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21km/13 miles

3-4 hours

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Cycle Ride 2

Chichester Harbour Circular

This circular bike ride is virtually flat. Use it as the basis for a great day out for cyclists of all ages. Take time to stop and explore the ancient village of Bosham and enjoy the harbour views. With a ferry ride and lots of pub or café stops this will be a pleasant ride to remember.





Chichester Harbour Circular Route



Please note

The ferry runs seasonally. Call 07970 378350 or see www.itchenor ferry.co.uk for running times.

Sections of the path are also used by walkers and wheelchairs.

Please show respect for all users. Users of the Chichester Circular Route do so at their own risk. Chichester Harbour Conservancy do not accept any responsibility for any loss, damage or injury, howsoever caused, arising directly or indirectly from use of the cycle route.

Start Point

Visitors car park at Chichester Marina, PO20 7EJ.

By Road

Free parking in the designated car park at the marina.

By Rail

From Chichester station cycle north towards The Cross.

Refreshments

There are a number of options on this route at Itchenor, Bosham, Fishbourne, Dell Quay and Chichester Marina.

Toilets

Itchenor by the Harbour Office, Bosham in the public car park (off Bosham Lane), Chichester Marina.

Please note

This ride is seasonal and tidal. The ferry operates from April to the end of October. Please check running times before setting out at www.itchenorferry.co.uk or call 07970 378350.

The section between the ferry and Bosham floods when the tide is 4.7m or higher. Avoid this section 2 hours either side of high tide. If you do arrive at high tide, from the ferry turn right along Smugglers Lane, left into Hoe Lane and then right onto Old Park Lane. This will eventually come to the A259. Turn right to rejoin our route. Note this route does not take in the old village of Bosham.

Ride Directions

From the visitors car park, cycle down the marina road with the Chichester Canal on your left. Watch out for swans and ducks on this section!

Continue to the end and alongside Chichester Yacht Club. Here you need to dismount to cross the canal bridge **1**. This section is a public footpath so you will need to walk for the next couple of minutes. Once past the tall fence, turn right and then walk to the road.

Turn left onto Lock Lane and continue along this quiet lane which changes its name to Broomers Lane and Martins Lane. At the junction with Church Lane, turn right, passing the church on your left and the old village pump on your right. Church Lane leads onto a concrete road, Westlands Lane.



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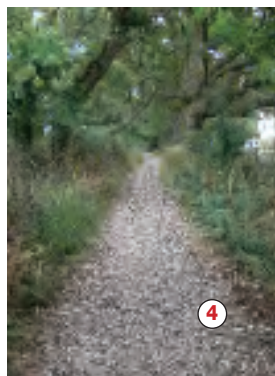
Before you get to the farm you will see two gates to your left (2). Take the kissing gate and follow the route as it winds around field edges finally coming out by Itchenor Caravan Park.

Follow the route around an open field and through a wooden gate. Turn right onto Itchenor Road and follow the road round to the right. Continue past the village pond and church down to the harbour.



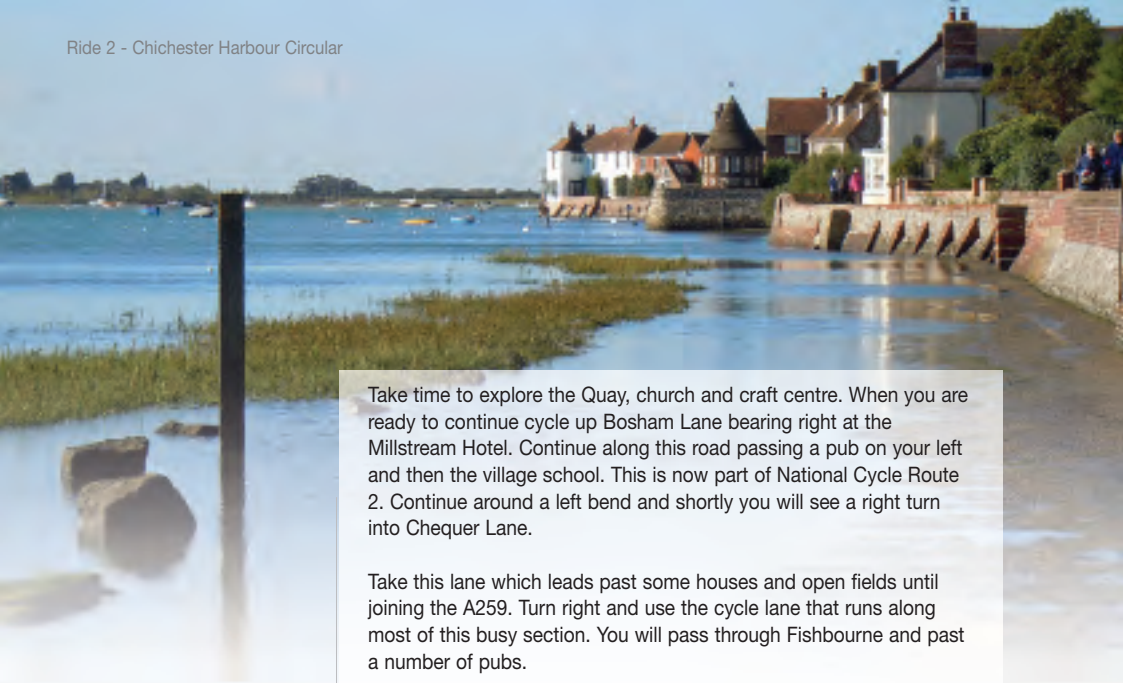
Turn left by the Harbour Office and to the right of Jetty House you will see the public jetty (3). Dismount and walk to the end of the jetty, the ferry will be on the end of the left. You may need to wait up to 15 minutes if the ferry is dropping mariners at their boat further up the reach.

Once across the channel, walk along the gravel path ahead of you (4). At the end turn left onto Lower Hone Lane, follow this scenic lane as it becomes Shore Road. From here you will see the village of Bosham



and up to the South Downs. To the left is Chidham. Keep cycling around the head of the channel keeping the water on your left. If the tide is low enough you may be able to take the old wadeway across the top of the channel. Otherwise pass in front of the Old School House and round to the village.





Take time to explore the Quay, church and craft centre. When you are ready to continue cycle up Bosham Lane bearing right at the Millstream Hotel. Continue along this road passing a pub on your left and then the village school. This is now part of National Cycle Route 2. Continue around a left bend and shortly you will see a right turn into Chequer Lane.

Take this lane which leads past some houses and open fields until joining the A259. Turn right and use the cycle lane that runs along most of this busy section. You will pass through Fishbourne and past a number of pubs.



Turn right at Appledram Lane South. After about 400m leave the road and go through the kissing gate on your left (5). You now continue along an off road section of the path with fields to your left.

The path rejoins Appledram Lane South through a kissing gate, continue to the T-junction then turn right. If you want a pub stop continue along this road to The Crown and Anchor. Otherwise after a short way turn left onto a wide farm track (6).

This path passes through Apuldram Manor Farm. Across the fields are views towards Chichester Harbour. As you pass the cow shed the path bears to the right and narrows. At the end of the field you continue along the edge of Salterns Copse.

At the end of the Copse turn left and you are at Chichester Marina. Turn left and cycle around the marina and back to your start point.

