

Sole Street Ride

This ride takes you to Chartham, through Denge Wood with its numerous badger setts and onto the hamlet of Sole Street. The Compasses Inn is one of the few Inns on this route. The return takes you through Petham and back into Canterbury.

1. Follow Cycle Route across Canterbury from the West Railway Station to the East Station. Turn left out of Canterbury West Station and follow road through new housing estate keeping bearing right as you pass through it. At junction with North Lane go straight ahead into The Causeway. At T junction turn left into St. Radigunds Street, turn right into Mill Lane by Millers Arms Public House and follow the lane through to King Street. At King Street turn right and follow through to High Street and Pedestrian Precinct.
2. At staggered crossroads in High Street, go straight ahead into Stour Street, turn left into Hospital Lane, turn right into Castle Street and left into Castle Row. In a while turn left into Dane John Garden and walk up to footbridge over busy dual carriageway. At Canterbury East Station turn left and just past Car Park turn right into alleyway which runs parallel to the railway line. At footbridge walk over with bicycle and in Oxford Road turn right and ride through housing estate.
3. At T junction turn right into Guildford Road and almost immediately turn left into alleyway later signed as Hop Garden Way. This alleyway eventually joins Hollowmeade. At T junction turn right into Hollow Lane and at T junction with Wincheap Road (A28) turn left and go through multiple sets of traffic lights. Turn left into St. Nicholas Road, first road on left after traffic lights. At top of the road turn right into Cockering Road and follow out into the countryside past Larkey Woods on the left and enter village of Chartham.

(3 miles/ 5 kilometers)

4. Pass Fagge Arms on your right and at crossroads at top of slope go straight ahead with care signposted Mystole and Waltham. At foot of hill turn right into Penny Pot Lane and ride through Denge woods to a crossroads. At crossroads take a short diversion to your right to Sole Street and the Compasses Inn.

(7 miles/ 11 kilometers)

5. If Inn is closed or you do not wish to visit then turn left at crossroads signposted Anvil Green and Petham. Bear left when lane merges with a road from the right. Continue to Petham and ride through village towards

Canterbury.

(10 miles/ 15 kilometers)

6. Just after leaving the village bear left into Water Lane. At crossroads with main Chartham Downs Road go straight ahead into lane signposted Canterbury and climb hill. Enter hamlet of Thannington and turn right into lane as main road starts to descend. In a short while turn left into Stuppington Lane and cross over bridge over main A2 bypass.

7. Enter Canterbury and at T junction turn left into Nunnery Field and descend hill. At traffic lights go straight ahead into Oaten Hill. At next traffic lights go straight ahead into Chantry Lane. At roundabout turn left into Longport and follow road around to the right into Havelock Street and at end turn left and follow Cycle Path via staggered crossing at Military Road and into alleyways until you emerge at Northgate. Turn left and then turn right into St Radigunds continue along this road and rejoin your outward route by the Millers Arms.

(15 miles/ 23 kilometers)