Sotonia Cycling Club

Dorset Demon 150 mile Reliability Ride

Maps required: OS Landranger 183, 184, 185, 194, 195, 196 or OS Travelmaster 8 and 9. The route given here is a guide and is not intended as instructions to be followed on the ride. It should be used in conjunction with the maps.

Riders have up to 12 hours to complete the course. Should you arrive at the finish before 3pm there will be no timekeeper available to record success.

Key:
PH – public house;
RB – roundabout;
L – left;
R – right;
T – T-junction; F –
forward;
SO – straight on;
X – cross-roads;
RW – railway;
sp - signpost.

Start: 0800 Romsey Bus Station – Free car parking close by. The start is approximately 4 miles from the finish.

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Lunch: riders are responsible for their own lunch. Suitable places where food is available are shown underlined in the route description.

ROUTE
Leave the Bus Station via the EXIT.
R and the mini RB and continue to the town square (Palmerston's Statue).
2nd exit *(no sp)*
F onto A3057 at mini RB
L at Duke's Head PH onto B3084
L at DUNBRIDGE, R at Lockerley Green past Ch, L to WEST DEAN, L at T then R on next lefthand bend to EAST GRIMSTEAD **(Beware possible flooding at railway arch**) where L and F to ALDERBURY. R to join A36 where L. SO at mini-RB into SALISBURY [17.4 miles].

L at RB and L again at next RB following signs A338 (A354) South Coast. At complex Harnham junction, go R signed A3094, HARNHAM. Continue on A3094 to rejoin A36 at traffic lights at QUIDHAMPTON. L then L at RB to WILTON (A30). Cross lights, R at bend *(sp Great Wishford).* Continue through GREAT WISHFORD and HANGING LANGFORD [28 miles]

F to WYLIE where SO by chapel. Bear L under A303 to STOCKTON, BOYTON, **(beware bends on the downhill section into n Boyton)** CORTON, TYTHERINGTON and SUTTON VENY [38 miles]

L on B3095, just after Woolpack Inn, to <u>LONGBRIDGE DEVERILL</u> *(garage on left for refreshments).*
F to MAIDEN BRADLEY, SO following signs to BRUTON (53.5 Miles)

L on A359 through town. Take B3081 through REDLYNCH. Where B3081 forks, take R fork following Wincanton signs. F into <u>WINCANTON</u> **CAUTION – steep downhill into town.**

L into one-system following road markings to A303 Exeter and Mere – right hand lane.
At end of one-way system Turn L in Moor Lane *(sp Buckhorn Weston 4)* – turning before industrial estate
Next R to HORSINGTON.
L onto A357 then next R to MILBORNE PORT.
R on to A30 to <u>SHERBORNE</u>. **Do not follow signs for A352 on the approach to the town**
Stay on A30 ring road until L on to A352 *(sp Dorchester).*
L on to A352 then R into Bradford Road just before footbridge *(sp Bradford Abbas, Yetminster).*
SO at right hand bend *(sp Yetminster)* over railway line on outskirts of BRADFORD ABBAS
R *(sp Station)* before Thornford
F to YETMINSTER and CHETNOLE
L to LEIGH
L at Stones Farm to HERMITAGE then F to junction with A352.
SO (B3146) to GLANVILLES WOOTTON, then F to junction with B3143.
L then immediately R *(sp Mappowder)*
In HAZELBURY BRYAN, L at T junction and again L at T junction to KINGSTON
Continue to junction with A357.
R then L at traffic lights into <u>STURMINSTER NEWTON</u>
R on to B3091 to MANSTON, GUYS MARSH and SHAFTESBURY.
R after steep hill into town .
Continue to large RB where SO and immediately R on B3081 *(sp Ringwood).*
L at CANN COMMON to ascend ZIG-ZAG HILL

F to TOLLARD ROYAL **(Beware fast descent through village VERY POOR ROAD SURFACE)** and SIXPENNY HANDLEY
SO at RB at A354, staying on B3081. L at Creech Hill House. L at staggered X into CRANBORNE.
R at Fleur de Lys PH, *(sp Alderholt).*
F to FORDINGBRIDGE.

R at T then R at mini RB to cross river and go under A338.
R then immediately L to STUCKTON, NORTHGORLEY, SOUTH GORLEY and MOCKBEGGAR
Bear L after ford at MOYLES COURT
F to LINWOOD. Climb to Broomy Plain
L across Ocknell Plain, *(sp Stoney Cross).*
L at T to Fritham Lodge, bear R to X w i t h B3078

SO to BRAMSHAW to T with A36
R and L **(Beware fast moving t r a f f i c)** into Whinwhistle Road.
3rd L into Hamdown Crescent to finish at ROSELEA (on left at fork) [150 miles]