

Horse Riding in the Blackdown Hills



Circular 3 – covering Stockland and surrounds.

This 12 mile circular is a relatively easy ride with few gates, using mainly green lanes & quiet roads which link the hamlets & farmsteads of the Corry and Yarty valleys. C3 also links up with C1 and C2 (see route map) for greater route flexibility.

Riding Instructions (clockwise)

Orange line on map e.g. Start Point Millhayes (ST 231039)

- ① Proceed along metalled road down across stream & up to TJ
- ② L along Groundhead Road to TJ at Hornshayes Knap X, cross road (watch for traffic) ST along track till next metalled road
- ③ ST at metalled road, bear L in $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, & R over bridge in $\frac{1}{2}$ mile
- ④ Uphill & ST, R at TJ in 1 mile & next L down track to Lower Lye
- ⑤ Proceed R past Lower Lye farm to RD.
- ⑥ L at RD and continue over bridge to X roads
- ⑦ L and after $\frac{3}{4}$ mile, R up grassy track, then continue up the field and through Trebblehayes Farm buildings and across to RD at top. (If in doubt, follow parallel route on RD also marked in orange)
- ⑧ ST and follow RD through Godsworthy farm, down to bridge and L behind Ford House, and through field gate onto BW
- ⑨ Keep level and to the R (do not follow more evident track up to L) and follow BW thro' meadow and woods, then ST at metalled road up to Furley X
- ⑩ Fork R, after $\frac{3}{4}$ mile fork L down to Waterhouse Farm & cross ford (use Case Bridge if River Yarty in full spate), & R at TJ
- ⑪ Take next L at "3 Ash Cross" up unmetalled road, fork R in $\frac{1}{4}$ mile up unmetalled East Horner Lane, & along narrower grassy section (boggy at times) to RD at Heathstock
- ⑫ Crossover RD to Heathstock farm on right, then fork R (Dencroft Lane) down track and R at road
- ⑬ L thro' Ford hamlet then uphill & R at TJ
- ⑭ L along unmetalled road to the lane at the top
- ⑮ R downhill, then 1st L down to Millhayes to complete circular



Stockland from Groundhead Road

Keys

Map Key

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

Riding Directions Key

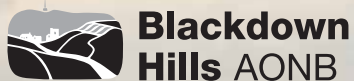
- R, L - turn right, turn left
- TJ - T junction
- RD, BW - road, bridleway
- ST - keep straight
- UCR - unclassified County road

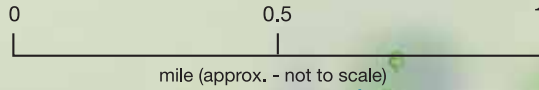
User Key

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

Service Key

- public house/meals
- church
- post office
- telephone





Stockland Circular



C1 →
Membury, Chardstock and All Saints

C2 →
Dalwood, Corry and Yarty Valleys



Full Circular approx. 12 miles
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