

Horse Riding in the Blackdown Hills

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Circular 4 – covering parishes of Luppitt and Upottery

Wild and remote in parts, this 12 mile ride links some of the most picturesque villages in the Blackdown Hills. Hartridge and Luppitt commons provide a sharp contrast to the valley pastures. There are magnificent views across the Otter tributaries. Easy riding throughout but beware of traffic on Upottery-Rawridge Road. Ford across River Otter may not be passable at all times.

Riding Directions (clockwise)

Orange line on map e.g. Start Point Hartridge Common (ST 182072)

- 1 Next R, down green lane, R at road and follow left round & down the hill, across stream and next R up BW over soft ground.
- 2 Fork R at BW junction, and follow BW & way markers uphill & round to left, past Fairview farm and along to RD.
- 3 Sharp R up road, R at TJ and follow for one and a half miles past Gullyhayes to next TJ.
- 4 R at TJ, then R at next TJ, and next fork L and follow road down to Upottery
- 5 R at village and next L behind PH, keep L and follow RD, becoming unmetalled road for about 1/2 mile
- 6 R at TJ and keep R following green lane and fording River Otter, then continue along the green lane, then R onto RD till next junction.
- 7 Cross junction then L at major road (Upottery-Rawridge-watch for traffic).
- 8 Next R, across River Otter along past Budgells farm, then sharp L & pass between Odle and Tanahiot farms & follow till it becomes a green lane and starts descending.
- 9 Continue onto BW through gates and past Mohun's Ottery onto metalled road, R at Pounds farm and onto Beacon.
- 10 ST Beacon keeping right through common land and uphill to start point (1) availing fine views across the River Otter tributaries.



Hartridge Common from Luppitt

Keys

Map Key

- road
- unmetalled double track
- single track
- river/direction of flow
- wood

Riding Directions Key

- R, L - turn right, turn left
- TJ - T junction
- RD, BW - road, bridleway
- ST - keep straight
- UCR - unclassified County road

User Key

- Recommended horse riding routes
- s suggested start points with OS grid ref
- WT water trough
- steep gradient down
- stoney or uneven surface
- G field gate
- HG field gate with horse latch
- BG bridle gate (5' wide)
- bridleway signpost
- unmetalled road signpost
- viewpoint

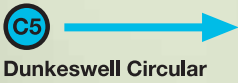
Service Key

- PH public house/meals
- church
- PO post office
- T telephone





Beacon, Upottery, Luppitt Circular



Full Circular approx. 12 miles

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