



Chapmans Pool

A 14 mile ride along the Purbeck Hills to Corfe Castle, across the valley on open fields and bridleways, then following a twisting technical single-track down to Chapmans Pool,

Distance: 14 miles
Ascent: 490m (approx)
Start Point: Main Beach Car Park, Victoria Avenue, Swanage, BH19 1PW
Coordinates: Latitude: 50.61173° N, Longitude: -1.96355° W **(OS)** SZ 02667 79104

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. Victoria Avenue Car Park

Lat, long: 50.61173, -1.96355 - OS: SZ 02675 79113

Start from the Car park in Victoria Avenue, exit the car park and turn right onto Victoria Avenue. Turn left onto Northbrook Road and continue up Northbrook Road. At mini roundabout go straight ahead and follow the road until the junction with the main road.

2. Ulwell Road and Darkie Lane

Lat, long: 50.62708, -1.96981 - OS: SZ 02231 80820

Turn left onto main road and continue along the road until a right bend with a wide track on your left and double gates.

3. Start of Off Road

Lat, long: 50.62984, -1.97523 - OS: SZ 01848 81127

Turn left and go through the gate and follow the rough track through the valley and up the side of the Purbeck Hills towards Corfe Castle. Follow the track along the top of the hill, going through several gates until you come to the second transmitter site and continue straight ahead at the gate and follow the track down the hill towards Corfe Castle. At the next gate continue straight ahead on the tarmac road (Sandy Hill Lane) down to the T junction with the A351 and East Street.

4. T Junction A351

Lat, long: 50.63940, -2.05647 - OS: SY 96103 82191

Turn left onto East Street and follow the road up the hill until you come to the village square and turn right into the square. This road is very busy so take care when turning right at the village square.

5. The Square**Lat, long: 50.63854, -2.05713 - OS: SY 96057 82096**

Turn right into the village square and continue along West Street until you come to a cattle grid at the entrance to Corfe Common.

6. Corfe Common**Lat, long: 50.63195, -2.06012 - OS: SY 95844 81364**

Turn left onto the common before the cattle grid and follow fenced in section for approx 30m until you come to a gate.

7. Gate**Lat, long: 50.63157, -2.05980 - OS: SY 95867 81321**

Go straight ahead at the gate and follow the path across the common until you come to a cross roads and gate at the B3069.

8. B3069 Crossing**Lat, long: 50.62818, -2.05362 - OS: SY 96304 80944**

Go straight across the B3069 onto the east section of Corfe Common and go through a wooden gate and follow the track up a small slope and then bare left and follow the track east across the common until you come to a wooden gate and Valley Road.

9. Valley Road junction**Lat, long: 50.62660, -2.04763 - OS: SY 96728 80767**

Turn right onto Valley Road and follow the road until you come to a junction on your right with a sign for Afflington Manor Farm.

10. Junction Afflington Manor Farm**Lat, long: 50.62571, -2.04392 - OS: SY 96990 80668**

Turn right onto the narrow road and follow the road until you come to the farm yard.

11. Farm Bridleway**Lat, long: 50.61998, -2.04343 - OS: SY 97024 80032**

Go through the farm yard and turn right behind the farm buildings and follow the bridleway up a rough track.

12. Gate**Lat, long: 50.61556, -2.04536 - OS: SY 96887 79540**

Continue to follow the rough track up the side of the valley until you come to a T junction and road.

13. Road Junction**Lat, long: 50.61243, -2.04467 - OS: SY 96936 79192**

At the junction with the B3069 turn right then left into a narrow bridleway next to a house. There is a wooden bridleway sign at the entrance marked Chapmans Pool

14. Chapmans Pool Bridleway**Lat, long: 50.61188, -2.04501 - OS: SY 96912 79130**

Go through the narrow entrance between the houses and follow the bridleway signs past several gates down through the valley until you come to a tarmac road. This track has a very steep section and rocky sections so take care.

15. Junction with road**Lat, long: 50.60001, -2.05289 - OS: SY 96353 77811**

At the tarmac road, turn left and follow the steep road up to the farm. You can extend this route with a trip to Chapmans Pool by turning right at this junction and following the bridleway down to the coast and then returning the same route. This adds approx 2.5 miles to the ride.

16. Farm**Lat, long: 50.59824, -2.05113 - OS: SY 96477 77614**

Go through the metal gate and turn left at the farm and follow Renscombe Road to Worth Matravers village.

17. Square and Compass pub**Lat, long: 50.59763, -2.03711 - OS: SY 97469 77545**

At the Square and Compass pub, continue straight ahead up through the village until you come to a bridleway sign on your right marked for Priests Way

18. Priests Way start**Lat, long: 50.60186, -2.03024 - OS: SY 97956 78016**

Go through the gate and follow the track across the field until you come to the next gate.

