

## Rhinefield Ornamental Ride (15 miles)

Embarking from Brockenhurst, this ride takes you through an area of the National Park rich in flora, fauna and history. Cycling mainly on gravel off-road tracks provides a fantastic view of the New Forest's unique landscape.

**Step 1:** Starting at the Railway Station ticket office. Head towards the back of the car park where there is an access gate on the right hand side. Go through this access gate and turn left onto East Bank Road, and then take the next right down Avenue Road.

**Step 2:** At the bottom of Avenue Road, turn left onto Sway Road and continue until you see Brockenhurst Primary School on the opposite side of the road. At the school turn right, go through the school car park and onto the narrow gravel track (waymarker 233) that takes you through Culverley Green and over a small weir.

**Step 3:** The gravel track takes you to Burley Road (waymarker 234) where you carefully take a left and then right, to continue on the gravel path (waymarker 235). Follow this wide gravel track until it ends at Rhinefield Road (waymarker 236).

**Step 4:** Take a left onto Rhinefield Road. Continue along past Aldridgehill Inclosure on your right. The edges of the road are uneven in places, so please take care. The road becomes wooded on both sides, keep going until you pass Rhinefield House Hotel on your left. Be aware, there is a sharp bend in the road.

**Step 5:** The track continues straight ahead (past waymarker 242). Rounding the first right there is a downhill section towards a ford, which may be impassable in very saturated conditions.

To re-route if necessary, return to Rhinefield Road and continue past Black Water car park until waymarker 248, where you turn onto the off-road track.

**Step 6:** Continue up the hill past waymarker 243 and 244. Then, carry on through a few turns arriving at a crossroads (waymarker 250). Take a left-hand turn following the track until a gate (waymarker 253).

If you want to stop for a picnic or use the toilets, take a right at the crossroads at waymarker 250. To then return to the route, come back the way you came and continue straight ahead at waymarker 250 until the gate at waymarker 253.

**Step 7:** Continue along the gravel track (past waymarker 255 and 256). At the next gate (waymarker 257) take the right-hand fork where the track splits at a triangle (waymarker 258). There is another gate to go through here. Carry on down the gravel track (waymarkers 259 and 260), then at the next T-junction (waymarker 262) take a right-hand turn.

**Step 8:** There is one more gate to go through (waymarker 263) and then the gravel track crosses the Lymington River and follows the edge of an area known as Black Knowl (waymarker 264). The gravel track ends at a minor road (waymarker 265). Head straight along this road, round a corner waymarker 239) and up to Rhinefield Road (waymarker 238 and 237 that leads into Brockenhurst.

**Step 9:** Take a left towards Brockenhurst, then follow this road past Forest Park Hotel and continue until there is a ford on the left. Fords can be high in adverse weather, there is a footpath around if needed.

Turn left to travel through the ford and through the centre of Brockenhurst village. At the end of this road, take a right up into Brockenhurst Railway car park.

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

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