

Cathedral to Coast Route , Canterbury to Dover

A cycle ride to one of Kent's most famous attractions, Dover Castle. Visit the Norman Castle with its Roman Pharos (lighthouse), see Hellfire Corner (an underground second world war command centre. Other attractions include the Grand Staircase, a unique triple staircase linking a Napoleonic Period Fort to the Town a Victorian Goal.

1. From the station bear left and pass through a new housing estate bearing right all the time until you reach North Lane, cross and go straight ahead into the Causeway. Turn left into St. Radigunds Street, cross over the Stour River passing the Millers arms on your right and continue following this road until it meets Northgate. Turn left, pass Broad Street, on your right and turn right into the next alleyway on your right. Follow this road as it twists and turns until you reach Military Road.
2. At staggered pedestrian crossings go straight ahead into North Holmes Road. and at T junction by the side of the local prison turn left and in a very short while turn right into Spring Lane signposted Cycle Route 16/17 towards Dover. By the Chaucer School turn right into Pilgrims Way. At the end of the housing estate the route enters a private road and Cycle Track 16. Follow this route carefully through the orchards. (Straight in at the crossroads, and just after passing under high tension electric power cable fork left and climb a short incline.)
3. In a while join a lane on a sharp bend and go straight ahead passing Hode Farm and its oasthouses. Descend a hill and beware there is a T junction at the bottom. In a very short distance there is a mini roundabout, go straight ahead and enter the village of Patricbourne.

(4 miles/ 6.5 kilometers)

4. On a right hand bend before you reach the church turn left into lane marked Cycle Route 16. Cross a ford where there may be water flowing and climb the hill out of the village. Ride out into the country ignoring side turnings. At a T junction turn right sign posted Cycle Route 16. At crossroads turn left sign posted Adisham.
5. Follow lane into village of Adisham. At T junction turn left and ride along the street. Pass the Bull Inn on your right and at village green turn right, pass under Railway Bridge and pass Adisham Railway Station. At T junction with B2046 turn right and almost immediately turn left into lane signposted Ratling. Follow Cycle Route 16 signs around edge of former mining village of Aylesham.

(9.5 miles/ 16 kilometers)

6. At Crossroads at the edge of the village of Nonnington go straight ahead following the signpost to Barfrestone. Skirt edge of Fredville Park. At T junction turn left and follow lane to Barfrestone. Pass Yew Tree Inn in the village. This is one the only public houses on this route and therefore a good refreshment stop. Pass unusual church on left and at foot of a short hill bear right signposted Cycle Route 16.

(16 miles/ 26.5 kilometers)

7. On the outskirts of Whitfield take the first turning left. Go straight ahead at crossroads with the main road and ride back into the countryside. At next crossroads turn right signposted Whitfield Church. Pass church and at T junction turn left, cross over bridge and turn right signposted Guston. Follow lane to village of Guston.

(18 miles/ 31 Kilometers)

8. At T junction in Guston by Chance Inn, turn right, cross over bridge over main road and pass Military Barracks. At T junction at the top of Castle Hill opposite Dover Castle turn right and start to descend a very steep hill. If you wish to visit the castle take the first slip road on your right, if not continue to descend into the town.

(21 miles/ 35 Kilometers)

9. To take the easy route back to Canterbury, make your way to Dover Priory Railway Station and catch the train to Canterbury East Railway Station