

# Hayling to Cheriton (Pub - The Flower Pots - Cheriton)

## A 56 Mile Ride

*Important Notes: This is it! The last big one before the Main Event - Please take special care on the quieter roads that will be gravel and debris ridden. On the whole vision is pretty good but be very careful. The lunch stop is the Flower Pots at Cheriton, which is about half way, so don't overdo it on the liquid refreshment! - Read your notes carefully before you start the ride. Have fun, but keep your wits about you.*

*There is an alternative (more favoured?) route to Cheriton at the end of these notes*

Leave the Ship and head towards Havant going straight across the roundabout and the following set of lights. Turn left down West St. Cross the railway crossing at Bedhampton then bear left onto the main road. Go straight through the traffic lights at Hulbert road (1.9) then take the right fork at the mini roundabout onto the B2177 up Portsdown hill. Turn right at the Churchillian pub (2.9) and drop down a long straight hill. At the T-junction (4.5) turn right (towards Purbrook) then turn left (4.6) towards Denmead.

Stay on this road following signs for Denmead and Hambledon at the various sharp bends and junctions until you reach a give way T-Junction at the main Denmead bypass (7.0). Go straight across through the wooden stile and down the path and past the Mead End pub. Go straight across the first crossroads (7.3) and turn right at the next crossroads into Soake Road (7.4) towards Clanfield.

Follow this country lane (gentle climb) and bear left at the sharp right hand bend (8.4) towards Hinton Daubnay. Stay on this road up and take the next left (signpost Denmead Mill) then turn right into a sharp downhill, climbing up again to a T-junction, where you turn right, arriving at a crossroads, with the Bat & Ball pub opposite (10.8). Turn left here.

Start to descend the hill, but turn right (11.00) just where the tree line ends. Follow this road until the next right turn (12.3) take this steady climb for just over a mile. Bear right at the junction (13.5) and at the cross roads (13.6), go straight across, and down towards East Meon.

At the bottom of the hill and just after a sharp left bend in the road turn left (14.3) towards West Meon (sign to Meon Springs Fly Fishery) and stay on this road for just over two miles, bearing right past the Fly Fishery entrance.

Turn right at the end (16.6) and turn left just after the "H" sign (17.0) – this road looks like a mud track initially, but the surface gets better after a few yards - and once again enjoy a nice steady climb.

At the end of the road, dogleg right then left into Stocks Lane (18.4) and follow this road for a mile. At the junction turn right then left - sign Alton 8 - (19.4) and stay on this road for approximately three miles (going straight across at the A32 cross roads) on through West Tisted until you get to a T junction.

Turn left (22.8) and turn left again (23.4) into Park Lane. After a while the road bends sharply round to the right at a muddy farmyard junction, don't get this confused with the next farmyard mentioned, ie do not go up the concrete road/hill, stick to the "good" road surface (24.4) and on until you come to what appears at first to be a T-junction (26.0). In fact, there is a road going straight across, through the farmyard and up a sharp but short (tarmac road) hill. That's where you need to be going.

Stay on this stretch of road past the Battle of Cheriton monument (29.0). At the end of this road (30.2) turn left towards Cheriton. After you cross the bridge, over the river Itchen, take the second right (30.6) – sign post Winchester and Bishops Waltham 7 - and after 200 yards the Flower Pots is on the left. This is your lunch time destination. Stop here and enjoy a pint or three.

Returning home, turn Left out of the Pub Car Park and continue along to the cross roads (30.9). Go straight across towards Beauworth. After a short climb you will come across the Milburys pub (31.6). Continue along this road until you come to an angled cross roads (32.6ish). Go straight across this towards Bishops Waltham. After dropping down a long hill you come to a T junction (33.9). Turn left and almost immediately turn right (34.0) (sign Dundridge – single track road).

Just along the road on the right is the Hampshire Bowman pub (Real ale, bar snacks and a large garden) (34.8). Carry on along this narrow bendy lane until you come to a complex set of junctions (39.2). Turn left at the first give way then go straight across the crossroads (sign Hambledon & Droxford). At the main road junction go straight over onto the B2150 Waterlooville (39.7).

Just after you pass under the railway bridge turn right at The Hurdles pub (40.0) (Sign Soberton). Carry on until the give way about 200 yds after The White Lion, where you turn right (41.4).

Follow this road staying on the obvious main road at all junctions until you come along a long straight road past the Travellers Rest at Newtown and up a short sharp hill to a give way junction at Shoot Hill (46.3). Turn LEFT. Carry on past the Horse and Jockey and fork off right at The Chairmakers towards Denmead (47.0). Straight across roundabout signposted Purbrook Heath carrying on along the Denmead bypass until you get to Furzeley Rd. where you turn right directly opposite some wooden styles (49.7).

Follow signs to Purbrook at junctions until you get to the old A3 at Purbrook near the Hospice (51.5). Turn left then immediately right at the roundabout 20 yds up the road into Ladybridge road.

Straight on at all junctions until you cross the motorway near B&Q and down to the roundabout at the Hypermarket where you turn right onto Hulbert Rd.

Carry on to the lights at the end where you turn left and proceed through Bedhampton. Fork right to cross the railway at the level crossing then right into Brockhampton Road. Turn left at the mini roundabout into Solent Road which you follow along to the lights (55.5). Turn right then carry on down to the Ship (56.5).

## Alternative Outbound Route to CHERITON POTTS

- 0.0 Leave the Ship and proceed up the Hayling Billy trail.
- 1.0 At the car park bear right under the bridge to continue up the trail
- 1.3 Go right over the railway, straight over the junction onto New Lane..
- 2.3 At the end turn right then first left into Wakefords Way
- 3.0 Turn right into Prospect lane at the top of the rise.
- 3.5 Turn left at T junction onto Whychers Gate Lane
- 3.9 Right at the 2 mini roundabouts onto Redhill Rd. to Rowlands Castle.
- 4.7 Carry straight on through under the railway and on to Deanlane End.
- 5.7 At Deanlane End turn left under the railway towards Finchdean
- 6.2 Go straight through Finchdean & on until road bends left over railway.
- 8.1 Fork off right and follow this road to Buriton.(low bridge 3 miles sign).
- 11.4 At bottom of steep hill turn left at the Master Robert pub
- 12.1 Straight over roundabout and under the A3.
- 12.2 Turn right and immediately left towards Ramsdean.
- 14.7 Turn right - Sign Frogmore
- 15.7 At T junct turn right into East Meon.
- 15.9 Bear off left where road bends sharp right before Ye Olde George
- 16.0 Just after shop bear off right into Workhouse Lane.
- 16.1 At T junction turn left towards West Meon
- 19.0 West Meon tea rooms and stores on left. Access round back through alley just before the store. They have been warned we are coming
- 19.1 Straight over A32 into short one way street then turn right at end. Follow this undulating road past several junctions until..
- 20.7 Turn left at crossroads (sign Droxford 6)
- 21.3 Bear off right towards Hinton Ampner and Cheriton (sign Cheriton 3)
- 22.5 Right at unsigned junction uphill then right again at 23 miles. Climb uphill and follow bendy road through Hinton Ampner.
- 23.6 Left onto A272 for half a mile.
- 24.1 Turn right onto B3046 Alresford and follow into Cheriton
- 24.7 Take the first left and The Flower Pots pub is 100 meters up on the left  
This is the lunch stop