



Encombe, Creech, Corfe Loop

A challenging loop with some hard climbs, fast downhill sections and twisting woodland single-track.

Distance: 12 miles
Ascent: 425m (approx)
Start Point: Purbeck Park, off the A351 north of Corfe Castle. Alternative parking at the National Trust car park below Corfe Castle and join the route at #3 in the directions.
Coordinates: Latitude: 50.64579° N, Longitude: -2.06253° W **(OS)** SY 95715 82889

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. Purbeck Park

Lat, long: 50.64579, -2.06253 - OS: SY 95675 82902

Exit the car park and turn left and follow the road to the roundabout.

2. Roundabout

Lat, long: 50.64511, -2.06544 - OS: SY 95469 82827

Turn left at the roundabout and continue along the road down the hill and past the castle. Continue up towards the village square on your right before the traffic lights and crossing.

3. East Street and The Square

Lat, long: 50.63849, -2.05711 - OS: SY 96058 82090

At the village square, turn Right onto West Street and follow road to Corfe Common.

4. End of West Street

Lat, long: 50.63186, -2.06028 - OS: SY 95833 81353

At a cattle grid, continue straight ahead and follow narrow tarmac road to the farm

5. Blashenwell Farm

Lat, long: 50.62301, -2.07003 - OS: SY 95142 80370

Bare right at the farm entrance and go past the farm buildings, crossing the farm yard and the bridleway entrance is at the rear-right side of the farm yard.

6. Bridleway

Lat, long: 50.62210, -2.07096 - OS: SY 95076 80269

Follow the rough bridleway up the hill until you come to a metal gate on your left on a stone wall.

7. Metal Gate**Lat, long: 50.61690, -2.06954 - OS: SY 95176 79690**

Go through the metal gate and follow the bridleway through the trees until you come to a tarmac road at Kingston Village.

8. Junction**Lat, long: 50.61585, -2.06536 - OS: SY 95472 79573**

Turn right onto the tarmac road continue along the road in a west direction. The road changes from being under trees to open fields on each side and bares left down a hill to a small parking area on your left with a road for the Encombe Estate.

9. Car Park and Junction**Lat, long: 50.61299, -2.08171 - OS: SY 94315 79256**

Turn left at the car parking area and go straight ahead to a gate with a bridleway sign.

10. Gate**Lat, long: 50.61272, -2.08162 - OS: SY 94321 79226**

Go through the gate and follow the track which bares right up the hill and follow the track to the next gate.

11. Gate**Lat, long: 50.61005, -2.08571 - OS: SY 94032 78929**

Go through the gate and follow the track up the hill towards the grass mound at Swyre Head which is the highest point on the route.

12. Swyre Head**Lat, long: 50.60590, -2.09473 - OS: SY 93393 78469**

Swyre Head is the highest point of the route so a good place to stop to take in the view. Turn right and follow the fence line to the gate.

13. Gate**Lat, long: 50.60709, -2.09522 - OS: SY 93358 78601**

Continue straight ahead at the gate and follow the bridleway along the ridgeline.

14. Gate**Lat, long: 50.61012, -2.09875 - OS: SY 93109 78938**

Continue straight ahead at the gate and follow the bridleway along the ridgeline.

15. Gate**Lat, long: 50.61485, -2.10307 - OS: SY 92804 79465**

Continue straight ahead at the gate and follow the bridleway along the ridgeline.

16. Gate**Lat, long: 50.61569, -2.10505 - OS: SY 92664 79558**

Continue straight ahead at the gate and follow the bridleway along the ridgeline.

17. Gate and start of downhill**Lat, long: 50.61743, -2.11084 - OS: SY 92255 79752**

Continue straight ahead at the gate and follow the bridleway down the hill to the tarmac road.

18. Road junction**Lat, long: 50.62056, -2.11562 - OS: SY 91917 80101**

At the tarmac road, turn left and go down a small hill until you come to a T junction.

19. T Junction**Lat, long: 50.62037, -2.11672 - OS: SY 91839 80081**

Turn right at the junction and follow the road down the hill and past a farm, continue along the road until you come to the next T junction.

20. T Junction**Lat, long: 50.63003, -2.12091 - OS: SY 91545 81155**

Turn left at the junction and follow the road which bares right and up a steep hill until you come to a junction with a bridleway and steep chalk track on the right side.

21. Steep Bridleway**Lat, long: 50.63336, -2.13538 - OS: SY 90521 81527**

Turn right and go up the steep bridleway until you come to a car park at the top of the hill with a gate on the right side.

22. Gate to Grange Arch**Lat, long: 50.63503, -2.13563 - OS: SY 90504 81713**

Go through the gate and follow the track up the hill heading East until you come to a gate.

23. Grange Arch**Lat, long: 50.63562, -2.12491 - OS: SY 91263 81778**

Grange Arch is an idea place to stop and take in the view across Dorset.

24. Gate**Lat, long: 50.63604, -2.11890 - OS: SY 91688 81823**

Go through the gate and follow the track along the top of the hill until you come to wooden gates on the left side.

