Virtual Swanage

JURASSIC COAST CYCLING

Old Harry Ride

A ride along the Purbeck Hills past Old Harry Rocks and back via Studland Heath with stunning views of the Isle of Purbeck and across Poole Harbour and the Isle of Wight from the top of the Purbeck hills.

Distance: 9 miles
Ascent: 280m (approx)
Start Point: Main Beach Car Park, Victoria Avenue, Swanage, BH19 1PW
Coordinates: Latitude: 50.61160° N, Longitude: -1.96304° 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**
   Lat, long: 50.61160, -1.96304 - OS: SZ 02712 79099
   At the exit of the car park, turn right then left up Northbrook Road, continue to a mini roundabout.

2. **Roundabout**
   Lat, long: 50.62243, -1.96672 - OS: SZ 02450 80303
   Turn right at the roundabout and continue to the cross roads with Ulwell Road.

3. **Junction and Cross Road**
   Lat, long: 50.62308, -1.96391 - OS: SZ 02649 80376
   At the junction with Ulwell Road, continue straight ahead onto Whitecliff Road until you come to a stone building on your left and a bridleway sign on the left side.

4. **Start of Whitecliff**
   Lat, long: 50.62653, -1.96067 - OS: SZ 02878 80759
   Turn left and follow the steep bridleway up to a wooden gate, go though the gate and follow the very steep chalk path up the side of the hill. Continue though the next gate until you reach the top of the hill and a wooden sign post.

5. **Top of Ballard Down**
   Lat, long: 50.63134, -1.95403 - OS: SZ 03347 81294
   Turn right at the top of the hill and follow the well used path heading East. Continue though the next gate and follow the path along the top of the cliff turning North . Take care on this section as the path is often busy with walkers.

6. **The Foreland**
   Lat, long: 50.64151, -1.92490 - OS: SZ 05407 82427
   At the foreland and Old Harry Rocks, stop for a photo (not too close to the edge) and then continue left heading West following the wide path to Studland.

7. **Manor Road junction**
   Lat, long: 50.64150, -1.94619 - OS: SZ 03902 82425
   At the junction with Manor Road, continue straight ahead and follow Waterly Lane up the hill, turning right into School Lane until you come to a cross roads with the village shop on your right.

8. **Cross Road**
   Lat, long: 50.64196, -1.95276 - OS: SZ 03437 82475
   At the cross roads, continue straight ahead onto Heath Green Road and follow this until you come to a rough track on the right side marked Playing Field.

9. **Junction**
   Lat, long: 50.64160, -1.95596 - OS: SZ 03210 82436
   Turn right and follow the rough track until you come to a bridle way on the left side.

10. **Bridleway**
    Lat, long: 50.64560, -1.95865 - OS: SZ 03020 82880
    Turn left and follow the sandy bridleway heading west though heathland and past the golf course.

11. **Golf Course**
    Lat, long: 50.63787, -1.97617 - OS: SZ 01781 82021
    At the junction at the top of the hill and golf course, turn left and follow the bridleway to the B3351 and wooden gates.

12. **Gate**
    Lat, long: 50.63655, -1.97722 - OS: SZ 01707 81873
    Turn Right onto B3351 and continue along the road until you reach the next junction on your left.

13. **Junction**
    Lat, long: 50.63584, -1.98387 - OS: SZ 01237 81794
    Turn left at the junction and follow the road back down the hill to Ulwell Road.

14. **Junction**
    Lat, long: 50.63066, -1.97574 - OS: SZ 01812 81219
    Turn right onto Ulwell Road and continue along Ulwell Road to Swanage, Continue until you come to a junction on the right side with Seaward Road.

