



Purbeck Hills

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

Distance: 13 miles **Ascent:** 420m (approx)

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

Coordinates: Latitude: 50.61148° N, Longitude: -1.96376° 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: 50.61148, -1.96376 - OS: SZ 02661 79086 Exit the car park and turn right onto Victoria Avenue.

2. Northbrook Road

Lat, long: 50.61168, -1.96254 - OS: SZ 02747 79108

Turn 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.

3. Junction

Lat, long: 50.62705, -1.96990 - OS: SZ 02226 80817

Turn left onto main road and continue along the road until a right bend with a wide track on your left and double gates.

4. Start of Off Road

Lat, long: 50.62985, -1.97531 - OS: SZ 01843 81128

Turn left and go through the gate and follow the rough track through the valley and up the side of the Purbeck Hills towards Corfe Castle.

5. Junction

Lat, long: 50.62809, -1.97817 - OS: SZ 01640 80933

Continue right up the hill at T junction on the track.

6. Metal Gate

Lat, long: 50.62777, -1.98672 - OS: SZ 01036 80897

Go straight ahead through the gate and continue to follow the track up the hill.

7. Top of the hill

Lat, long: 50.62966, -1.98912 - OS: SZ 00866 81106

At the top of the rough track bare left and follow the track along the top of the hill.

8. Gate

Lat, long: 50.63010, -1.99373 - OS: SZ 00540 81155

Continue straight ahead at the gate.

9. Gate

Lat, long: 50.63207, -2.00100 - OS: SZ 00025 81375

Continue straight ahead at the gate.

10. Gate

Lat, long: 50.63494, -2.01683 - OS: SY 98906 81694

Continue straight ahead at the gate.

11. Gate

Lat, long: 50.63859, -2.03351 - OS: SY 97727 82101

Continue straight ahead at the gate.

12. Cross Roads

Lat, long: 50.63887, -2.04013 - OS: SY 97258 82132

At the transmitter site, continue straight ahead at the gate and follow the track down the hill towards Corfe Castle. At the next gate continue straight ahead on the tarmac road (Sandy Hill Lane) down to the T junction with the A351 and East Street.

13. T Junction A351

Lat, long: 50.63934, -2.05649 - OS: SY 96102 82185

Turn left onto East Street and follow the road up the hill until you come to the village square and turn right into the square . This road is very busy so take care when turning right at the village square.

14. The Square

Lat, long: 50.63850, -2.05711 - OS: SY 96058 82091

Turn right into the village square and continue along West Street until you come to a cattle grid at the entrance to Corfe Common.

15. Corfe Common

Lat, long: 50.63188, -2.06016 - OS: SY 95841 81356

Turn left onto the common before the cattle grid and follow fenced in section for approx 30m until you come to a gate.

16. Gate

Lat, long: 50.63157, -2.05982 - OS: SY 95866 81320

Go straight ahead at the gate and follow the path across the common until you come to a cross roads and gate at the B3069.

17. B3069 Crossing

Lat, long: 50.62815, -2.05362 - OS: SY 96304 80940

Go straight across the B3069 onto the east section of Corfe Common and go through a wooden gate and follow the track up a small slope and then bare left and follow the track east across the common until you come to a wooden gate and Valley Road.

18. Valley Road junction

Lat, long: 50.62659, -2.04761 - OS: SY 96729 80766

Turn right onto Valley Road and follow the road until you come to a junction on your right with a sign for Afflington Manor Farm.

19. Junction Afflington Manor Farm

Lat, long: 50.62571, -2.04394 - OS: SY 96988 80668

Turn right onto the narrow road and follow the road until you come to the farm yard.

20. Farm Bridleway

Lat, long: 50.62000, -2.04323 - OS: SY 97038 80034

Go through the farm yard and turn right behind the farm buildings and follow the bridleway up a rough track

21. Gate

Lat, long: 50.61835, -2.04675 - OS: SY 96789 79850

Continue to follow the rough track up the side of the valley.

22. Gate

Lat, long: 50.61388, -2.04414 - OS: SY 96973 79353

Continue to follow the rough track up the side of the valley until you come to a T junction and road.

23. Road Junction

Lat, long: 50.61238, -2.04462 - OS: SY 96939 79186

Turn left onto the B3069 and follow the road towards Swanage until you come to the third junction on the right side with a red phone box on the left and sign for Acton.

24. Junction Acton

Lat, long: 50.60768, -2.01700 - OS: SY 98893 78663

Turn right and follow the narrow road past the houses in Acton which then changes to a rough track which bares left and then right to the Priests Way

25. Priests Way Junction

Lat, long: 50.60179, -2.01566 - OS: SY 98988 78008

At the T junction, turn left and follow the Priests Way track down the hill past several gates until you come to a left turn with an open field on your left. Follow the track down to a wooden gate.

26. Wooden Gate

Lat, long: 50.60284, -1.99087 - OS: SZ 00742 78124

Go through the gate and turn right and follow the track past farm buildings to a metal gate.

27. Metal Gate

Lat, long: 50.60327, -1.98776 - OS: SZ 00962 78172

Go straight ahead at the metal gate and through the next metal gate and follow the rough track heading east.

28. Gate

Lat, long: 50.60378, -1.98188 - OS: SZ 01378 78229

Continue straight ahead at the gate until you come to a junction with a wooden sign straight ahead.

29. Junction

Lat, long: 50.60395, -1.97945 - OS: SZ 01551 78248

Turn left and follow the narrow track down the hill and though next gate. At a small cross roads turn right and follow the narrow track down the hill until you come to a T junction on a tarmac road.

30. Junction

Lat, long: 50.60696, -1.97441 - OS: SZ 01907 78583

Turn left onto the road and at the next Y junction continue straight ahead and then bare right along Priests Road until you come to a steep road on your left, Gordon Road. Go down the hill until you come to the cross roads with the High Street.

31. High Street

Lat, long: 50.60856, -1.96776 - OS: SZ 02378 78761

Turn right onto the High Street then bare left down Court hill until you come to a cross roads at the bottom of the hill.

32. Cross Roads Junction

Lat, long: 50.60945, -1.96587 - OS: SZ 02511 78859

Go straight ahead at the junction onto Court Road and follow the road past the railway on your left until you come to a T junction with a stone bridge on the left side. Turn left over the bridge and follow Northbrook Road down to Victoria Avenue cross roads and turn left back to the start.

Route Map:

