

Cycling in the Blackdown Hills

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Route 1 – Hemyock, Uffculme and Culmstock circuit

A leisurely 11 mile ride, with an optional shorter route of 7 miles

Rating: Leisurely, with a climb near the start

Distance: Main route 11 miles, shorter route 7 miles

Start: The public car park in Hemyock (100 metres from the Catherine Wheel)

Main route (1 – 17)

- 1 Turn left out of the car park and left just after the Catherine Wheel
- 2 Turn right at Lickham Cross
- 3 At crossroads (Leigh Cross) go straight, signposted Leigh
- 4 At junction turn right
- 5 At junction turn left
- 6 At junction turn right, signposted Ashill, Uffculme
- 7 At junction (Cemetery Corner) turn left on to main road, signposted Uffculme
- 8 Turn right in Uffculme just before the Ostler Inn
- 9 At Penslade Cross go straight over, signposted Penslade
- 10 At junction turn right
- 11 At crossroads (Higher Cross) go straight over, signpost Nicholashayne
- 12 Turn first right
- 13 At crossroads turn right on to main road, signposted Culmstock
- 14 Turn left at village hall in Culmstock and then first right by red phone box
- 15 Turn right at Whitehall Cross, signposted Hemyock
- 16 At junction turn left, signposted Hemyock
- 17 Turn right and return to car park

Shorter route – 7 miles (replaces stages 5 – 14)

- a At junction turn right, signposted Culmstock
- b At junction turn right
- c Turn first right after Culm Valley Inn and go through residential area to reach main road
- d Turn right on to road

Go to instruction 15



Coldharbour Mill, Uffculme

Look out for:

Culmstock: Note the yew tree growing out of the church tower and the beacon house on Culmstock Common above the village.

Uffculme: Coldharbour Mill Working Museum, www.coldharbourmill.org.uk

Maps: This route is based on OS Explorer maps and is intended as a guide to cyclists. Refer to Explorer 128 or Landranger 192 and 193 when planning your visit.

Safety: Take extra care at junctions and bends. Take particular care when travelling between sections 1 and 2, the main road into Uffculme at 8, crossing the road at 9 and the B3391 between 13 and 14, as these are busy roads. A special characteristic of the Blackdown Hills AONB is its high hedges, which can restrict visibility, particularly in summer.

General Information: For information about safe cycling and further information to help plan your visit, see www.blackdownhillsaonb.org.uk

Although every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the route directions and descriptions, responsibility cannot be accepted for any errors or omissions. If you discover any errors please let us know.

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