

Purbeck 50 Road Ride

A 50 mile ride around the Isle of Purbeck from Swanage to Corfe Casle, over the top of the Purbeck Hills to Moreton returning via Wool, Wareham, Corfe Castle, Kingstone, and Langton Matravers. The ride uses country roads as much as possible and avoids the main busy roads. The ride goes along a section of the army ranges which are normally open at weekends and school holidays.

Distance: 8.6 miles
Ascent: 260m (approx)
Start Point: Main Beach Car Park, Victoria Avenue, Swanage, BH19 1PW
Coordinates: Latitude: 50.61177° N, Longitude: -1.96311° 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: 50.61150, -1.96378 - OS: SZ 02659 79088

Start at the car park in Victoria Avenue, exit the car park and turn right on to Victoria Avenue

2. Northbrook Road Junction

Lat, long: 50.61168, -1.96250 - OS: SZ 02750 79108

Turn left onto Northbrook Road and continue up the hill until you come to a mini roundabout

3. Roundabout

Lat, long: 50.62236, -1.96665 - OS: SZ 02455 80295

At the mini roundabout continue straight ahead along Darkie Lane

4. Ulwell Road and Darkie Lane

Lat, long: 50.62706, -1.96984 - OS: SZ 02230 80818

Turn Left onto Ulwell Road and continue along the road until the Y junction

5. Y Junction

Lat, long: 50.63066, -1.97574 - OS: SZ 01812 81219

Turn left at the junction and continue along the road and up steep hill until the T junction

6. B3351 T Junction

Lat, long: 50.63584, -1.98383 - OS: SZ 01240 81794

At the T junction with the B3351 turn left and follow the road until you come to a T junction at Corfe Castle

7. A351 and B3351 Junction**Lat, long: 50.64135, -2.05803 - OS: SY 95993 82408**

Turn right onto the A351 and then left at the next junction. Caution this is a very busy road at weekends and in the summer

8. A351 Junction**Lat, long: 50.64154, -2.05852 - OS: SY 95958 82430**

Junction to Church Knowle - Turn left at the junction signposted to Church Knowle, Steeple and Kimmeridge and follow the road heading west through the village of Church Knowle and continue along the road until it bares right and up a steep hill to a Y junction at the top of the hill.

9. Grange Hill Y junction**Lat, long: 50.63470, -2.14129 - OS: SY 90104 81676**

Grange Hill Junction - At the top of Grange Hill turn left at the junction and follow the road across the top of the army ranges across the ridge line and down to a T junction. Please note that the range roads are only open at weekends and school holidays. There is a car park at the highest point which is a idea place for a break to take photos.

10. B3070 and Army By-Pass Junction**Lat, long: 50.63586, -2.20402 - OS: SY 85668 81816**

At the junction continue straight ahead

11. B3070 and B3071 Junction**Lat, long: 50.63380, -2.23452 - OS: SY 83511 81593**

Turn left and continue down the hill to a T junction

12. West Road Junction**Lat, long: 50.62596, -2.24830 - OS: SY 82533 80725**

Turn Right onto West Road and continue along the road until the junction with Church Road

13. Church Road junction**Lat, long: 50.62668, -2.25243 - OS: SY 82241 80805**

Turn right onto Church Road and continue along the road until you come to a sharp right corner with a junction on the left. There is a church and graveyard just before this junction.

14. Junction to East Chaldon Road**Lat, long: 50.65914, -2.27705 - OS: SY 80513 84422**

Turn left onto East Chaldon Road and follow the road through a small village. There is a pub called the Sailors Return which is a good place for a drink and food stop. Continue along this road over a steep hill climb and down to the cross roads junction with the A352

15. Wareham Road (A352) and A352 cross road**Lat, long: 50.66309, -2.30260 - OS: SY 78709 84868**

At the cross roads continue straight ahead on the road with a sign for Tadnoll 1 1/4. Take care at this crossing as the A352 is very busy. Follow Redbridge Road until you come to a T junction with a bridge on the right side.

