

Circular Cycling Tour of Romney Marsh

The suggested starting point is New Romney, although the route can also be joined at Snargate if arriving by train at Appledore Station on the Ashford to Hastings line.

1. Start from the Church Road car park, adjacent to St Nicholas Church(1 on the map) in New Romney. With your back to the church, leave by the far right hand corner of the car park. Walk your bike down Church Close to the High Street. Turn left and cross the A259 at the traffic lights, before turning immediately right into Ashford Road.

Now cycle along Ashford Road before taking the third right hand turn into Cockreed Lane. Take the first left turning into Hope Lane. When you reach a T-junction after one and a half miles, turn right and cycle past Honeychild Manor, To follow the route, take the next left or alternatively carry straight on to visit St Mary in the Marsh(2) before doubling back to rejoin the route at the right hand turning.

2. Cycle along Chittenden's Lane before taking the first turning on your right, after half a mile. Continue past Willow Farm before turning left just past Norwood Farm. After three quarters of a mile you come to a T-junction. Turn left and then left again into Melon Lane when you reach a crossroads. After passing through Little Appledore and past Melon Farm, you reach a T-junction after two and a half miles or so at Ivychurch(4).

Turn left along what is a slightly busier road, the B070, into Ivychurch, turning right just before the Bell Inn, following signs to Hasting and Rye. Cycle along this lane for a couple of miles, passing the Romney Marsh Wartime Collection museum on your right before you reach a roundabout at Brenzett(5). It is recommended that you dismount and cross the busy A259 at the pedestrian crossing on the right.

3. Cycle to a small roundabout, turn right and then first left into Church Lane. Continue along this lane for about a mile and a half until you reach a T junction. Turn left and continue past an old orchard on your right and Rose Hall on your left, until you reach a crossroads; turn left and cycle through Whitehall Farm. Ignore the first right turn soon after and continue past Snargate Church(6) to the T-junction, with the Red Lion pub opposite.

Turn right and then left after a hundred yards or so, continuing over the Snargate railway crossing to a T-junction after a mile and a half. Turn right again and cycle for a mile ignoring the next left turning before reaching a T junction with Fairfield Church(7) on your right in a grazed field.

4. Turn left. cycling past Puddock Farm and left again past Dean Court Farm, towards Brookland(8). Ignore the first left hand turning and swing around to the right before turning left by Harvey Farm, Cycle along this lane for a mile or so, taking a sharp right hand bend soon after entering the village. Turn right at the next left hand bend to the pedestrian walkway across the busy A259 road. Cycle down the lane past the village hall on your left before turning right on the bend.

To visit the unique church at Brookland - or the adjoining Royal Oak pub - swing round to the left; otherwise take the first right along Clubbs Lane with Swallow Court on the corner. Cycle along this lane before taking the first right hand turning down a straight lane to a T-junction. Brookland is also home to Marsh Produce, where you can buy Romney lamb and other local produce - see listings.

5. Turn left and cycle along what was an old sea wall (Hook Wall) past Blue House Farm and a lane to the left. Continue straight on at the crossroads, passing the remains of a ruined Lookers Hut by the next left hand lane, where you continue straight ahead. Carry straight on around a left hand bend, where you can see the tower of Lydd Church. On arriving at the next T junction at Hawthorn Corner, turn left and cycle up to VVheelsgate Farm, swinging around the sharp right hand bend and along the lane into Old Romney(9).

Turn left and cycle past the Rose and Crown Inn up to the A259 again. It is recommended that you walk across the road, taking care as it can be busy Take the lane opposite heading towards St Clement church. Continue around the left hand bend and cycle along Five Vents Lane to a crossroads. Cross to the lane opposite, passing Beechcroft Farm and

a lane to your left before turning right into Hope Lane.

6. Now back on the lane you first cycled along when leaving New Romney retrace the route by turning right at the next T junction and then left along Ashford Road into New Romney.