



Old Harry and Nine Barrow Down

A hilly ride around the Isle of Purbeck with some long off road climbs and downhill sections with views over Poole Harbour, Studland Bay and across Purbeck from the top of the Purbeck Hills

Distance: 15 miles
Ascent: 455m (approx)
Start Point: Main Beach Car Park, Victoria Avenue, Swanage, BH19 1PW
Coordinates: Latitude: 50.61173° N, Longitude: -1.96358° 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. Car Park

Lat, long: 50.61173, -1.96358 - OS: SZ 02673 79114

Start from the Car park in Victoria Avenue, exit the car park and turn right onto Victoria Avenue and then 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. T Junction

Lat, long: 50.62704, -1.96995 - OS: SZ 02222 80815

Turn left onto main road and continue along the road and straight ahead at next Y junction and follow the road up a hill until you come to a bridleway sign and track on your right which goes up across an open field.

3. Bridleway

Lat, long: 50.63432, -1.97279 - OS: SZ 02021 81625

Turn right and go through the gate and follow the double track up the hill to the Obelisk monument.

4. Obelisk

Lat, long: 50.63138, -1.96980 - OS: SZ 02232 81298

At the stone Obelisk continue straight ahead up the hill and follow the path along the top of the ridgeway past 3 gates until the track turns left along the side of the cliff and descends to Old Harry Rocks and The Foreland.

5. The Foreland

Lat, long: 50.64185, -1.92428 - OS: SZ 05450 82466

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

6. Junction**Lat, long: 50.64147, -1.94671 - OS: SZ 03865 82421**

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

7. Cross Roads**Lat, long: 50.64193, -1.95273 - OS: SZ 03439 82472**

Turn Right at the cross roads / village shop and follow the road down through the village and past the National Trust car park on your right. The road will go down into a dip then up a small slope to your right followed by a sweeping left turn. Continue until you come to a rough track on the left side a bus stop.

8. Junction and Rough Track**Lat, long: 50.65877, -1.96588 - OS: SZ 02508 84344**

Turn left and follow the rough track down across the heathland past a farm house and continue right when you come to a wooden gate.

9. Gate and Junction**Lat, long: 50.66013, -1.97544 - OS: SZ 01832 84495**

Continue right and follow the track down a small hill and over a bridge. At a metal gate go straight ahead and follow the bridleway signs along the track until you come to a tarmac road.

10. Tarmac road**Lat, long: 50.66347, -1.98680 - OS: SZ 01029 84867**

Turn left onto the road and continue along the road until you come to a junction with a rough track straight ahead and tarmac roads to your left and right.

11. Junction**Lat, long: 50.65615, -2.00951 - OS: SY 99424 84053**

Turn left at the junction and follow the road past a farm house on your left and continue along the road and up towards the Purbeck Hills.

12. Cross Roads**Lat, long: 50.64556, -2.01687 - OS: SY 98903 82875**

Continue straight ahead at the cross roads until you come to the next junction

13. Junction**Lat, long: 50.64075, -2.01942 - OS: SY 98723 82340**

Go across the road and follow a rough track through trees and continue until the track bares right with a junction on your left side.

14. Track Junction**Lat, long: 50.63837, -2.02072 - OS: SY 98631 82076**

Turn left and go up a short steep section of track to a gate. Go through the gate and follow the track up the side of the hill until you come to a small wooden gate.

15. Gate

Lat, long: 50.63488, -2.01554 - OS: SY 98998 81687

Go through the wooden gate and turn left and follow a wide track up a hill and bare right when the track splits to the left. Continue along the track along the top of the Purbeck Hills heading East towards the transmitter towers.

16. Downhill Time!

Lat, long: 50.62974, -1.98968 - OS: SZ 00826 81116

Follow the rough track down the side of the Purbeck Hills until you come to a metal gate. Continue straight ahead at the gate and follow the track down and to your left when you go under electric power lines until you come to a metal gate and the road.

17. Ulwell Road

Lat, long: 50.62991, -1.97523 - OS: SZ 01848 81135

Turn right onto Ulwell Road and follow the road towards Swanage until you come to a cross roads with Washpond Lane on your right.

