Beaulieu to Brockenhurst and back

A moderate distance loop with plenty to see along the way.

Starting from the historic village of Beaulieu, this ride takes you through majestic heathland with great open views over the WWII airfield. On the return leg, the ride winds through woodland. As an alternative it is possible to start at Brockenhurst for sustainable transport access.

Be Forest Friendly: Your food and litter could harm the ponies and donkeys. Please take your litter home if bins are full.

This Google Street View window allows you to look around the entrance to Beaulieu, waypoint number 29 in the map above.

1. Fire Station Lane

Starting on the high street in Beaulieu, with the Montague Arms Hotel on your right, look for Fire Station Lane near the bridge over the river. This leads towards the Solent Way footpath.

2. Gravel track

Continue up along the road and continue as it turns into a gravel track. Go through a gate and follow the Solent Way towards Buckler's Hard. Take care on the shared use path and give way to other users.

3. Turn right approaching Baileys Hard

As you approach Baileys Hard, where you will see New Forest Activities on the right, continue along the main track and up the hill as it bears around to the right. (Do not turn left to follow a footpath towards Bucklers Hard).

4. Right onto road

At the top of this track take a right onto the minor road.
5. Left onto Lodge Lane
At the junction with the white signpost, take a left onto Lodge Lane, heading towards East Boldre.

6. Sharp right
Follow Lodge Lane around the church bend. At the top of the hill take a sharp right to come back on yourself.

7. Right at T-junction
Continue along Cripple Gate Lane and take the second right, at a T-junction onto East Boldre Road.

8. Left onto B3054
Follow East Boldre Lane around to the left and take a left onto the B3054.

9. Into Beaulieu Heath car park
Take the second right off the B3054 into Beaulieu Heath car park.

10. Head right at track split
Take a right at the first gravel T-junction, as the track splits head right, not towards the model plane car park, follow the track around to a low gate at waymarker 321.

11. Old airfield
At the T-junction, waymarker 319, continue straight along the paved section of the old airfield and follow it around a left hand turn. This used to be a taxi way for the aircraft.

Caution: after heavy rain standing water can be present on the airfield.

12. Tarmac turns to gravel
Where the tarmac turns to gravel take a right at waymarker 318. The path continuing straight on is a footpath only. Look out for the concrete patch that used to be a hangar on your right.

13. Left junction
After a short distance on the gravel track there is a junction at waymarker 317, take a left here. This can be easy to miss so keep an eye out. If you end up at a road you have gone too far and will have to double back on yourself. Be careful not to turn left before this waymarker as there is another track.

14. Roundhill Campsite
Follow this path over broken concrete until you reach the back of Roundhill Campsite at waymarker 316. Pass the gate and continue to the left along the outskirts of the campsite on the road.
15. Towards campsite reception

Follow the road around a bend at waymarker 315 and continue towards the campsite reception past waymarker 314.

16. Onto B3055

At waymarker 313, take a left onto the B3055. Follow the B3055 past Mill Lane and under the railway bridge.

17. Right turn off the road

As you pass houses, take a right turn onto a gravel track that goes right, almost back towards yourself. This is marked by waymarker 293. Take care as cars are often parked at the start of the track and it requires crossing the road.

18. Left at track split

Continue along the gravel track past a car park on the left. As the track splits follow it around to the left at waymarker 292.

19. Right at marker 289

At the gate, waymarker 290, go through and take the right track, waymarker 289.

20. Straight over at crossroads

Continue along following the track around to the left at the end of the straight section. At the crossroads, continue straight over at waymarker 287.

21. Onto National Cycle Network

Follow the track round and through two gates, then take a right at the next T-junction onto the National Cycle Network #2.

22. Over railway bridge

Head over the next crossroads at waymarker 324, through a gate at waymaker 325 and over the railway bridge.

23. Left over cattle grid

At the low gate, waymarker 326, take a left over the cattle grid.

24. Right turn

Follow the track passing waymarker 329 and taking a right turn at waymarker 330.

25. Left at crossroads

Head up the hill and through the gate at the top, waymarker 331. Pass through a second gate and travel downhill. At the crossroads take a left at 332.
26. Past a low gate

Follow this track for a while past waymarkers 337 – 340. At the bottom of a hill go through the gate, follow the track and pass a low gate at waymarker 341.

27. Onto Furzey Lane

Take a right at waymarker 342 onto Furzey Lane.

28. Left onto Hatchet Lane

At the end of the road by waymarker 343, take a left onto Hatchet Lane heading towards Beaulieu.

29. Right onto Palace Lane

Follow Hatchet Lane down the hill and round the bend, taking a right onto Palace Lane /B3054 and back to the start.

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