19. Gate**Lat, long: 50.60099, -2.02609 - OS: SY 98250 77919**

Go straight ahead at the gate and follow the wide track along the Priests Way to Swanage passing through several gates. This track can be busy in summer months,

20. Wooden Gate and Junction**Lat, long: 50.60282, -1.99093 - OS: SZ 00738 78122**

Go through the gate and turn right and follow the track past farm buildings to a metal gate.

21. Junction**Lat, long: 50.60396, -1.97948 - OS: SZ 01549 78250**

Turn left and follow the narrow track down the hill and through next gate to a cross roads in the path.

22. Path Cross Roads**Lat, long: 50.60637, -1.97917 - OS: SZ 01570 78518**

Turn left then right onto a narrow tarmac road and continue straight ahead until you come to Higher Days Road.

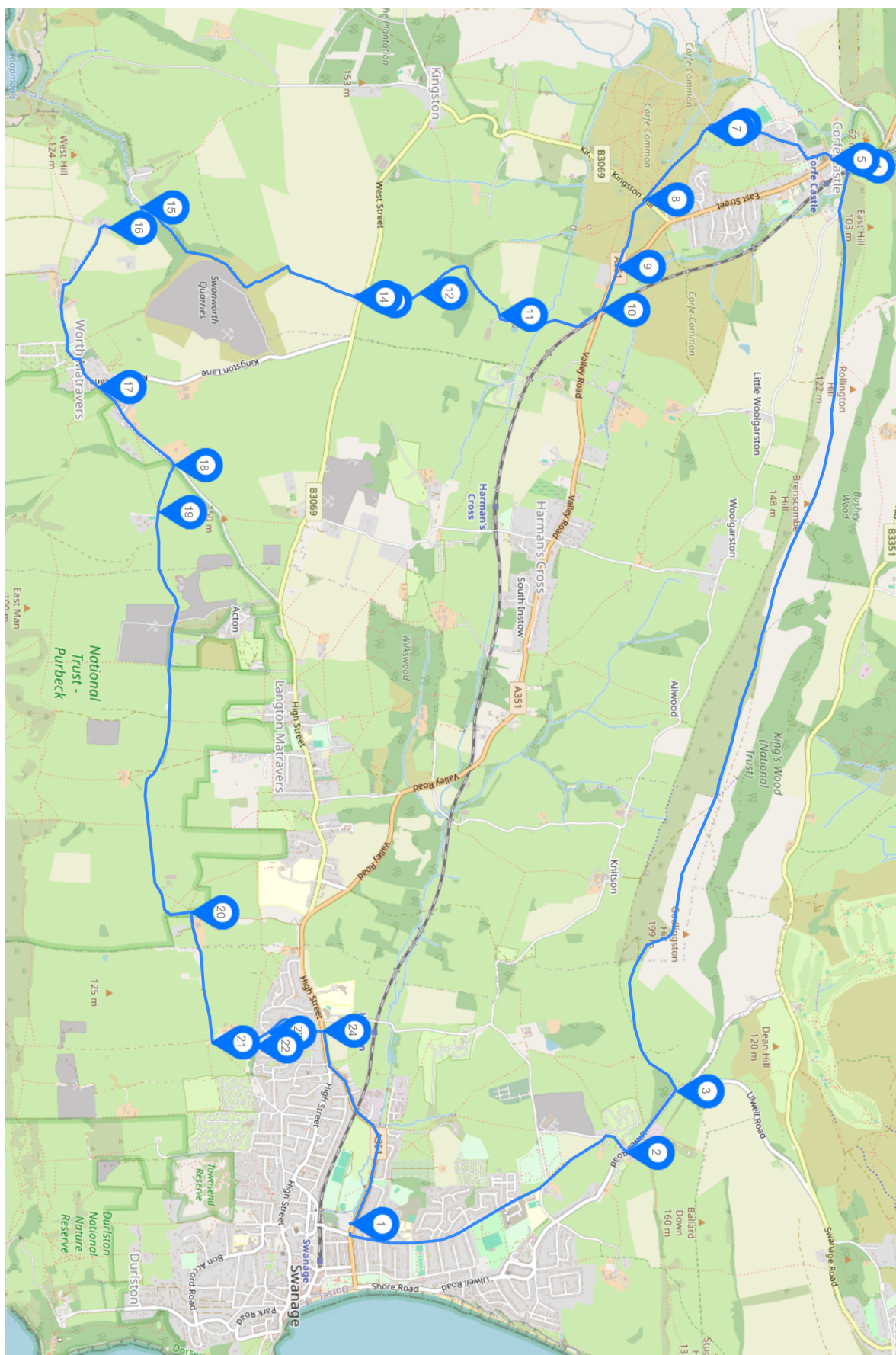
23. Higher Days Road**Lat, long: 50.60710, -1.98037 - OS: SZ 01485 78599**

Go straight ahead onto Benleese Way and follow the road down the hill to the T junction with the High Street.

24. High Street Junction**Lat, long: 50.61014, -1.98054 - OS: SZ 01473 78936**

Turn right onto the High Street and follow the road over the railway bridge and back to the start at the Victoria Avenue car park.

Route Map:



Map data from OpenStreetMap.

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