



# **Purbeck Hills and Woodland Ride**

A short ride around the Purbeck Valley and Rempstone Forest.

**Distance:** 16 miles **Ascent:** 350m (approx)

Start Point: Main Beach Car Park, Victoria Avenue, Swanage, BH19 1PW

**Coordinates:** Latitude: 50.61164° N, Longitude: -1.96257° 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: 50.61164, -1.96257 - OS: SZ 02745 79104

Start from the Car park in Victoria Avenue, exit the car park and turn right onto Victoria Avenue and then left onto Northbrook Road.

### 2. Roundabout

Lat, long: 50.62210, -1.96656 - OS: SZ 02462 80266

Roundabout, Turn right at the mini roundabout.

### 3. Cross Roads

Lat, long: 50.62286, -1.96370 - OS: SZ 02664 80351

Cross the main road and follow road up to rough track and left following bridleway sign up hill.

# 4. Bridleway

Lat, long: 50.62660, -1.96068 - OS: SZ 02877 80767

Follow very steep track up the side of the hill through trees and then up chalk path.

### 5. Top of the hill

Lat, long: 50.63123, -1.95403 - OS: SZ 03348 81282

Turn right at the top of the hill next to the wooden sign and follow track east past through wooden gates and follow track down towards Old Harry / The Foreland.

### 6. The Foreland

Lat, long: 50.64248, -1.92448 - OS: SZ 05436 82535

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

### 7. Studland Village

### Lat, long: 50.64162, -1.94617 - OS: SZ 03903 82438

At the junction next to the public toilets, turn right and follow the road up the hill past the pub and then turn left at the next junction

### 8. Main Road Junction

### Lat, long: 50.64298, -1.95244 - OS: SZ 03459 82589

Turn right onto the B3351 and follow the road down though the village until you come to a bridleway sign on the left side of the road. The bridleway is before you reach Knowle House Hotel.

### 9. Bridleway

# Lat, long: 50.64810, -1.95576 - OS: SZ 03224 83159

Turn left through a wooden gate and follow the bridleway across the field until you come to a wide track.

### 10. Track junction

### Lat, long: 50.64655, -1.95794 - OS: SZ 03070 82986

Turn right and follow the track down into wooded area, through a gate and over a small wooden bridge at the stream, Go across the bridge and turn left and follow the bridleway across the heathland going straight ahead at the junctions until you come to an open field with a wooden sign post

# 11. Sign Post

### Lat, long: 50.65412, -1.97557 - OS: SZ 01823 83827

When the track opens to a wide field with a wooden signpost, bare right and continue across the field to the fence line and a gate.

#### 12. Gate and Junction

### Lat, long: 50.65734, -1.97890 - OS: SZ 01588 84185

Go though the gate and turn left and continue through the next gate and across a small stream. Turn right onto a wide forest track and continue along the track until you come to a cross roads then turn right and continue along the track until you come to a gate and tarmac road

### 13. Cross roads

### Lat, long: 50.65993, -1.99938 - OS: SZ 00140 84473

At the gate turn left and follow the tarmac road until you come to a T junction with a off road track straight ahead.

# 14. Junction and Stop Sign

## Lat, long: 50.65606, -2.00961 - OS: SY 99417 84043

At the junction continue straight ahead and follow the rough track until you come to a tarmac road.

#### 15. Junction with road

### Lat, long: 50.65147, -2.03406 - OS: SY 97689 83533

Turn left at the junction onto the tarmac road and continue straight ahead at the next junction and continue up the road until you come to a T junction with the B3351

#### 16. T Junction

### Lat, long: 50.64457, -2.04065 - OS: SY 97222 82766

Turn right onto the B3351 and continue until you come to a bridleway sign on the left at Rollington Farm

### 17. Rollington Farm Junction

### Lat, long: 50.64525, -2.04534 - OS: SY 96890 82842

Turn left at the farm junction and follow the track past the farm buildings, through a metal gate and follow the track up the side of the Purbeck Hills until you come to the transmitter site and a metal gate on the left side.

#### 18. Transmitter Gate

# Lat, long: 50.63882, -2.04004 - OS: SY 97265 82126

Go through the gate and bare right and follow the wide chalk track down the side of the hill until you come to a junction and gate

### 19. Lower track

# Lat, long: 50.63765, -2.03750 - OS: SY 97444 81996

Bare left and follow the narrow bridleway along the side of the hill

#### 20. Gate

### Lat, long: 50.63724, -2.03385 - OS: SY 97703 81950

Continue straight ahead at the gate

#### 21. Gate

### Lat, long: 50.63661, -2.02938 - OS: SY 98018 81881

Continue straight ahead at the gate

### 22. Gate and Junction

### Lat, long: 50.63518, -2.02193 - OS: SY 98545 81720

When the track joins a wider chalk track from the top of the hill turn right and go through the gate and follow the wide track down to the tarmac road.

#### 23. Road

### Lat, long: 50.63268, -2.02209 - OS: SY 98534 81443

Turn left onto the tarmac road and continue a short distance until you come to a T junction

## 24. T junction

# Lat, long: 50.63242, -2.02111 - OS: SY 98603 81414

Turn right at the T junction and follow the narrow road down the side of the valley and up a small hill to a cross roads at Harmans Cross

### 25. Cross Roads

### Lat, long: 50.62304, -2.02357 - OS: SY 98429 80370

At the cross roads, continue straight ahead and follow the road down the hill to the railway bridge and continue up the hill until you come to a rough track on your left with a bridleway sign.

### 26. Bridleway junction

### Lat, long: 50.61516, -2.02306 - OS: SY 98465 79495

Turn left and follow the wide track until you come to the entrance to a field and bridleway sign on your left, left and follow the narrow bridleway track down the hill turning right into a open field and then left down the edge of the field until you come to a metal gate.

### 27. Metal Gate

### Lat, long: 50.61566, -2.01972 - OS: SY 98701 79550

Go through the metal gate and turn right following a track across the field towards the farm buildings and a metal gate. Go through the metal gate and follow the bridleway signs along the edge of the farm buildings and left at the end of the barn to a metal gate going into the woodland area.

#### 28. Metal Gate

### Lat, long: 50.61679, -2.01552 - OS: SY 98998 79675

Go through the metal gate and follow the singletrack through the woods until you come to a rough track junction

### 29. Rough Track

### Lat, long: 50.61673, -2.00744 - OS: SY 99570 79669

Turn left onto the track and follow the unmade road until you come to a cross roads with the A351

### 30. A351 Cross roads

### Lat, long: 50.61634, -2.00244 - OS: SY 99923 79625

Turn right onto the A351 and follow the road back to Swanage and continue along the High Street, onto Victoria Avenue and back to the start at the car park.

# Route Map:

