



Purbeck 24 Off Road Ride

Explore the hills and heathland in the Isle of Purbeck with everything from woodland singletrack to open forest tracks to explore.

Distance: 24 miles
Ascent: 450m (approx)
Start Point: Start from layby on Ulwell Road at the Welcome to Swanage signs
Coordinates: Latitude: 50.62791° N, Longitude: -1.97058° W **(OS)** SZ 02171 80919

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: 50.62791, -1.97058 - OS: SZ 02177 80913

Start in the Layby on Ulwell Road, Exit the layby and turn right towards Studland

2. Ulwell Road Junction

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

Turn left at the junction marked Corfe Castle 4 and follow the road up the hill to the T Junction

3. B3351 T Junction

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

Turn right at the T junction and follow the road towards Studland past the Golf Course until you come to a small parking area on your left and a wooden gate with a bridleway sign.

4. B3351 and bridleway

Lat, long: 50.63654, -1.97720 - OS: SZ 01709 81873

Turn left and go through the wooden gate and follow the track heading North alongside the golf course following signs for Agglestone Rock until you come to a set of double wooden gates

5. Double Wood Gates

Lat, long: 50.64176, -1.97192 - OS: SZ 02082 82453

At the double wooden gates continue straight ahead on the wide gravel/stone track heading north and follow the wide track down to Agglestone Rock.

6. Agglestone Rock**Lat, long: 50.64457, -1.96848 - OS: SZ 02325 82765**

At Agglestone Rock turn left just before you reach the rock and follow the wide track turning right at the next junction and right again at the next path junction until you come to a cross roads.

7. Cross Roads**Lat, long: 50.64912, -1.96672 - OS: SZ 02449 83271**

At the cross road, continue straight ahead and continue heading North on the wide track to the Ferry Road gate

8. Ferry Road Junction**Lat, long: 50.65873, -1.96561 - OS: SZ 02527 84340**

At the Ferry Road, go through the gate and turn left following the wide track along the edge of Poole Harbour until you come to a junction with a farm on your right.

9. Farm Junction**Lat, long: 50.66083, -1.97492 - OS: SZ 01869 84574**

Turn left and follow the wide track around to your right and down a small hill to a river crossing and up to the next gate.

10. Gate**Lat, long: 50.66046, -1.97878 - OS: SZ 01596 84532**

Go through the gate (sometimes tied open) and follow the wide track keeping to the left at the next junctions until you come to a tarmac road.

11. Tarmac road Junction**Lat, long: 50.66350, -1.98621 - OS: SZ 01071 84869**

Turn left onto the Tarmac Road and continue until the next Right turn with a junction on your right side.

12. Junction**Lat, long: 50.66347, -1.98973 - OS: SZ 00822 84867**

Turn right and follow the rough track down a small hill until you come to a junction with the main path going left and a house ahead.

13. Junction**Lat, long: 50.66493, -1.99417 - OS: SZ 00509 85029**

Turn left and then turn right as the track follows the edge of the trees to a gate.

14. Gate**Lat, long: 50.66493, -1.99562 - OS: SZ 00406 85029**

Go straight ahead at the gate and follow the path across the open fields until you come to a metal gate and junction with a wide track.

15. Gate and Junction**Lat, long: 50.66770, -2.00449 - OS: SY 99779 85337**

Go though the gate and turn left on the wide track down to a cross roads and continue straight ahead until you come to a junction with a tarmac road.

16. Junction and Tarmac road**Lat, long: 50.66270, -2.01204 - OS: SY 99245 84781**

Turn left onto the tarmac road at the stepped cross road and then right onto the bridleway following the wide sandy track through the trees until you come to a gate at the next road.

17. Gate and road**Lat, long: 50.65657, -2.02420 - OS: SY 98386 84099**

Go through the gate and follow the road past farm buildings until you come to a T junction.

18. Meaduss Lane Junction**Lat, long: 50.65392, -2.03277 - OS: SY 97780 83806**

Turn right and follow the narrow road up a small hill and left until the next T junction

19. Thrashers Lane T Junction**Lat, long: 50.65661, -2.03887 - OS: SY 97349 84104**

At Thrashers Lane cross the junction to a metal gate and then bare right along the bridleway to the next cross roads with a tarmac road and metal gate.

