



Purbeck Road Ride Long

A ride around the Isle of Purbeck from Swanage over the army ranges and returning via Wool, Wareham and Corfe Castle. The ride goes along a section of the army ranges which are normally open at weekends and school holidays.

Distance: 41 miles
Ascent: 760m (approx)
Start Point: Main Beach Car Park, Victoria Avenue, Swanage, BH19 1PW
Coordinates: Latitude: 50.61187° N, Longitude: -1.96350° 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: 50.61187, -1.96350 - OS: SZ 02679 79129

Start at Victoria Avenue car park, exit car park and turn left along Victoria Avenue.

2. Langton Junction

Lat, long: 50.60964, -1.99099 - OS: SZ 00734 78880

At the junction for Langton Matravers, continue bearing right along Valley Road and follow the main road to Corfe Castle, continue through the village and down the hill around the base of the castle until you come to a stepped cross roads.

3. Junction to Church Knowle

Lat, long: 50.64152, -2.05852 - OS: SY 95958 82428

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 bears right and up a steep hill to a Y junction at the top of the hill.

4. Grange Hill Junction

Lat, long: 50.63478, -2.14130 - OS: SY 90103 81686

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 good place for a break to take photos.

5. Junction

Lat, long: 50.63497, -2.19962 - OS: SY 85979 81717

When you reach the junction at the bottom of the hill continue straight ahead to next junction

6. B3070 Junction**Lat, long: 50.63581, -2.20424 - OS: SY 85652 81810**

At the junction at with the B3070 continue straight ahead along the B3070 until you come to a cross roads with sign posts for Lulwoth Cove on the left and Wool on the right.

7. B3070 and B3071 Junction**Lat, long: 50.63382, -2.23449 - OS: SY 83512 81596**

Turn right at the junction towards Wool.

8. Dorchester Road and A352 and Station Road Junction**Lat, long: 50.68141, -2.22261 - OS: SY 84369 86885**

When you reach the junction with the A352 to Dorchester and the railway crossing, turn right over the railway line and continue until you come to a mini roundabout. Caution this road can be very busy.

9. Roundabout**Lat, long: 50.68545, -2.21718 - OS: SY 84754 87333**

At the roundabout turn left and follow the signs for Monkey World and continue along Tout Hill for 3.7 miles until you come to a junction on your right with a sign for Lane End

10. T Junction**Lat, long: 50.73463, -2.21971 - OS: SY 84591 92802**

Turn right at the junction for Lane End and follow the road heading East until you come to a cross roads junction with stop signs and sign posts for Wareham to the right

11. Sugar Hill Junction**Lat, long: 50.74244, -2.18911 - OS: SY 86753 93665**

Turn right onto Sugar Hill road and continue through Wareham Forest until you reach a roundabout at Wareham train station. On the right side of this road is the Silent Women pub which makes a idea spot for a break and a cold drink

12. Bere Road and Roundabout**Lat, long: 50.69371, -2.11474 - OS: SY 91992 88235**

Turn left at the roundabout and up a small hill to a second roundabout, turn right and follow the main road over the bridge and down to a third roundabout.

13. A351 and Roundabout**Lat, long: 50.69092, -2.11322 - OS: SY 92099 87925**

Take the first exit into Wareham and continue straight ahead through the town following the road past the river until you come to Stoborough

14. Corfe Road 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

15. Arne Road Junction**Lat, long: 50.67841, -2.06524 - OS: SY 95487 86530**

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.

16. T Junction**Lat, long: 50.64547, -2.06524 - OS: SY 95484 82867**

Turn right at junction and then left at roundabout following the A351 towards Corfe Castle until you come to a stepped cross roads at the bottom of the hill

17. A351 and B3351 Junction**Lat, long: 50.64135, -2.05798 - OS: SY 95996 82408**

Turn left at T junction (signpost Studland 5) and go under the railway bridge, follow the road for 3.75 miles until you come to a T junction on your right with a sign for Swanage.

18. B3351 T junction**Lat, long: 50.63584, -1.98387 - OS: SZ 01237 81794**

Turn right at the T junction and follow the steep road down to next Y junction.

