

## **Mount Ephraim Gardens**

Mount Ephraim Gardens in Hernehill are open from 11am to 6pm except Tuesdays. It is a terraced garden with fine views and famous for its topiary and Japanese Rock gardens. Riders if they wish can go onto Farming World, a traditional farm where you can see rare breeds, heavy horses and farming by-gones.

1. From the Station turn right and ride down Station Road West into St. Dunstons St. Immediately before Westgate Towers turn right into Westgate Grove and follow the cycle route signs to the University. Initially the route winds its way through a housing estate until it comes to a T junction in the track near a foot bridge over the main A2. Turn right and follow the track across some common land.
2. Start looking for a cycle track on your left to Rough Common and Church Wood. Follow this track and cross straight across Rough Common Road and enter the track opposite into Church Wood along the track where RSPB notice is at the entrance.

(3 miles/ 5 kilometers)

3. Follow gravel route through woods. Take great care on the gravel and fork right at only main junction in the woods. Track returns to paved road at Denstroude Farm and turn left. At second turning on your right turn right into Dawes Road signposted Boughton. In a short while you will come to a marvelous panoramic view over Boughton and numerous hop gardens.
4. Descend a long hill into Boughton. At T junction at the bottom turn right. Mount Ephraim Gardens are on your right.
5. Continue along this road past the Three Horseshoes Public House and immediately before it turn left signposted Hernhill and Whitstable. Pass through Hernehill and enter Dargate via Crockham Road. Turn right into Butlers Hill and pass Dove Public House. At T junction, turn left past Destroude Farm again and continue to T junction with main A290 and turn right.
6. Ride up the hill and turn left just past petrol station into Chapel Lane. Turn right into Bourne Lodge Close and turn left into Tylers Hill Road. Pass church on your right and pass through small valley. At the top of the next rise by playing fields turn left and pass the University Campus. At T junction turn right and take next turning on your left. Go straight ahead at main roundabout and the same again at the mini roundabout. You will descend Elliot Path into Canterbury, (Be prepared to stop at a barrier at the bottom of the hill). At foot of the slope follow cycle route signs to City Centre and shortly after passing under the railway line turn right and return to Canterbury West Railway Station.

(18 miles/ 30 kilometers)