

Cycling in the Blackdown Hills

Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Route 3 – Wellington, Buckland Wood and Hemyock circuit

A challenging 17 mile ride or an optional easy shorter route of 4 miles

Rating: Main route Challenging, suitable for experienced and fit cyclists, shorter route Easy, suitable for all cyclists

Distance: Main route 17 miles. Shorter route 4 miles

Start: Wellington Library, Fore Street, Wellington

Main route (1 – 21)

- 1 Start at Wellington library, head towards junction with South Street, turn right at lights into South Street, signposted Hemyock, Monument, and follow for nearly one mile
- 2 At crossroads go straight over, signposted Ford Street
- 3 Go under the M5 motorway bridge, then turn left, signposted Blackmoor, and follow for one mile
- 4 Turn left, signposted Ruggin, Pitminster, Corfe
- 5 At staggered junction turn right, then left, signposted Ruggin, Pitminster, Corfe
- 6 At junction turn right, signposted Lowton, Blagdon, Corfe
- 7 At junction turn right
- 8 At junction turn left onto the ridge road, signposted Taunton, Honiton and Chard
- 9 Turn first right and then follow road for about 2.5 miles
- 10 At junction (Lilycombe Cross) turn right, signposted Hemyock
- 11 Straight on to Hemyock
- 12 Turn right to Hemyock
- 13 In Hemyock go straight on and follow main road out of village towards Culmstock
- 14 Turn right at Blackpitt Cross, signposted Whitehall, Culm Davy
- 15 At junction turn left, then first right, signposted Culm Davy – steep up hill
- 16 At junction turn left – long down hill
- 17 At junction turn right
- 18 At junction turn left onto main road and go over M5 motorway bridge.
- 19 At crossroads turn right, signposted Wellington
- 20 At staggered junction go straight ahead, signposted Rockwell Green
- 21 At junction turn right into Wellington and go straight over first set of traffic lights



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Wellington Monument

Shorter route – 4 miles (replaces stages 5-21)

An easy ride for all the family with views of the Blackdown Hills

- a At junction go straight on
- b At junction go straight on
- c At junction turn right and take first left signposted Briscoe
- d At junction go straight on
- e At junction go straight on
- f At junction go straight on, taking great care when crossing the busy A38
- g At junction turn right

Look out for:

Hemyock: Medieval castle ruins, moat and ornate Victorian water pump.

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

Safety: Take extra care at junctions and bends. Take particular care when crossing the A38 and between points 8 and 9. A special characteristic of the Blackdown Hills AONB is its high hedges and narrow lanes, 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

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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