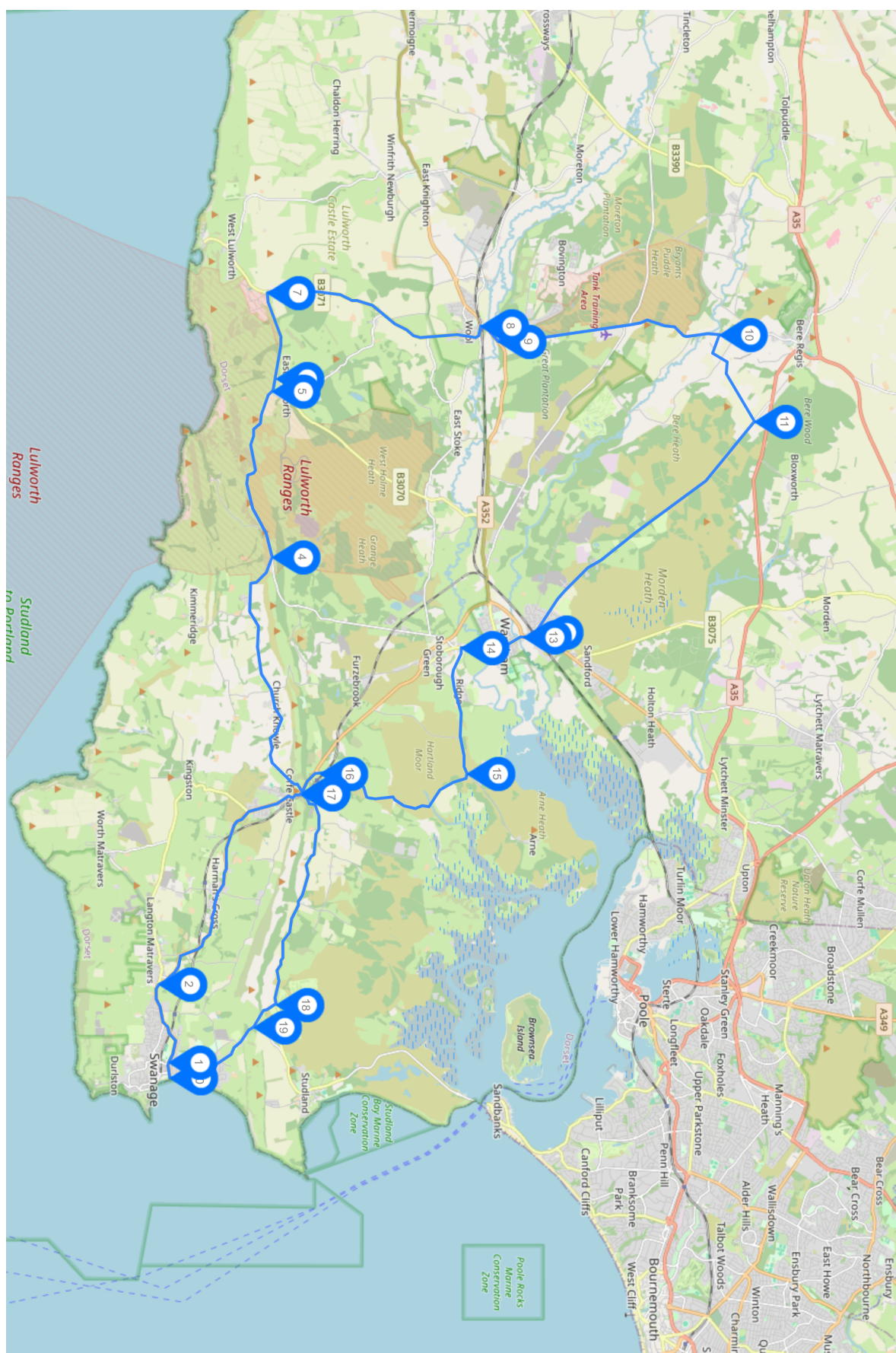
19. Ulwell Road Junction**Lat, long: 50.63066, -1.97574 - OS: SZ 01812 81219**

Turn right onto Ulwell Road and follow road down to Swanage seafront.

20. Shore Road and Victoria Avenue**Lat, long: 50.61198, -1.95793 - OS: SZ 03073 79141**

At T junction with Victoria Avenue turn right and follow Victoria Avenue back to start of the ride at the car park.

Route Map:



Map data from OpenStreetMap.

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