20. BP road Junction**Lat, long: 50.65929, -2.04206 - OS: SY 97123 84402**

Go through the metal gate, across the road and next metal gate and follow the bridleway to the next gate and across the open fields down to a stone bridge with two wooden gates (can be very wet in winter)

21. Wooden Gate and Stone Bridge**Lat, long: 50.66253, -2.04844 - OS: SY 96673 84763**

Go through the wooden gates across the stone bridge and straight across the next field following the bridleway to the next wooden gate and small wood bridge. Go across the bridge and follow the narrow track to the next gate and open heathland.

22. Gate and Heathland**Lat, long: 50.66401, -2.05238 - OS: SY 96394 84928**

Turn left at the gate then right after approx 20m and continue to the narrow tarmac road. There is a small parking area with wooden posts on the opposite side of the road with a narrow path heading West.

23. Road crossing**Lat, long: 50.66437, -2.05382 - OS: SY 96292 84968**

Go across the road and follow a narrow path heading West until it forks to the right at a 45 degree angle. Follow this narrow path until you come to a raised wide gravel path. This is the old clayworks railway line.

24. Middlebere Tramway/Hartland Way**Lat, long: 50.66500, -2.05691 - OS: SY 96074 85038**

Turn left on to the old tramway and follow the path until it comes to a Y junction with a gate on your left and sandy narrow track to the right.

25. Middlebere Tramway/Hartland Way Y Junction**Lat, long: 50.66180, -2.06618 - OS: SY 95419 84683**

Bear right at the Y junction and follow the sandy track on across the open heathland until the track turns right. Continue along the track past the next Y junction and then turn left at the next track T junction.

26. T Junction**Lat, long: 50.66463, -2.07685 - OS: SY 94665 84999**

Turn left and follow the track across the heathland until you come to wooden gates and Soldiers Road

27. Soldiers Road Gate**Lat, long: 50.66326, -2.08584 - OS: SY 94030 84847**

At the wooden gate go through the gate and turn left onto Soldiers Road. Continue to the T junction with the A351

28. A351 and Soldiers Road Junction**Lat, long: 50.65727, -2.08753 - OS: SY 93909 84181**

Turn right onto the A351 (Caution this road is very busy and take care when crossing the road) and follow the road for approx 120m until you come to a narrow entrance on the left with a bridleway sign.

29. A351 and Bridleway**Lat, long: 50.65807, -2.08865 - OS: SY 93830 84269**

Turn left and follow the narrow bridleway heading west down a small hill, cross very wet boggy section and then following the narrow path past gorse bushes until you come to a rough road and junction under the railway.

30. Railway bridge and bridleway crossing**Lat, long: 50.65549, -2.09386 - OS: SY 93461 83983**

Turn left under the railway bridge then right onto the signposted bridleway and continue along this bridleway until you come to the Furzebrook Road. An alternative route for sections 29 and 30 which can be muddy in winter is to continue along the A351 heading North until the next roundabout then turn left heading South along the Furzebrook Road.

31. Furzebrook Road**Lat, long: 50.65435, -2.09832 - OS: SY 93146 83857**

Turn left onto the Furzebrook Road and continue along the road until you come to a turning on your left with a bridleway sign for Norden.

32. Junction for Norden Singletrack**Lat, long: 50.64523, -2.09641 - OS: SY 93279 82843**

Turn left onto the narrow singletrack trail and keep to the right at the footpath junctions along the trail going over a wooden bridge and continue heading East until you come to Norden Farm.

33. Norden Farm**Lat, long: 50.64596, -2.07592 - OS: SY 94728 82923**

Turn right and follow the farm roads to your left going past the camping areas and through the farm buildings until you come to a T junction with the A351.

34. A351 Junction**Lat, long: 50.64578, -2.06859 - OS: SY 95247 82902**

Turn right onto the A351 and follow the road across the next roundabout and down to Corfe Castle. Follow the road as it turns right up past the Castle until you come to the village square on your right side. Please note this road is very busy during the summer months.

35. East Street and The Square**Lat, long: 50.63852, -2.05708 - OS: SY 96060 82093**

Turn right in to the village square and left onto West Street following the narrow road heading South through the village. There are several cafes and pubs so this is a ideal time for a break and some food and drink (non alcoholic!)

