



Hills and Heathland

A 15.5 mile ride along the Purbeck Hills past Old Harry Rocks and back via a loop around Studland Heath and the edge of Rempstone Forest with stunning views of the Isle of

Distance: 15.5 miles
Ascent: 665m (approx)
Start Point: Main Beach Car Park, Victoria Avenue, Swanage, BH19 1PW
Coordinates: Latitude: 50.61165° N, Longitude: -1.96282° 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. Start of Ride

Lat, long: 50.61165, -1.96282 - OS: SZ 02727 79105

Start from the Car park in Victoria Avenue, exit the car park and turn right onto Victoria Avenue and then left onto Northbrook Road. Continue along Northbrook Road until you come to a mini roundabout and go straight ahead past the road junction on your left, until you come to a T Junction onto Ulwell Road.

2. Ulwell Road and Darkie Lane

Lat, long: 50.62706, -1.96981 - OS: SZ 02231 80818

Turn left onto Ulwell Road and follow the signs for Studland. The road bears right after the next Y Junction and up the hill. Turn right at the bridleway sign/junction on the right side.

3. Bridleway Junction

Lat, long: 50.63438, -1.97282 - OS: SZ 02019 81632

Turn right on to the bridleway and go through the metal gate and follow the rough track up the hill to the stone Obelisk.

4. Obelisk

Lat, long: 50.63144, -1.96987 - OS: SZ 02228 81305

At the stone Obelisk, continue straight ahead and follow the track up the hill to a gate. Go straight ahead at the gate and follow the track east past through two wooden gates and down towards Old Harry / The Foreland.

5. The Foreland

Lat, long: 50.64185, -1.92472 - OS: SZ 05419 82465

Turn left at The Foreland and follow wide track back to Studland village.

6. Road and Public Toilets**Lat, long: 50.64148, -1.94670 - OS: SZ 03865 82422**

At the village go straight ahead at junction and follow the road up hill and to the right to the village shop and cross roads.

7. Cross Roads**Lat, long: 50.64197, -1.95267 - OS: SZ 03443 82477**

At the cross roads go straight ahead.

8. Bridleway Junction**Lat, long: 50.64161, -1.95582 - OS: SZ 03220 82436**

Turn right into rough track and follow bridleway until the track forks left and right with a gate on the left side.

9. Track Junction**Lat, long: 50.64564, -1.95874 - OS: SZ 03013 82884**

Turn left and follow bridleway up across the heathland going through several gates, until you come to the open area with the golf course at the top of the hill.

10. Junction**Lat, long: 50.63789, -1.97613 - OS: SZ 01784 82023**

Turn right at the junction at the top of the golf course track and follow the bridleway signs to Agglestone Rock with the golf course on your right side.

11. Bridleway junction**Lat, long: 50.63936, -1.97499 - OS: SZ 01865 82186**

Turn left into a narrow sandy track and follow the track down to double wooden gates. Go straight ahead at the gates and follow the track down hill to a bridleway sign on the left before the path narrows and changes to a footpath at Agglestone Rock

12. Bridleway Junction**Lat, long: 50.64435, -1.96854 - OS: SZ 02320 82741**

Turn left and follow the track

13. Bridleway Junction**Lat, long: 50.64476, -1.97143 - OS: SZ 02116 82786**

Turn right at the Y junction on the track

14. Bridleway Junction**Lat, long: 50.64505, -1.97208 - OS: SZ 02070 82819**

Turn right at the Y junction on the track and follow the wide track down across the heathland.

15. Bridleway Cross Roads**Lat, long: 50.64912, -1.96672 - OS: SZ 02449 83271**

At a cross roads with a second track, continue straight ahead and follow the wide track until you come to a gate and the ferry road.

16. Ferry Road and Gate**Lat, long: 50.65880, -1.96548 - OS: SZ 02536 84347**

At the ferry road, go through the gate and turn left and follow an unmade rough track down towards the forest.

17. Gate and Junction**Lat, long: 50.66019, -1.97538 - OS: SZ 01836 84502**

Then the track splits to the right with a gate ahead, continue straight ahead through the gate and across an open field until you come to a gate and a small stream.

18. Gate and stream**Lat, long: 50.65745, -1.97947 - OS: SZ 01547 84198**

Go through the gate and down a small slope to a stream with a wooden bridge. You can either cross the water on the bridge or ride through the water. Go up the small slope and then turn left and follow a wide forest track along the edge of the trees until you come to a large metal tank on the left side with Franks Tank written on the side.

19. Franks tank**Lat, long: 50.64531, -1.99501 - OS: SZ 00449 82848**

Go through the wooden gate on the left side and follow the bridleway signs up across the heathland along the edge of the golf course.

20. Bridleway Junction**Lat, long: 50.63863, -1.97615 - OS: SZ 01783 82105**

At a T junction turn right and follow the outgoing track straight ahead and up to the road.

