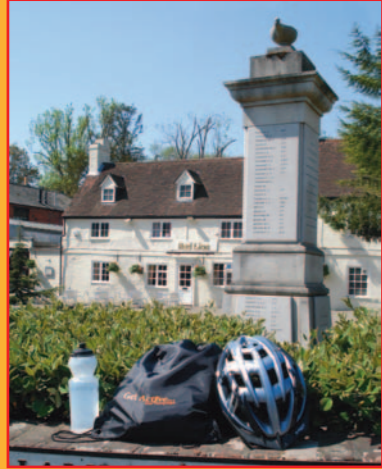


FAMILY CYCLE RIDE:

HORNDEAN & ROWLANDS CASTLE



The route has some very picturesque views of the countryside and there are many places to stop and enjoy the panorama or have a picnic (please take your rubbish home). There are also pubs and a coffee shop en-route.

When cycling on roads and country lanes please be aware of other road users and passing traffic. If horses and riders are on the road ahead, let them know you are there by calling out 'Bike approaching!'

Take care when approaching junctions, and on blind bends and gravel surfaces. On country lanes there may be potholes and these may also look like puddles if the weather is wet, so please take care.



The ride should be cycled in an anti-clockwise direction to reduce the number of potential right turns across the flow of traffic.

The route avoids busy roads, however public highways are used and there is a requirement to abide by the rules of the Highway Code. The section along Rowlands Castle Road, Treadwheel Road and Woodhouse Lane falls within the national speed limit and there is a risk of fast moving traffic.

The map shows the main cycle route (8.5 miles) and two optional shorter routes (4 and 6.5 miles).



Other places to cycle:

Alice Holt Woodland Park, Bucks Horn Oak.
Contact Forestry Adventure 01256 397973
enquiries@forestryadventure.com
www.forestryadventure.com

Queen Elizabeth Country Park, Horndean.
Contact 023 9259 5040
www.hants.gov.uk/countryside/qecp

Cycling in Hampshire
www.hants.gov.uk/cycling

Cycling in East Hampshire
www.easthants.gov.uk/getactive

Local Cycle Organisation Contacts:

CTC
www.ctc.org.uk
Contact CTC National Office 0870 873 0060
or email cycling@ctc.org.uk

Bike Week
www.bikeweek.org.uk
Contact Bike Week Headquarters 0845 612 0661
or email hq@bikeweek.org.uk

Bikeability
www.bikeability.org.uk
Contact 01243 848445

Other Local Activities:

Run for the Children (18 June) 01424 428467
www.runforthechildren.com
Alice Holt Woodland Park and Queen Elizabeth Country Park have excellent facilities and provide many other outdoor activities.

For further information please contact:
Active Lifestyles Officer,
East Hampshire District Council
01730 234067
getactive@easthants.gov.uk



FAMILY CYCLE RIDE:

HORNDEAN & ROWLANDS CASTLE



A pleasant 8.5 mile circular route starting and finishing at Horndean Memorial. Takes a leisurely ride on quiet country lanes through the villages of Horndean, Rowlands Castle, Finchdean and Blendworth. Route map inside. Optional shorter routes.

Why not bring a picnic!

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Route 1: 8.5 miles, Nos 1-15
Route 2: 6.5 miles, Nos 1-4, 10-15
Route 3: 4.0 miles, Nos 1-3, 12-15

1. Start at The Memorial at the intersection of London Road, Portsmouth Road and Havant Road in Horndean. Start off in a southerly direction along Havant Road.
2. After a short distance turn left opposite the entrance to Keydell Nursery into Rowlands Castle Road. There is an initial fairly steep incline, but its a very short distance and the road soon levels out. Continue straight on, past the crossroads leading to Nobles Farm.
3. Soon you will see the intersection between Woodhouse Lane and Treadwheel Road. For the short route (Route 3) turn left here, for both the longer routes continue straight on.

4. At the next junction turn left for the medium route (Route 2) or continue on (bearing right) for the longer route 1. Looking back between the trees, it is possible to see Idsworth House in the distance.

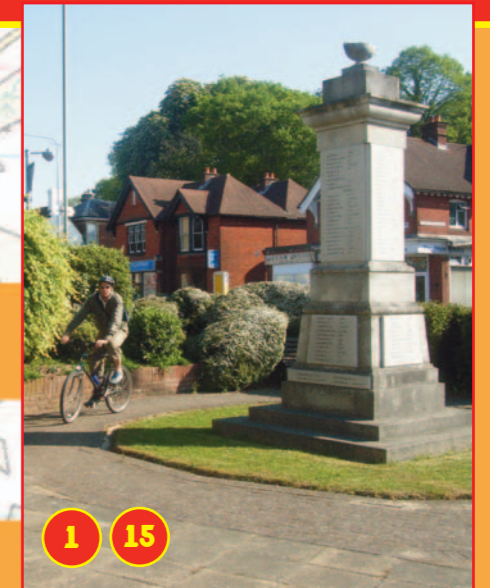


5. Shortly after the Rowland Castle sign take the turning on the right, into Links Lane. There is a bench on the corner.
6. Follow this road down the hill, past the Golf Course, where the road turns to the left, past the Village Hall to The Green.
7. The Church on The Green is at the head of The Green and the railway arches can be seen in the distance at the other end. This is a good place to stop for a rest and a drink on the bench underneath the trees.
8. Follow the road through the railway arches and bear left along Finchdean Road along a slight incline. Stansted Forest can be seen on the right.
9. At the junction with Dean Lane End turn left under the railway bridge into Dean Lane.



10. Continue on past White Hill on the left (where the medium Route 2 joins) into Finchdean and turn left opposite The George pub.
Continue up this road which is a gradual uphill rise until you reach a hairpin turning on the left.
11. Take this turning to the left and travel along a steeper uphill rise. This is hard work, but not impossible.

- 12a. Optional detour. You could take the next left hand turn and cycle through Blendworth Village where an ancient Church Yard (St Giles) can be seen and also the village pond in Duck Pond Lane.



12. At the top, the road levels out and comes to a T junction with Woodhouse Lane. Turn right into Woodhouse Lane. This is the point where the short Route 3 joins. Continue along Woodhouse Lane, by-passing the village of Blendworth.
13. Continue on up the gradual hill until you reach New Barn Farm, turn left into Crabden Lane opposite the farm.
14. Continue down the hill taking care round the bends in case of on-coming traffic and caution over loose gravel surfaces. Turn right into Blendworth Lane at the Church.
15. Continue down the hill back The Memorial in Horndean, taking care at the junction of Blendworth Lane and Havant Road.