16. Redbridge Road Junction**Lat, long: 50.69527, -2.30202 - OS: SY 78764 88447**

Turn right at the junction and go over the bridge and follow the road until you come to a Y junction with Station Road

17. Y Junction**Lat, long: 50.70285, -2.28533 - OS: SY 79947 89284**

Turn left at the junction and continue along the road until you come to a Y junction on your right with a small sign on the left for Village Hall.

18. Y Junction**Lat, long: 50.70313, -2.28979 - OS: SY 79632 89317**

Turn Right at the Y junction and follow the narrow road until the junction with the B3390

19. B3390 Junction**Lat, long: 50.70978, -2.29724 - OS: SY 79109 90058**

Turn right onto the B3390 and follow the road until you come to a cross roads with a sign for Wareham on the right side

20. B3390 Cross Roads**Lat, long: 50.71894, -2.28541 - OS: SY 79948 91074**

Turn right at the cross roads and follow the road until you come to a T junction with a sign for Bere Regis 3 and Picnic Area.

21. T Junction**Lat, long: 50.71478, -2.22312 - OS: SY 84344 90596**

Turn Left at the junction

22. Lane End Junction**Lat, long: 50.73463, -2.21967 - OS: SY 84594 92802**

At the T junction with a sign for Lane End, turn right and follow the road until you come to a T junction with Sugar Hill and Stop signs on the junction.

23. Sugar Hill Junction**Lat, long: 50.74244, -2.18909 - OS: SY 86754 93665**

Turn right at the junction and follow the road going though Wareham Forest until you come to a roundabout

24. Roundabout**Lat, long: 50.69375, -2.11468 - OS: SY 91997 88240**

At the roundabout continue straight ahead and walk across the railway crossing and then continue straight ahead until you come to a second roundabout.

25. A351 Roundabout**Lat, long: 50.69093, -2.11351 - OS: SY 92079 87926**

At the roundabout continue straight ahead into the town of Wareham. Caution, this roundabout is very busy so take care. There is an alternative walkway and cycleway route under the road on the right side approx 100m before the roundabout. Follow the road though Wareham and over the causeway until you come the village of Stoborough and a T junction on the left side onto Nutcrack Lane

26. South Causeway and Nutcrack Lane Junction**Lat, long: 50.67714, -2.10946 - OS: SY 92362 86393**

Turn left at the junction with Nutcrack Lane and follow the narrow road heading East past the houses at Ridge until you come to a Y junction with sign for Arne and Corfe Castle

27. Arne Road Junction**Lat, long: 50.67839, -2.06522 - OS: SY 95488 86527**

Turn right at junction and follow road across the heathland over 2 cattle grids until you come to a T junction just past the railway bridge.

28. T Junction**Lat, long: 50.64550, -2.06519 - OS: SY 95487 82871**

Turn right at junction and then left at roundabout following the A351 towards Corfe Castle and continue through the village until you come to a Y junction on your right with a sign for Langton Matravers and Kingston

29. Kingston Hill and East Street Junction**Lat, long: 50.62957, -2.05159 - OS: SY 96447 81098**

Turn right at the junction and follow the steep hill up to Kingston Village

30. Kingston Village**Lat, long: 50.61634, -2.06187 - OS: SY 95719 79627**

Follow the road as it turns left at the village and continue along the road and down through the village of Langton Matravers (take care as narrow road with people crossing between parked cars) until you reach the Y junction with Valley Road.

31. Valley Road Junction**Lat, long: 50.60942, -1.99064 - OS: SZ 00759 78856**

Turn right onto Valley Road and follow the road into Swanage until the road goes left at the Y junction with the High Street.

32. High Street Junction**Lat, long: 50.61076, -1.97710 - OS: SZ 01716 79006**

Turn right onto the High Street and continue along the road.