36. West Street Start of Corfe Common**Lat, long: 50.63191, -2.06017 - OS: SY 95841 81359**

At the end of West Street go straight ahead over the cattle grid and follow the narrow road across the common over the next cattle grid until you come to farm buildings with a large water wheel on your left side.

37. Farm Buildings**Lat, long: 50.62222, -2.07048 - OS: SY 95111 80282**

Go though the farm yard past the large water wheel and follow the track which bears right past the farm and then left up a rough track heading North/East until you come to a gate on your left into woodland.

38. Gate and woodland track**Lat, long: 50.61693, -2.06957 - OS: SY 95174 79694**

Go though the gate and follow the woodland track up the hill until you come to a Y junction with a tarmac road.

39. Junction with West Street**Lat, long: 50.61582, -2.06511 - OS: SY 95490 79569**

Turn left onto West Street in Kingston and follow the road down to the junction with the B3069 next to the Scott Arms pub

40. Kingston Hill and West Street**Lat, long: 50.61635, -2.06185 - OS: SY 95721 79629**

Turn right / straight head at the junction and follow the B3069 until you come to a T junction on the right with a sign post for Worth Matravers 1

41. B3069 Junction to Worth Matravers**Lat, long: 50.61178, -2.04138 - OS: SY 97169 79120**

Turn right at the junction and follow the road to the village of Worth Matravers and the junction next to the Square and Compass pub. This is a very popular pub for walkers and cyclists.

42. Y Junction at Square and Compass Pub**Lat, long: 50.59738, -2.03751 - OS: SY 97441 77518**

Turn left and continue up the hill though the village until you come to a bridleway on your right with a wooden gate which is set back from the road.

43. Priests Way bridleway**Lat, long: 50.60185, -2.03026 - OS: SY 97955 78014**

Turn right and go through the gate crossing the open field and follow the wide track heading east towards Swanage. There are several gates on this track and it is often busy with walkers all year. Continue along this track for approximately 2 miles until the path turns sharp left with farm buildings on your left side.

44. Priests Way**Lat, long: 50.60093, -1.99318 - OS: SZ 00579 77912**

Continue past the farm buildings and follow the wide track as it turns left around the field and down to a wide gate and Y Junction

45. Gate and Y Junction**Lat, long: 50.60286, -1.99089 - OS: SZ 00741 78126**

Go through the gate and turn right up a small hill and follow the bridleway signs through three more gates until you come to a cross roads with a signpost for Swanage.

46. Junction**Lat, long: 50.60397, -1.97960 - OS: SZ 01540 78250**

Turn left and follow the narrow bridleway down the hill alongside an open field on your right until you come to a cross roads junction.

47. Cross roads junction**Lat, long: 50.60633, -1.97915 - OS: SZ 01572 78513**

Turn right and follow the narrow track heading east until you come to the junction with Priests Road.

48. Junction Purbeck View and Priests Way**Lat, long: 50.60695, -1.97443 - OS: SZ 01906 78582**

Turn left and then straight ahead at the next junction onto Priests Road. Follow Priests Road until you come to the junction with Gordon Road on your left.

49. Gordon Road and Priests Road**Lat, long: 50.60796, -1.96825 - OS: SZ 02343 78695**

Turn left down Gordon Road

50. High Street and Gordon Road**Lat, long: 50.60861, -1.96780 - OS: SZ 02375 78766**

Turn Right onto the High Street and follow the road down Court Road to the right turn at the bottom of the hill with a junction on your left and also straight ahead onto Court Road.

51. Kings Road West and Court Road**Lat, long: 50.60940, -1.96599 - OS: SZ 02502 78854**

Continue straight ahead at the bottom of Court Road and follow the road up a small hill to a junction with a stone bridge overlooking the railway.

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

Turn left over the bridge and follow Northbrook road heading North to the junction with Victoria Avenue.

53. Northbrook Road and Victoria Avenue**Lat, long: 50.61165, -1.96252 - OS: SZ 02748 79105**

Continue straight ahead at Victoria Avenue onto Northbrook Road and continue heading North until you come to a mini roundabout.