25. Gate and bridleway junction**Lat, long: 50.63645, -2.11073 - OS: SY 92266 81868**

Go through gates and then turn Right and continue down the hill to next gate and road.

26. Gate and Road**Lat, long: 50.63839, -2.10021 - OS: SY 93010 82083**

Turn left and follow road down the hill, straight ahead at the next junction, past a camping site and then on a left hand bend, turn right into woodland trail bridleway.

27. Bridleway and Singletrack**Lat, long: 50.64524, -2.09640 - OS: SY 93281 82844**

Follow bridleway signs along the singletrack over a wooden bridge until you come to a campsite.

28. Norden Camp Site**Lat, long: 50.64589, -2.07605 - OS: SY 94719 82915**

When you reach the camp site, follow the track past the campers and through the farm yard. Bare right and follow the road until you come to a T junction with the A351 road.

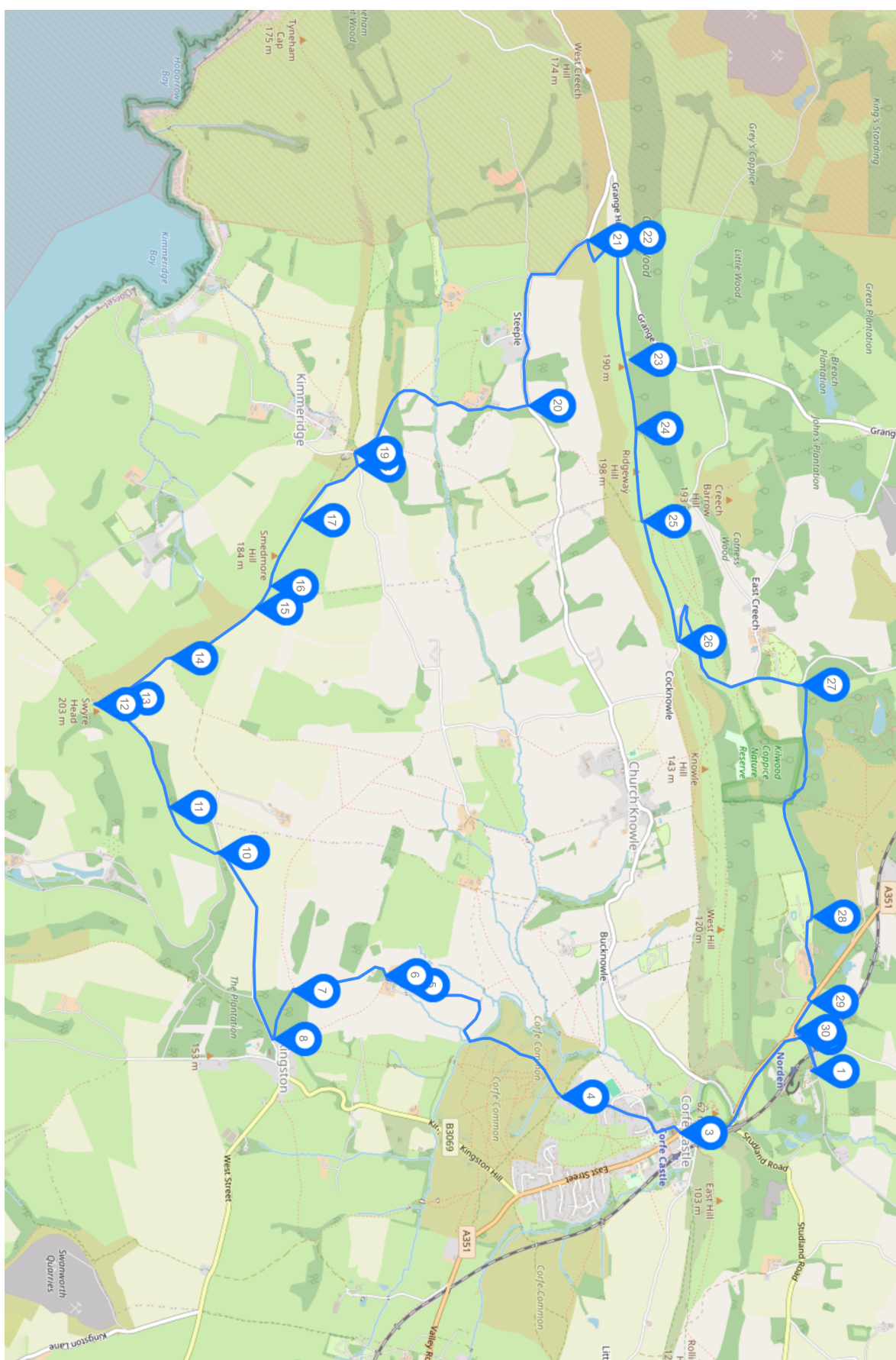
29. A351 Junction**Lat, long: 50.64574, -2.06861 - OS: SY 95245 82897**

At the T junction turn Right and continue to the next roundabout (Caution this road can be very busy so take care).

30. Roundabout**Lat, long: 50.64493, -2.06599 - OS: SY 95430 82807**

Take the first exit on the roundabout and follow the road back to the start at Purbeck Park.

Route Map:



Map data from OpenStreetMap.

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