



Nine Barrow Down and Rempstone Forest

A hilly ride over the Purbeck Hills, around Rempstone Forest and back via Studland Heath

Distance: 10.6 miles
Ascent: 350m (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 lay-by 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 until the road turns right to the viewpoint. On your left is a gate and bridleway.

4. Gate and start of Off road

Lat, long: 50.63601, -1.98961 - OS: SZ 00831 81812

Go through the gate and follow the bridleway up towards Nine Barrow Down until you come to the next gate

5. Gate

Lat, long: 50.63281, -1.99052 - OS: SZ 00766 81457

Go straight ahead at the gate and follow the rough track through the woods and up to the top of the hill. There is a second gate approx half way up the hill and continue following the track until you come to an open field. Follow the track across the field until you come to a gate at the top.

6. Gate**Lat, long: 50.63168, -1.99753 - OS: SZ 00271 81331**

Continue through the gate and follow the track which goes to your right until you come to the main bridleway track at the top of the hill. Turn right and follow the track until you come to the next gate

7. Gate**Lat, long: 50.63206, -2.00100 - OS: SZ 00025 81373**

Go through the gate and follow the track along the top of the hill past the barrows on your right until you come to the next set of gates after a short downhill section. There is a gate on the right side of the track just before the double gates. Turn right at the gate.

8. Gate and start of downhill**Lat, long: 50.63488, -2.01560 - OS: SY 98993 81687**

Turn right through the gate and follow the wide track to the left down the hill until you come to another gate, continue through the gate and down around a sharp right bend to a T junction and wider track

9. T Junction rough track**Lat, long: 50.63843, -2.02058 - OS: SY 98641 82082**

Turn right onto the rough track and continue down the track until you come to a gate with a gap on the side and a small parking area at the road.

10. B3351 Crossing**Lat, long: 50.64070, -2.01949 - OS: SY 98718 82335**

At the road continue straight ahead and follow the narrow road down the hill until you come to a cross roads and junction.

11. Junction**Lat, long: 50.64558, -2.01689 - OS: SY 98902 82877**

Turn right and follow the narrow road heading east, the road turns slightly left past a house and onto a rough track. Follow this until you come to a gate at the edge of the trees.

12. Gate and start of forest track**Lat, long: 50.64702, -2.00306 - OS: SY 99880 83037**

Continue straight ahead through the gate and follow the wide track up the hill heading east until you come to a left turn with a large metal tank with "Franks Tank" painted on the side.

13. Franks Tank**Lat, long: 50.64532, -1.99523 - OS: SZ 00433 82848**

At the large metal tank, turn left and follow the track up a small hill and continue along the track on the edge of the heathland until you come to a junction with a bridleway on the right side.

14. Junction and stream crossing**Lat, long: 50.65734, -1.98012 - OS: SZ 01501 84185**

Turn right and continue across the stream (or use bridge) and up a short hill to a gate

15. Gate**Lat, long: 50.65736, -1.97891 - OS: SZ 01587 84188**

Turn left at the gate and follow the bridleway track past a barn (on right side) and continue straight ahead to the next gate.

16. Gate and junction**Lat, long: 50.66014, -1.97542 - OS: SZ 01834 84496**

Go through the gate and follow the wide track heading south east until you come to the road with a gate on your right side.

17. Road junction and gate**Lat, long: 50.65871, -1.96562 - OS: SZ 02526 84337**

At the road, turn right through the gate and follow the wide track across the heathland until you come to a junction with the track on your left.

18. Junction**Lat, long: 50.64963, -1.96633 - OS: SZ 02477 83328**

Turn left and follow the sandy track down to the river crossing. This can be muddy in winter and loose sand in the summer months.

19. River crossing and gate**Lat, long: 50.64806, -1.96154 - OS: SZ 02815 83154**

At the river/stream, turn right and go straight ahead at the next gate and follow the bridleway up the hill until you come to a cross road junction with bridleway signs.

20. Cross roads junction**Lat, long: 50.64651, -1.95802 - OS: SZ 03065 82981**

Turn right at the cross roads and follow the track until you come to a T junction on your right side.

21. Junction and gate**Lat, long: 50.64564, -1.95866 - OS: SZ 03019 82885**

Turn right at the junction and continue straight ahead through the gate, follow the rough singletrack up the side of the heathland continuing through gates until you come to a T junction at the top of the golf course.

22. T Junction Golf Course**Lat, long: 50.63783, -1.97626 - OS: SZ 01775 82016**

Turn left at the golf course and follow the narrow track up the hill until you come to the road with a small parking area on the right side.

