

Ride I: Fold Villages of the Surrey Weald

Dunsfold • Stovolds Hill • Lakers Green • Alfold Crossways • Alfold • High Bridge • Knightons
• Furnace Bridge or Upper Ifold • Durfold Wood • Hazel Bridge • Chiddingfold • Hambledon
• Pockford • Dunsfold

Distance: Between 9½ and 21 miles
Landranger Maps: 186 Explorer Maps: 133 and 134

Special Note

Our recommended route avoids paths which are likely to give severe problems. However, there are some difficult bridleways which pass through countryside which is well worth exploring, and we have offered one of these as a 'challenging alternative'. By all means try this section if you have a suitable bike and the weather has been reasonable. Just be prepared for the conditions you may find.

Starting Points

Start at the car park on the green at Dunsfold, near the shop and post office. There is also a car park on the Dunsfold to Alfold road; it's off the route but not too far from Dunsfold.

⇒ Witley station is on South West Trains' Waterloo–Guildford–Portsmouth line, a mile or so west of Hambledon.

The Route in Brief

Stage numbers refer to the stages marked on the accompanying map.

① Head S through village then TL on BW just after village hall. Pass small pond and Pound Farm, then TR onto gravelled track by gate of New Pound Farm. Follow track between fields then down slope into

woods. At bottom of hill cross stream and continue beside airfield fence. At road TL.

TR through gate about 100 yds after turn to High Billingham Farm onto BW across field. Aim for gate on far side 100 yds in from RH edge of field. Through gate and TR onto concrete track. When concrete track goes off to L after broken old gate, keep SO up path through pines, past fenced enclosure. Beware – old manholes!

At end of woods path enters field. Keep to RH edge, then take narrow path between old gateposts. Pass pond and through gate into farmyard. Follow concrete farm road SO past cowshed to road. Cross over, heading slightly R, into drive of Hall Place (BW). At Hall Place Farm pass through small gate to L of main entrance. Keep to L and follow track along side of farm then down slope. Pass cottages to reach A281.

② Cross to Mill Farm drive opposite (BW). At farm pass first buildings to farmyard, then out through gateway in far RH corner. Go through second gateway onto track, which soon crosses course of old canal and adjacent stream bridge. After a while go through gate into short field. SO to gate ahead leading into larger field. Follow hedge on R to wooden 5-bar gate and leave field, passing wooden shed. Follow driveway through garden to road.

TR onto road and continue to A281. Cross road to BW opposite (loop of old road), turning R onto narrow grassy track.

Follow track through gateway into field, aiming for L end of buildings in distance. Leave field through gate along track past mobile home park, then SO along access road to road at Lakers Green.

③ TL out of BW onto road then SO at junc. At Alfold Crossways TR onto B2133 Alfold road. In centre of Alfold TR by Crown pub into Rosemary Lane. After about 1 mile TR immediately before isolated house at High Bridge onto BW into Forestry Commission woods. Go round gate onto BW then keep SO on main track as another BW diverges to R. Keep SO at crossways of paths, then go round end of another gate. Pass old wooden garage then cross bed of old canal. Pass entrance to Sidney Court, then track becomes Knightons Lane. At bottom of dip after Old Knightons (at junc of lane to Upper Ifold) choose which route to follow.

④ To Durfold via Furnace Bridge

Keep SO along Knightons Lane for ½ mile, then TL at next turning. SP Hurlands & Howicks. Follow lane through farm gate then SO past farm buildings and out of farmyard by gate at far end. Follow gravelled track down hill, then round to right, over bank, and through one gate on far side, then another. Leave track by gates of Burningfold Manor and follow BW across grass and into wood. BW heads to R and over bridge, heading towards tarred drive, but turns L just before it. After 200 yds it merges into drive. At end of drive TL onto road. At phone box by Durfold Farm TR into Fisher Lane, SP Chiddingfold. Continue from stage ⑦.

⑤ To Durfold via Loxley Bridge

Follow Knightons Lane for about 1 mile then TL into Chapel Hill. At TJ at end TL into main road down hill to Loxley Bridge. Immediately after bridge TL into Plaistow Lane. Follow this for 1½ miles to phone box near Durfold Farm then TR into Fisher Lane, SP Chiddingfold. Continue from stage ⑦.

⑥ To Durfold via Upper Ifold

At bottom of hill after Old Knightons TL onto BW to Upper Ifold Farm. Follow track past farm and outbuildings, then through short belt of woods. After Upper Ifold House keep SO past stables, then FR when track divides. Pass more stables then track enters woods and splits three ways. Ignore indistinct path on L, but veer L at following fork. Next section is in bad condition.

At gravel forest track TR then immediately L along edge of wood. At TJ of paths by Dungate Farm, TR to reach road. TR onto road for about 400 yds then TL into Fishers Lane, SP Chiddingfold.

⑦ Follow the road for over 3 miles straight through to Chiddingfold.

⑧ At Chiddingfold TR onto A283 for about 1 mile through North Bridge. Pass gates of Northbridge House then TR opposite sign for North End Farm onto BW. At Hurst Cottage veer slightly L then follow track through woods. Cross bridge over stream, then after 400 yds FL onto a drive, passing a pond and some cottages, to reach the road by the cricket green.

⑨ TR onto road (Vann Lane) and head E. Pass the end of Woodlands Road, then follow lane sharp L by brickworks entrance. Keep SO for about 2 miles, past junc with Upper Vann Lane, then, after Pockford Farm TL into White Beech Lane, SP Dunsfold. At next TJ TL, again SP Dunsfold. After less than ½ mile TL at Woodside Cottage onto BW, SP Duns Copse and Wetwood Rough.

⑩ Almost immediately veer R onto farm track, then veer R again after 400 yds at gate. At bottom of hill by Mill House TL over bridge and follow drive to road. TR then R again for Dunsfold or TL then L again for church.