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 Knapp X, cross road (watch for traffic) ST along track till next metalled road
3. ST at metalled road, bear L in 1/4 mile, & R over bridge in 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 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 Godsworth 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 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 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