21. Gate and Road Junction**Lat, long: 50.63660, -1.97721 - OS: SZ 01708 81879**

Turn right onto the B3351.

22. T Junction**Lat, long: 50.63583, -1.98371 - OS: SZ 01248 81793**

Turn left at the T junction and follow the road down the hill.

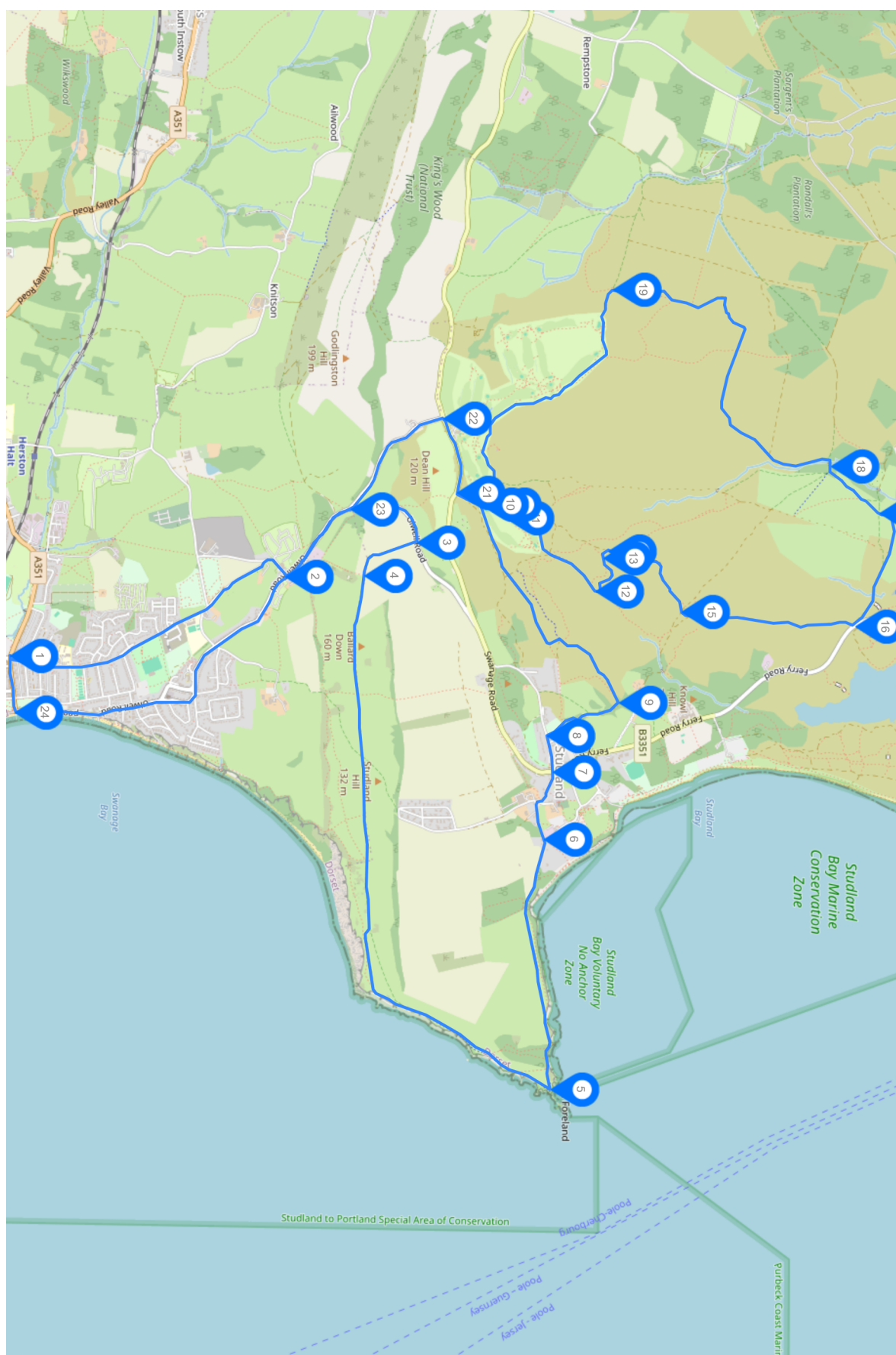
23. Y Junction**Lat, long: 50.63070, -1.97574 - OS: SZ 01812 81222**

At next junction, turn right onto the main road back to Swanage and continue along Ulwell Road and along the sea front.

24. Victoria Avenue (A351) and Shore Road**Lat, long: 50.61198, -1.95793 - OS: SZ 03073 79141**

Turn right onto Victoria Avenue and follow the road back to the car park and start of the ride.

Route Map:



Map data from OpenStreetMap.

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