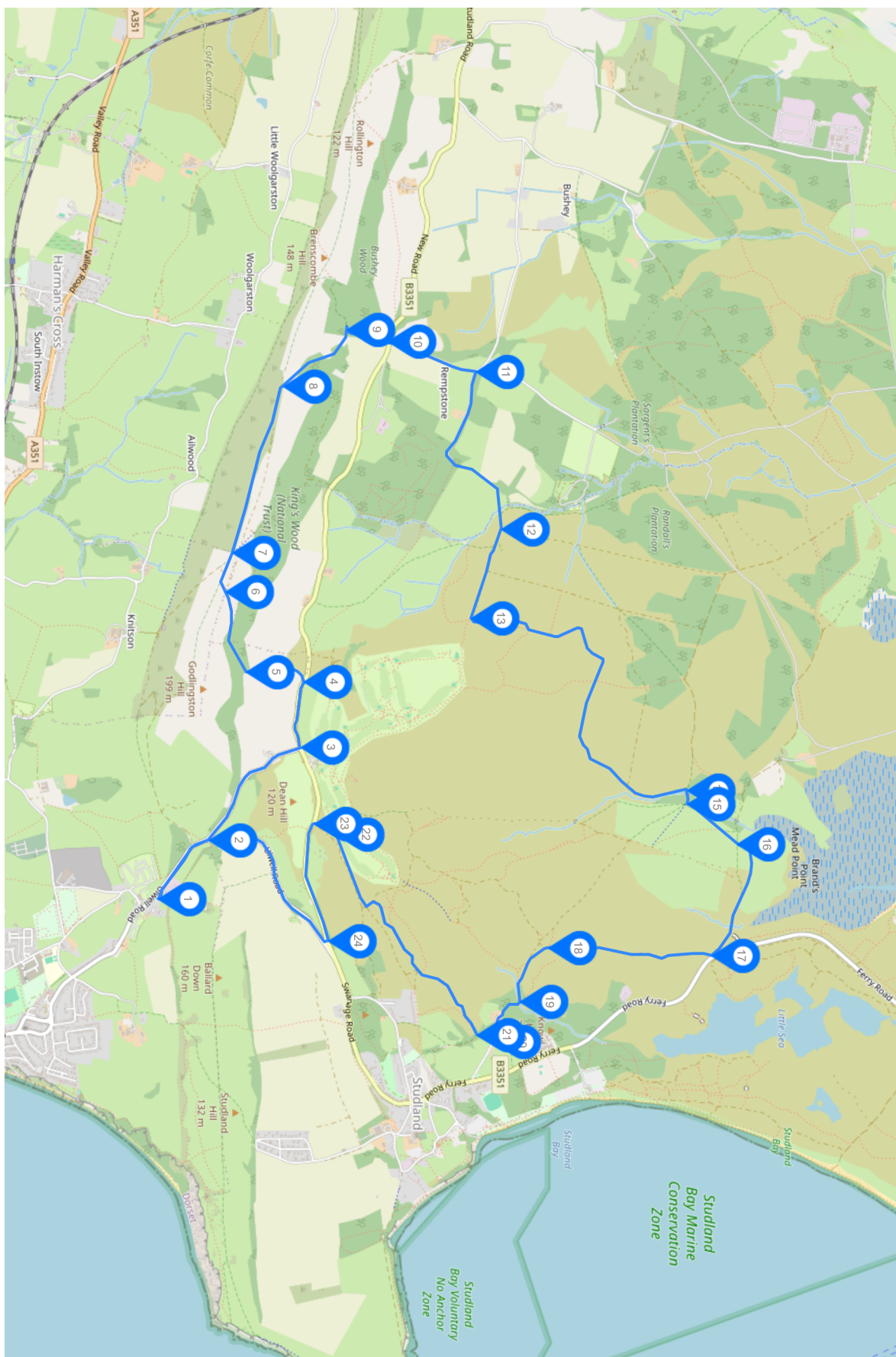
23. Road junction**Lat, long: 50.63661, -1.97717 - OS: SZ 01711 81880**

Turn left onto the road and continue along a short flat section and down a steeper section until you come to the next junction on your right. Caution busy road so take care.

24. T junction**Lat, long: 50.63738, -1.96691 - OS: SZ 02436 81966**

Turn right then right again and follow the road down the hill towards Swanage and back to the start.

Route Map:



Map data from OpenStreetMap.

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