

## Hawkhill Trail (10 miles)

A completely traffic free cycle, this route takes you past some of the most interesting features of Beaulieu Airfield with some very visible evidence of its WWII past. Combine this with stunning views of the New Forest's changing landscapes, it's a ride not to miss.

**Step 1:** This ride starts at Roundhill campsite. Head out of the main entrance past the reception and cycle along the entrance road until you reach the main B3055 and waymarker 313. Cross over the main road and cattle grid at waymarker 312. Be careful of cars when crossing the road, as this is one of the main routes between Brockenhurst and Beaulieu. Follow the gravel track down a hill and continue straight over at the crossroads at waymarker 308.

**Step 2:** Follow the gravel track and continue straight ignoring other junctions past waymarker 308. Continue through the gate adjacent to the cottage and cross the railway using the bridge. Pass through another gate and past waymarker 307.

**Step 3:** After passing through several gates and waymarkers 305, 304 & 303 continue to follow the track around a right hand bend after a gate (ignoring a grass track ahead). At the next crossroads continue straight over at waymarker 288 and enjoy the meander through the wood.

**Step 4:** At the T-junction (waymarker 286), turn right and follow the track until a fork (waymarker 285). Take the right fork and follow the straight track past waymarker 298.

**Step 5:** Follow the track up hill and round a right hand bend before passing through a gate and up a hill. After you have seen the woodland change from conifer plantation into the more natural ancient woodland you will reach a T-junction (waymarker 296). Turn right here down a tarmac road.

Follow the track taking the left hand fork at waymarker 297 when the track splits and head down the hill past a few houses.

**Step 6:** Pass through a gate and past waymarkers 299, 300, 301, 324 & 325 continue straight and cross the railway line. After crossing the bridge and reaching the junction (waymaker 326) turn left, cross over the cattle grid and onto another long straight track, continuing past waymarker 329.

**Step 7:** On arrival at the junction with waymarker 330 take a right hand turn. You will eventually arrive at a set of gates with waymarker 331 between the two. Go through both and head down the hill. At the crossroads take a left at waymaker 332. Continue along the track until waymaker 337 where you will make a sharp right.

Head up the hill and past waymarker 344. Continue to follow the track straight on passing through several gates, past waymarkers 345 and 346, and the car park on your left.

**Step 8:** Cross the road carefully, heading straight over and past a gate at waymaker 348. Continue on this track until a T-junction waymarker 319. Turn right onto the paved section of the old airfield and follow it around a left-hand turn. This used to be the old perimeter track for the WWII Beaulieu Airfield!

**Step 9:** Where the tarmac turns to gravel, take a right at waymarker 318 (the path continuing straight on is footpath only). Look out for the concrete patch that used to be a hangar on your right. After a short distance on the gravel track there is a junction at waymarker 317, take a left here. This can be easy to miss, so if you end up at a road you have gone too far.

**Step 10:** Follow this path over broken concrete until you reach the back of Roundhill campsite at waymarker 316. Pass the gate and continue left along the outskirts of the campsite on the tarmac road. Follow the road around a bend at waymarker 315 and continue towards the campsite reception past waymarker 314.

Please find a map of the route on the back of this page.

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