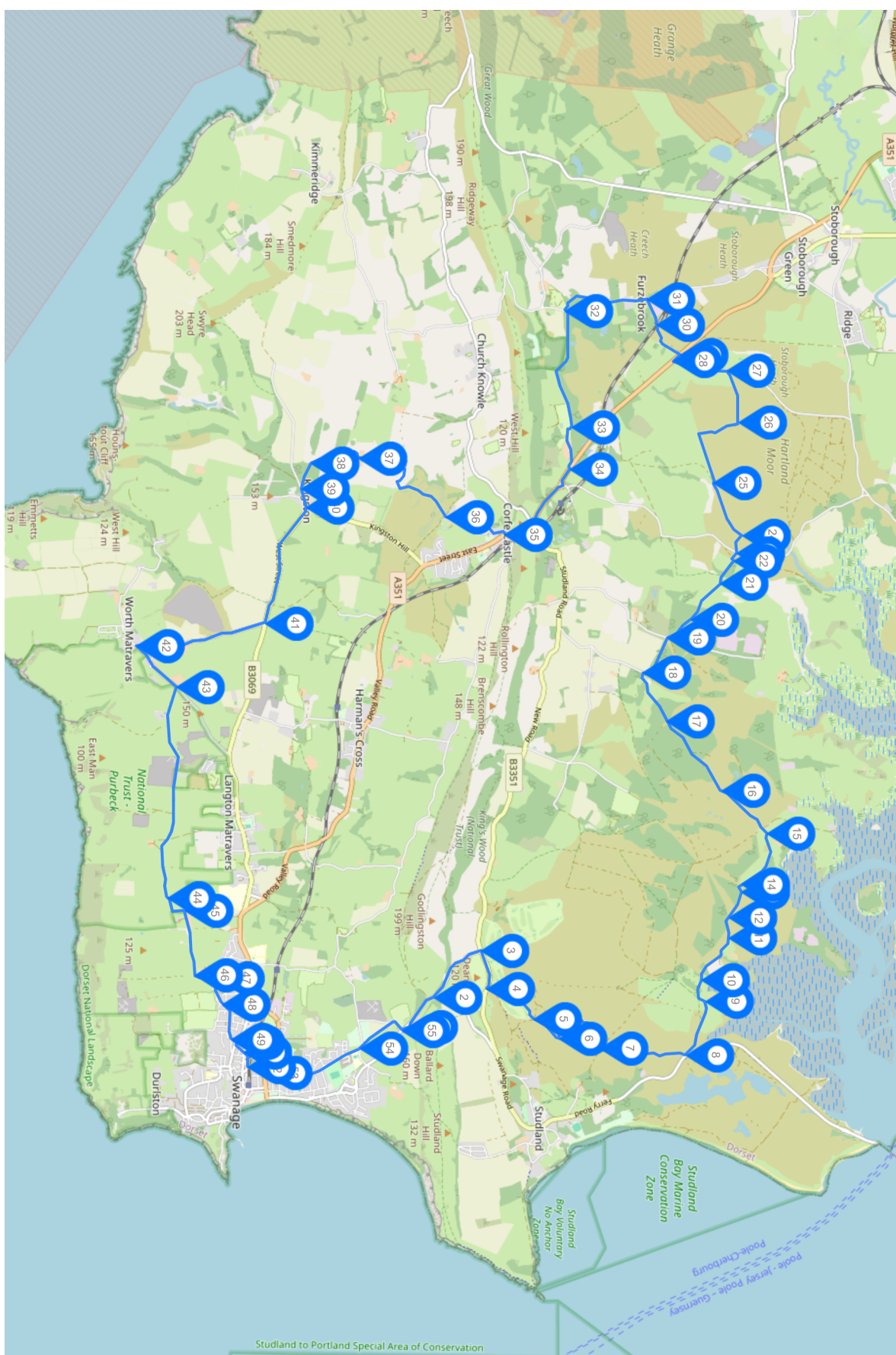
54. Northbrook Road and Darkie Lane**Lat, long: 50.62238, -1.96666 - OS: SZ 02455 80298**

Go straight ahead at the roundabout and onto Darkie Lane. Continue up the hill and right past a caravan park until you come to the junction with Ulwell Road.

55. Ulwell Road and Darkie Lane**Lat, long: 50.62706, -1.96984 - OS: SZ 02230 80818**

Turn left onto Ulwell Road then right into the layby to complete the ride.

Route Map:



Map data from OpenStreetMap.

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