb up the hill until you come to a small gravel car park on your left and the next junction. There is often an Ice Cream van at the weekends at the car park so it is a good location to stop and take in the views.

10. Time for Ice Cream

Lat, long: 50.63513, -2.13688 - OS: SY 90416 81724

Time to take a break and enjoy the views! At the top of Grange Hill follow the road along the ridge and then left down the hill. Take care as many cars are in the middle of the road on the decents and there are a lot of blind corners. Follow the road heading East back to Church Knowle and continue to the T junction at Corfe Castle.

11. Church Knowle Return

Lat, long: 50.64154, -2.05852 - OS: SY 95958 82430

Turn right onto the A351 (caution very busy road) and continue around the edge of Corfe Castle going past the T junction for Studland (outward ride) and then turn left at the next right bend onto Sandy Hill Lane

12. East Street and Sandy Hill Lane

Lat, long: 50.63938, -2.05657 - OS: SY 96096 82189

Turn left onto Sandy Hill lane and follow the narrow road past several farms until you come to a T junction on your Left with a slow sign on the road and the Swanage brickworks buildings on the left.

13. Washpond Lane and Brickyard Lane and path

Lat, long: 50.62210, -1.97160 - OS: SZ 02106 80267

Turn left onto Brickyard Lane and follow the road up the hill until the next junction with Darkie Lane

14. Darkie Lane and Brickyard Lane

Lat, long: 50.62588, -1.97114 - OS: SZ 02137 80687

At the junction with Darkie Lane, turn left and follow the road to the next junction with Ulwell Road.

15. Ulwell Road and Darkie Lane

Lat, long: 50.62706, -1.96984 - OS: SZ 02230 80818

At the junction with Ulwell Road, turn left and then right into the layby at the start of the route.

Route Map:

