

21 km (12½ miles)
10 km (6 miles)

Link up with Route 4
to make a 35 km loop



- Cycle Route On Road
- Cycle Route Off Road
- Alternative Route
- Bridleway
- National Route
- Dangerous Junction
- Rest Stops Pub/Cafe
- Woodland

Level
Moderate

Route 3



Beech Avenue, Moor Crichel

Witchampton

Terrain:
Mix of gravel tracks and quiet lanes

Long Route - On road: 70%
Off road: 30%

Short Route - On road: 50%
Off road: 50%

Hills:
4 on long route, 2 on short loop



Start:
Witchampton Village Hall car park,
located next to St Mary's Church,
signposted 'Recycling Centre'.

OS Ref:
Explorer 118 988 006

1 Withampton Village Hall

Lat 50:51.431'N Long 2:01.085'W

2.3km / 1.4m to next point

Turn **R** out of village hall, follow the road round the bends and take the 1st **R** onto *Lower Street*.

Follow this road around a right hand bend and up a short hill. Go past next crossroads (signposted *Manswood R*). Carry on past bridleway on **R** (*Deans Leaze*). Take next bridleway on **R** signposted *Dean Farm*.

2 Road / bridleway junction

Lat 50:51.258'N Long 2:02.782'W

4.5km / 2.85m to next point

Continue along this good ash track past *Dean Farm*. Carry on up the track for just over a kilometre, until you come to a fork in the bridleway.

Take the **R** fork and cycle on up the track. You will pass bridleways on your **R** then **L**. Carry on and you will descend down the hill to a track junction.

Turn **R** here and follow this track all the way to the road.

For a shortened loop, turn left here and stay on this road all the way back to Withampton. There is a bit of a hill as you near the village. Cross straight over at junction. Total distance 10km / 6 miles.

3 Bridleway / road junction

Lat 50: 52.586'N Long 2:01.981'W

4.25km / 2.6m to next point

Turn **L** up hill. Follow the road for a couple of kilometres down to the bottom of the hill

***take care here as there is a sharp left turn at the bottom but you need to go straight over so watch out for cars from the left.**

NB Long *Crichel Bakery* is ½ km to the **L**. Go straight over at bottom of hill towards *Moor Crichel*.

Follow this really pretty lane for approx 2km, through the tree lined section, until you come to a T-junction.

4 Lane / Road junction

Lat 50:52.732'N Long 2:00.237'W

2.5km / 1.6m to next point

Turn **L** (signed to *Gussage All Saints*) and cycle up hill until you go through 2 white posts. Turn **R** here, even though it says *No Through Rd*.

Cycle on down this track past house (was *Crichel Mill*) and along a short stretch of river (can get muddy in wet weather).

Follow the track around to the **R**, immediately after bridge (a farm track goes straight ahead) next to the river

until you come past a house on your **R**. Now take the tarmac road on your **L** until you get to the main B3078 road. Take extreme care and cross straight over.



5 B3078 road junction

Lat 50:52.020'N Long 1:59.257'W

1.1km / 1.7m to next point

Go straight on. Big hill coming up! Quiet road so if you aren't used to hills probably best to walk up. It is worth the effort as you can rest by the picturesque 13th Century church at the top with views across to *Horton Tower*.

6 Chalbury Church

Lat 50:51.704'N Long 1:58.494'W

3km / 1.8m to next point

Join here from route 4. If you want to link up to route 4 to make the 35km ride you are now at number 5 on the route 4 instructions

Continue past the church and take next **R** downhill to T - junction. Turn **R** here into *Hinton Martell*.

Once in the village cycle past the church and just after the fountain you will see some newish barn conversions on the **L**. Turn **L** immediately past the last one "*Old Manor Farm*" along track.

Follow this to T-junction. Turn **R** back to the B3078.

7 Woodcutts Lane / B3078 junction

Lat 50:51.065'N Long 1:59.819'W

1.6km / 1m to finish



Take extreme care crossing the road. Cycle straight on down this road which takes you back into *Witchampton*. Go past *Lower Street* and village hall is on your **L**.

Rest Stops:

Long *Crichel bakery*

Places and things of Interest:

Withampton village and Church
15th Century *Chalbury Church*

Links to other cycleways, byways:

East Dorset Cycle ride route 4

Abbreviations:

L - Left

R - Right

Route Profile - This representation of the route should be used only as a guide.

