

SOTONIA CYCLING CLUB

Gosport and Solent Reliability Ride (later phase of Covid-19 lockdown)

route devised by Bill Drabkin, September 2020

THIS EVENT IS NOT A RACE, but a test of your riding and navigating ability on mainly quiet roads

You may complete this route anytime until Sunday 25 October (clocks go back that day!).

Record the time of day you start your ride, and when you finish; email them to wmd@soton.ac.uk

The names of all finishers will be posted on the club website and Facebook pages

Classifications: Gold (16+ mph), Silver (14–16 mph), Bronze (12–14 mph)

For safety, avoid cycling before/after dark and during morning rush hours

Start in West End, at the roundabout where Mansbridge Rd (A27) meets Allington Ln
(Parking is available at Haskins Garden Centre, on Mansbridge Road, just west of the roundabout.)

KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

X = junction R = Turn Right L = Turn Left SO = Straight Over PH = public house

TL=traffic light T = T Junction sp = Sign Post RB = Roundabout —> = road name change

Lower-case place names: the route goes in that direction. UPPER CASE: the route actually goes there

Double underlined = street sign clearly visible. Single underlined = street sign visible from behind

miles km

To gain start of route, R out of Haskins car park onto Mansbridge Rd (A27)

0.0	0.0	L at RB into <u>Allington Ln</u>
3.0	4.9	R at T onto <u>Fair Oak Rd</u> , then first L, and L at next T (<u>Winchester Rd</u>)
3.5	5.6	first R into <u>Mortimers La/B3037</u>
5.4	8.7	R at T (B2177: no sp)
7.8	12.6	L at second RB in Bishops Waltham, then bear R (sp P Toilets)
8.0	12.9	R at bollarded T; bear R onto <u>Hoe Rd</u>
9.8	15.7	Passing through Swanmore, R onto <u>Chapel Rd</u>
10.1	16.3	SO X (with care) —> <u>Mislingford Rd</u> ; SO next X
12.8	20.6	at top of hill, L at irregular X (sp WICKHAM)
13.4	21.5	Approaching Wickham, R onto <u>Station Rd</u> —> The Square; L at T onto A334
13.7	22.1	Passing under railway bridge, R into <u>Mayles Ln</u> ; continue through Knowle
15.9	25.6	L at T onto <u>Funtley Rd</u> (no sp), then around and up hill
16.8	27.0	Bear L at top of hill —> <u>Kiln Rd</u>
17.5	28.1	R at TL onto <u>Park Ln</u> ; follow one-way system into town centre
18.2	29.3	at TL, R onto West St, then first L into <u>Crescent Rd</u>
18.4	29.6	R at T (still Crescent Rd), then follow cyclepath around to left (The Gillies)
18.8	30.2	At modern church with interesting bell tower, L onto Redlands Rd
19.0	30.6	R up ramp onto <u>Henry Cort Way</u> ("Eclipse Busway")
21.1	34.0	at end of Busway, take narrow cycle path in same direction for 400m
21.4	34.4	L onto new cycle path past large building with yellow stripe on right --> <u>Forest Way</u>
21.6	34.7	at TL, SO Fareham Rd (A32) onto Heritage Way (unmarked, passing Lidl on right)
22.2	35.8	at large RB take 2nd exit, then cross other roads to stay on Heritage Way
23.5	37.8	follow bends in road to cross Millennium Bridge; bear R onto Weevil Ln
24.1	38.8	at TL, L at T to gain good view of Spinnaker Tower
24.7	39.8	L onto <u>Haslar Rd</u> (sp Royal Hospital etc); observe TL at bridge, then straight on
25.7	41.3	L at T onto <u>Clayhall Rd</u> —> Fort Rd —> Stokes Bay Rd

- 27.8 44.7 L at RB onto Browndown Rd (so Lee-on-the-Solent); L at T onto Privett Rd
 30.7 49.4 passing Lee-on-the-Solent; L into Crofton Av, then first L and R at T onto Saltern Rd
 31.5 50.7 L onto Hill Head Rd —> Cliff Rd —> Meon Rd towards Titchfield
 34.9 56.1 in Titchfield, L at T up Coach Hill —> Common Ln —> Warsash Rd
 35.6 57.3 L onto Hook La (sp HOOK, Little Abshot)
 36.7 59.1 Sharp R into Fleet End Rd; ** L onto Dible Rd —> Lockwood Rd; L onto Warsash Rd
 38.1 61.3 at clock tower in centre of Warsash, R at RB onto Brook Ln
 38.8 62.5 L into Barnes Ln (no sp), then L at T with A27 (fast road, care needed)
 40.8 65.7 under railway bridge, R onto Blundell La: **great care needed**
 41.6 66.9 R at T into Dodwell La (not marked); move R onto cycle path at next T
 42.0 67.6 R into Pylands La (sp RIVER HAMBLE COUNTRY PARK, MANOR FARM)
 43.9 70.7 After short unpaved path alongside Manor Farm, L into Brook Ln
 44.8 72.1 R at T, then 1st L onto Holmesland Ln
 45.2 72.8 L at T onto Winchester St (B3354)
 46.7 75.2 L onto Shamblehurst Ln North, past Hedge End station —> Stroudle Way
 47.5 76.5 R at RB/T onto Maunsell Way, then R at RB/T into Tollbar Way
 48.3 77.8 L into Bubb La, crossing over motorway —> Moorgreen Rd
 49.4 79.5 opposite Monarch Way, R onto cycle path —> Brookside Way (unmarked)
 49.7 80.0 R at T onto Quob Lane (unmarked), L at RB onto Barbe Baker Av
 50.6 81.4 R at T (B3035) then R onto A27 (cycle path available)
 51.0 82.1 Finish at RB at bottom of hill; *SO to return to Haskins car park*

(Note: you may also start and finish the course from any point on the route.)

**Alternative for gravel/mountain bike: bear R (not sharp R) onto Hook Pk Rd
 —> Newtown Rd (to clock tower in Warsash: SO onto Brook Ln, etc.

For the autumn 2020 reliability ride, "Eat Out to Help Out":
 making a café stop will earn you a time bonus of 30 minutes!