18. Ulwell Road and Washpond Lane

Lat, long: 50.62315, -1.96370 - OS: SZ 02664 80384

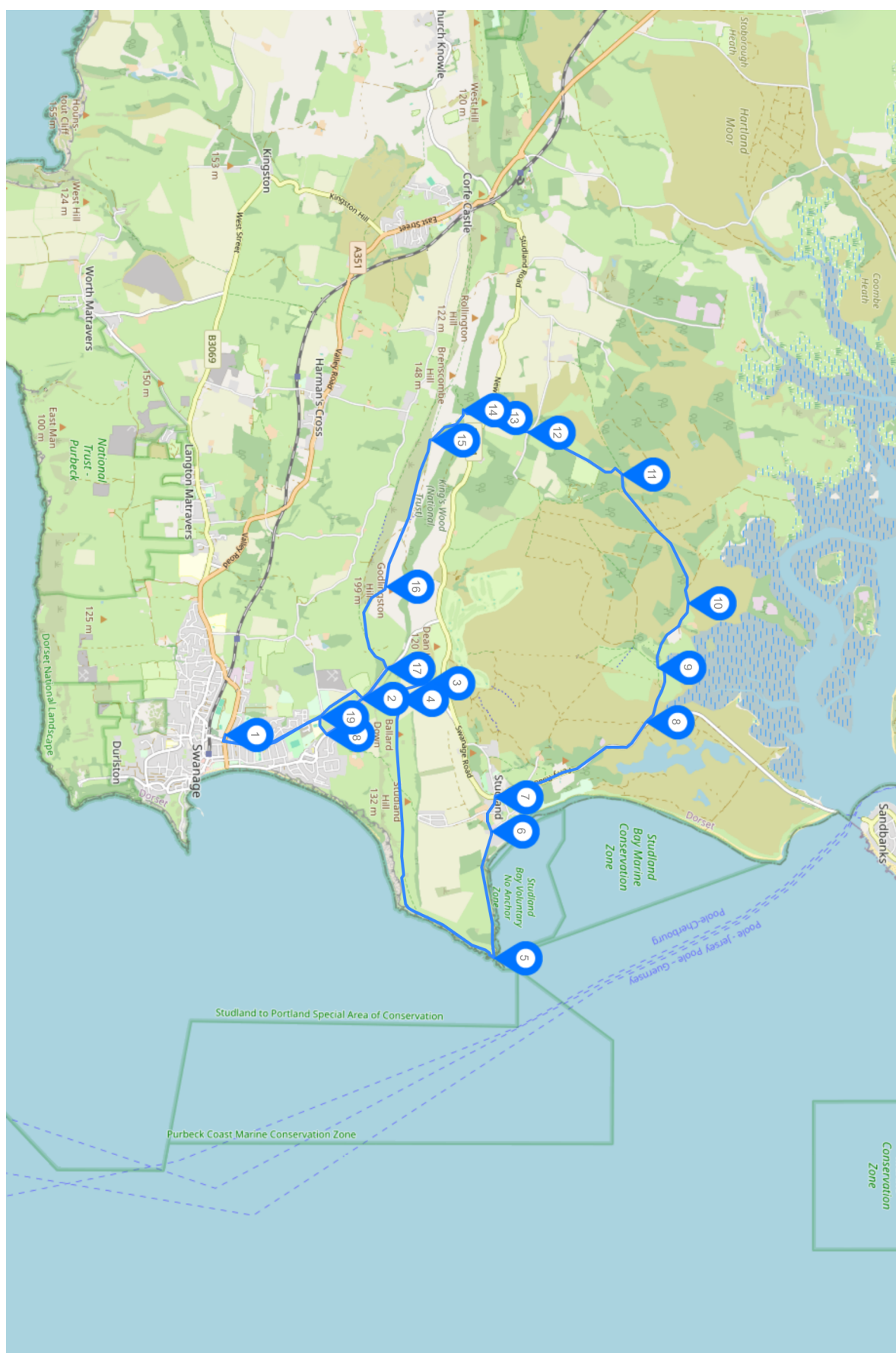
Turn right onto Washpond Lane and at the next roundabout turn left onto Northbrook Road

19. Washpond Lane and Northbrook Road

Lat, long: 50.62243, -1.96672 - OS: SZ 02450 80303

Turn left onto Northbrook road and continue along the road back to the start of the route.

Route Map:



Map data from OpenStreetMap.

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