Horse Riding in the Blackdown Hills

Circular 1 - covering parishes of Membury, Chardstock, Wambrock and All Saints/Smallridge

This scenic 14 mile circular ride boasts wonderful views and sea glimpses, with plenty of off-road riding through wooded valleys and along hill crests. This ride encounters mixed terrain, several gradients and various styles of gates. There are cantering opportunities at Goyle Acre Lane, Burridge Common and Brinscombe top. Watch out for roe deer.

**Riding Directions (clockwise)**
- continuous orange line on map e.g. Start Point Green Lane (ST 303068)

1. South on Green Lane then L at TJ, then ahead on unmetalled RD, after about ½ mile fork right through Burridge Common
2. Join RD in direction Brockfield
3. At Brockfield fork L through Ford to Holy City
4. At road junction, take 2nd L in direction Alston for about 1 mile
5. R into BW, over Beacon Hill, down RD into Churchill and up to TJ
6. L down Smallridge Road for approx. ½ mile passing village sign
7. R at small green, up hill then down to BW, then up long hill to top, muddy in places
8. R then L on top road and follow for ½ mile to bridleway sign
9. R into BW, down through Hasland Farm cobbled yard, through 2 gates and down edge of steep field
10. L for ½ mile along road, then 1st R signposted Membury
11. L into unmetalled road, up past Lea Hill Farm Hotel and up Goyle Acre Lane
12. Can R down past church to take in Membury, 1st L out again
13. L then R into continuation of unmetalled RD, then R at end
14. Fork left at Furley X roads (signposted Furley) down narrow road
15. R into BW, through woods, meadow and past Ford House
16. R into BW, up hill, thro’ 2 remote controlled gates (care over slippery tarmac)
17. R (watch traffic) then L signposted Cotley (alternative start point)
18. L into BW, and follow for about ½ mile through Bewley Down woods
19. ST when bridleway becomes metalled RD and follow to TJ
20. R at TJ and follow road past Cotley Inn
21. R and up into BW, thro’ Gs then ahead along to Green Lane (to complete the circular)