15. **Junction onto Seaward Road**
    Lat, long: 50.61869, -1.95833 - OS: SZ 03044 79888
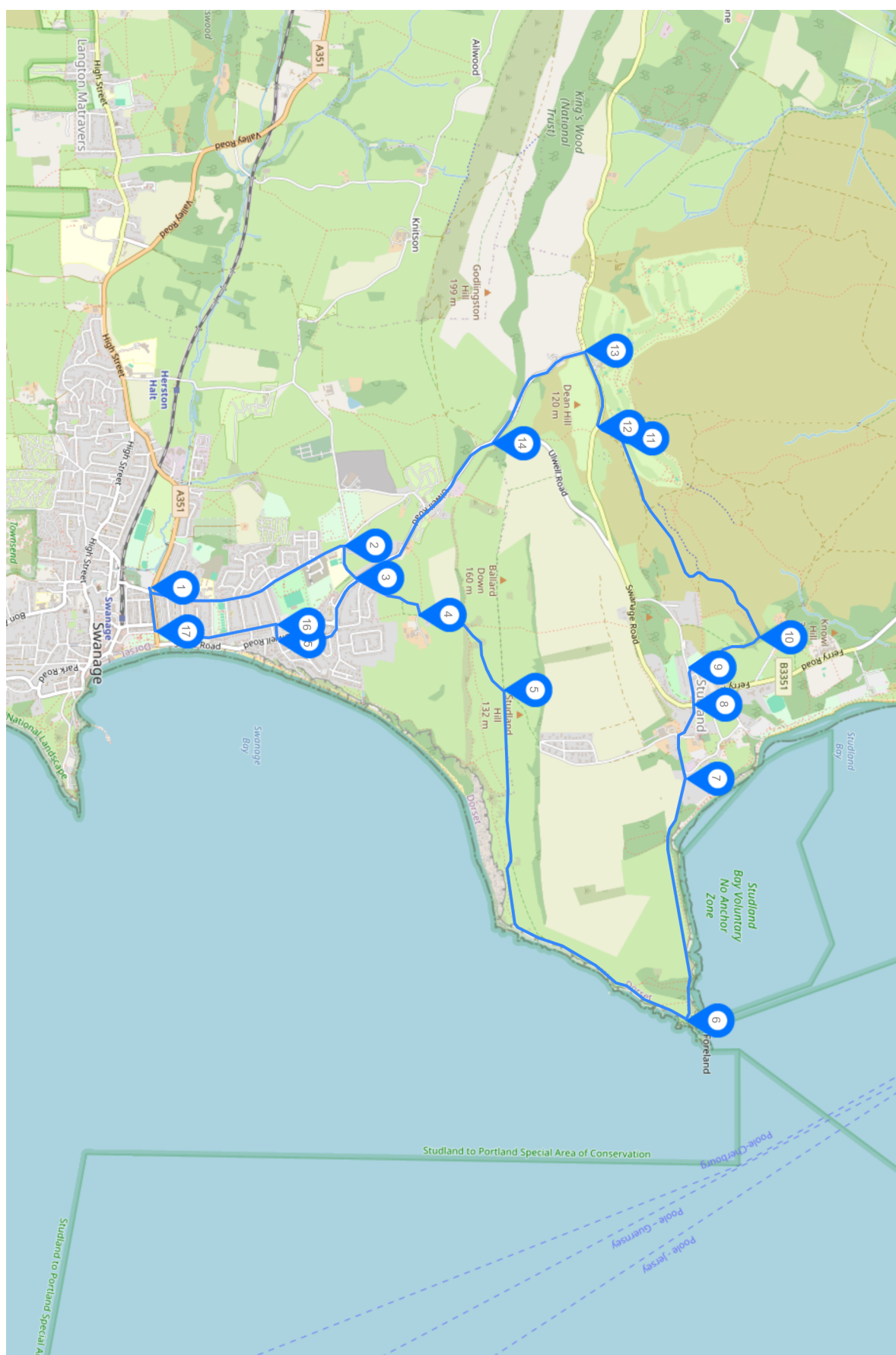   Turn Right onto Seaward Road.

16. Junction with De Moulham Road
   Lat, long: 50.61863, -1.95979 - OS: SZ 02941 79881
   Turn left onto De Moulham Road and continue along the road until the junction with Victoria Avenue.

17. Junction with Victoria Avenue
   Lat, long: 50.61189, -1.95915 - OS: SZ 02987 79131
   Turn right onto Victoria Avenue and follow the road back to the car park and start.

Route Map:

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