

The Rob Roy Route through the New Forest.

Route traversed and documented 30th October 2013.(With amended Lunch Stop info 2015)

A scenic route of 43 miles starting and finishing at Lyndhurst taking in scenic views and gently undulating terrain. A cycle ride best taken late Autumn/Early November when the colours are bright and at their best and the traffic is light.

Early start is advised, say 9.00 – 9.15 from the car park just East of Lyndhurst on the Beaulieu Road.

A Coffee Stop is available after 7 miles and a Lunch Stop is included at 35 miles.(Now 38 miles)

The route avoids major roads throughout as far as possible but of necessity requires 2 short sections, 0.5 and 0.8 miles of **A** road during the whole route. (second of these now bypassed in 2015.

Start from the (Free) car park to the East of Lyndhurst, turn right onto Beaulieu Road. Set mileage recorders to Zero here as you turn left away from the car park onto the road towards Beaulieu.

Continue all the way to Beaulieu passing, entrance to National Motor Museum at 6.4 miles.

At 6.9 M Turn Left off main road into Beaulieu.

At 7.0 M Turn Right into High Street, Bake House coffee shop on right at 7.2 Miles.(01590 612777)

Make it a brief stop for the days are shorter in November. (Stef's Kitchen 01590 612307)

After coffee continue to end of high street, turn left onto main road at 7.3 M

At 7.4 M Fork left and short uphill towards Bucklers Hard.

Keep left at fork at 7.9 M, Straight on at 9.1 Miles and on to Maritime Museum on left. 9.5 M.

At 9.5 M Turn right into Solent Way, narrow road.

At 10.3 M turn left at T Junction.

Continue along this road, passing St Leonards Grange (old Chapel and ruins) and continue for a further 2 miles towards East End and onto major road joining in from right at 13.4 Miles.

After 0.2 M turn right towards Norleywood. 13.6 M

Follow road into Norleywood and bear right where obvious roadway leads you.

Follow road passing coppice to open/ give way crossroad at 15.2 Miles, straight across (with care).

Pass through Bull Hill and into Pilley – Turn Right into Church Lane at 16.6 (Careful, don't miss it. Look behind you for the name of the Lane).

Pass the Church, S.O. at crossroads and on through Sandy Down and stop at Main Road. 18.7

Turn Right onto Main Road (A 337 Lymington/Brockenhurst) and Turn Left at first junction. 19.0

Take Second Right Turn, B3055 for Brockenhurst. 19.6

Turn Left through centre of Village at 20.8 (signed Village Centre)

Turn Right T Junction (after ford) (Ensure that you are on Rhinefield road) follow this road past Rhinefield House and all the way to A35 X Road where straight over at 25.4 Miles.

Bear Left at sloping T junction at 28.0 M then downhill under A31 and uphill beyond.

At 30.0 Turn Right and go to the end of two long straight roads then T Left at T junction. 32.6 M.

[Second left turn will lead to the Royal Oak at Fritham] [Go and return if you wish to stop there for lunch] BUT for this ride, Go past the Fritham turns then Fork Right at 33.6 M

At 34.2 Turn Right onto B 3078 and enjoy the ride down to Brook.. Green Dragon is Pub on Right. [lunch stop] at 35.9 M Take bikes around the back into Pub Garden. (023 8081 3359)

After Green Dragon, lunch continue along B 3078/9 for 0.7 Mile then at 36.6 fork left just before the shallow bridge in the dip .

Followroad round to right then at 37.2 Fork Right to pass under M27 Motorway.

AMENDMENTS OCT 2015 Pubs, Barleycorn, White Hart, Haywain, Coach and Horses.

{For Hazel and those who wish to lunch at Haywain At 37.5 follow road around to left and proceed to main road and at 37.7 Turn Right.

-At roundabout in Cadnam take first Exit, A336, proceed to the Haywain on right in about half mile.

For those who wish to lunch at John Barleycorn, after passing under the motorway take first turn right at 37.5 then right again to the pub who will accommodate a goodly number of us. Then retrace last 200 yds and follow route to Haywain.

Turn Right at Haywain then turn right at X Roads into Beechwood Road. Proceed straight across the busy A337 and then take the right fork towards London Minstead – back on original route but with a small addition to distance (less than a half mile).

From A337, Almost immediately Fork Right towards London Minstead.

Take first Left (Bull Lane) at 39.7 then Turn Right at end of road. 39.9

In Minstead 40.0 M Turn Right at Junction then immediately Left and follow road through Newtown.

At 40.5 Fork Left then after 0.5 mile bear Left onto main road. Go through Emery Down and into Lyndhurst, maybe stopping at a tea/coffee shop in town..

Carefully navigate main road through Lyndhurst, Right Hand Lane leads on past the traffic lights and out to the car park where we started. 43.6 Miles.

When you leave the car park turn right and right again towards Southampton to join M27. Best to avoid going back into Lyndhurst else you will face the lengthy one-way system around the town.