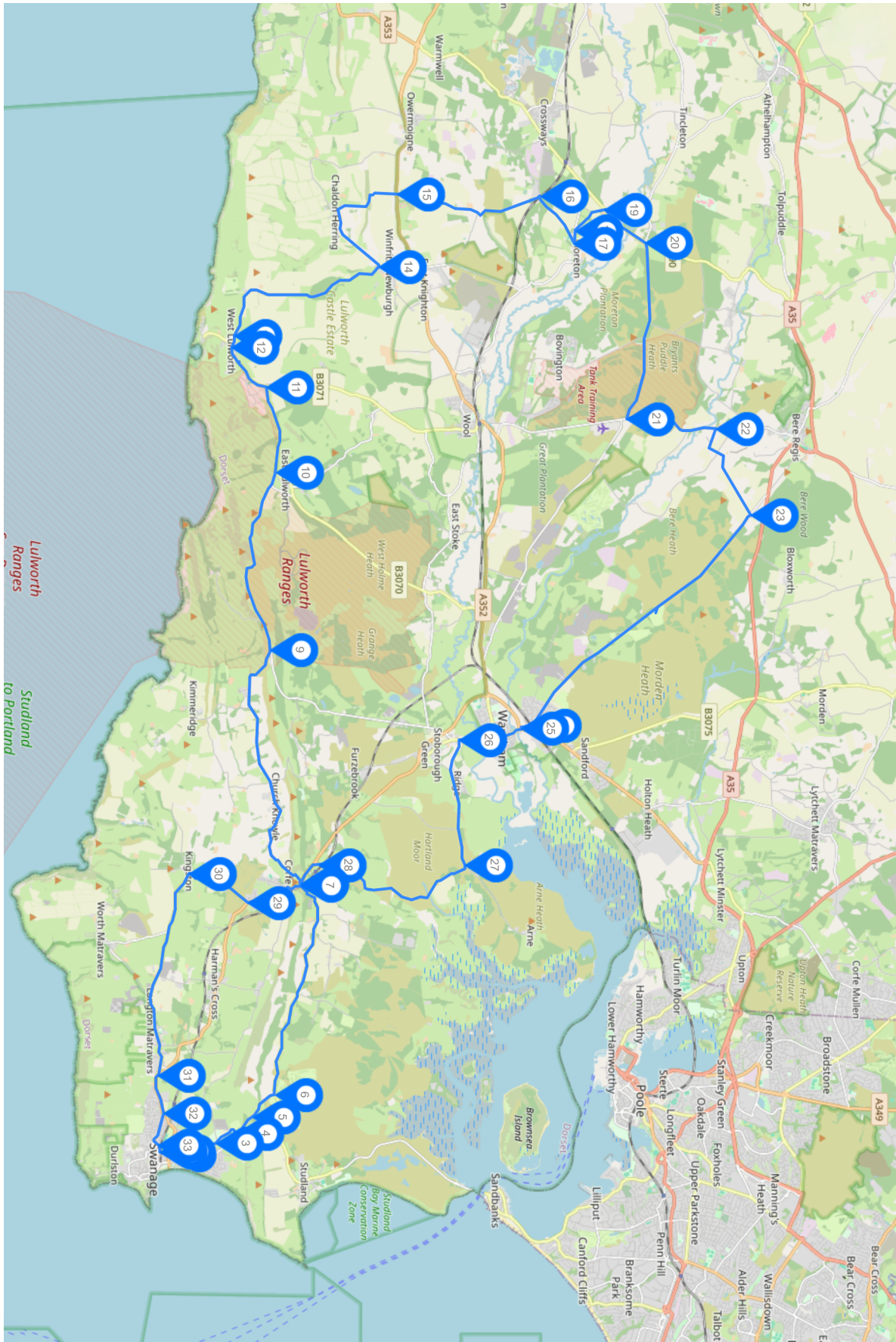
33. Court Road Cross Road**Lat, long: 50.60943, -1.96598 - OS: SZ 02503 78858**

At the cross road at the bottom of Court Road, continue straight ahead and follow the narrow road along side the railway until you come to a T junction with a stone bridge on your left.

34. Court Road and Northbrook Road Junction**Lat, long: 50.60979, -1.96346 - OS: SZ 02682 78897**

At the T junction turn left over the bridge and follow the road down to the junction with Victoria Avenue. Turn left and follow Victoria Avenue back to the start.

Route Map:



Map data from OpenStreetMap.

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