

# Cycling in the Blackdown Hills

## Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty



Route 6 – Honiton, Stockland and Upottery circuit

**A challenging 20 mile ride or an optional shorter route of 17 miles**

**Rating:** Challenging, suitable for experienced reasonably fit cyclists

**Distance:** Main route 20 miles, shorter route 17 miles

**Start:** Lace Walk long stay car park, Dowell Street, Honiton

### Main route (1 – 19)

- 1 Turn left out of the car park and left at traffic lights and follow to the end of the High Street
- 2 At roundabout turn left, signposted Exeter and London, and then right after 50 metres, signposted Cotleigh, Stockland
- 3 At top of hill turn right and then left after 50 metres, signposted Cotleigh
- 4 At junction turn left, signposted Cotleigh, then first right
- 5 At Stockland Hill, go straight over, signposted Heathstock, Broadhayes
- 6 Turn right at Shorehead Cross, signposted Heathstock, Ford, Stockland
- 7 At junction (Ford Cross) turn left, signposted Heathstock, Stockland
- 8 At junction (Cookers Elm Cross) turn left into Stockland
- 9 Go through village and turn right just next to Lark Rise House
- 10 At crossroads on top of hill turn right
- 11 At crossroads use dedicated cyclist crossing to south west of road junction. Cross main road, signposted Upottery
- 12 At junction in Upottery turn right, signposted Churchinford, then first left after 75 metres, signposted Hemyock
- 13 At junction (Mathayes Cross) turn left, signposted Beacon
- 14 Turn right, then left at Beacons Cross, signposted Wick
- 15 At junction bear right
- 16 At junction turn left on to main road
- 17 At junction turn right, signposted Honiton
- 18 At roundabout turn right on to Honiton High Street
- 19 At second set of traffic lights turn right, signposted Cullompton A373 and then right into car park

### Shorter route – 17 miles (replaces stages 5 – 10)

At crossroads (Broadhayes Cross) turn left on to main road and then go to instruction 11



Dumpdon Hill

#### Look out for:

**Iron Age Hill forts:** Stockland Great Castle and Little Castle, and the National Trust's Dumpdon Hill.

**Honiton:** Famous for lace making and antiques.

**Beacon:** Site near Dumpdon Hill last used as a fire beacon in 1802 (and in 1588 when the Spanish Armada threatened).

**Maps:** This route is based on OS Explorer maps and is intended as a guide to cyclists. Refer to Explorer 115 and 116 or Landranger 193 when planning your visit.

**Safety:** Take extra care at junctions and bends. Take particular care riding in Honiton and crossing the A30 at point 11, as these are busy roads. Traffic speed can be high between points 5, 10 and 11.

**General Information:** For information about safe cycling and further information to help plan your visit, see [www.blackdownhillsaonb.org](http://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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