

CTC Coventry

September 2017 Tour of Hampshire & the Isle of Wight

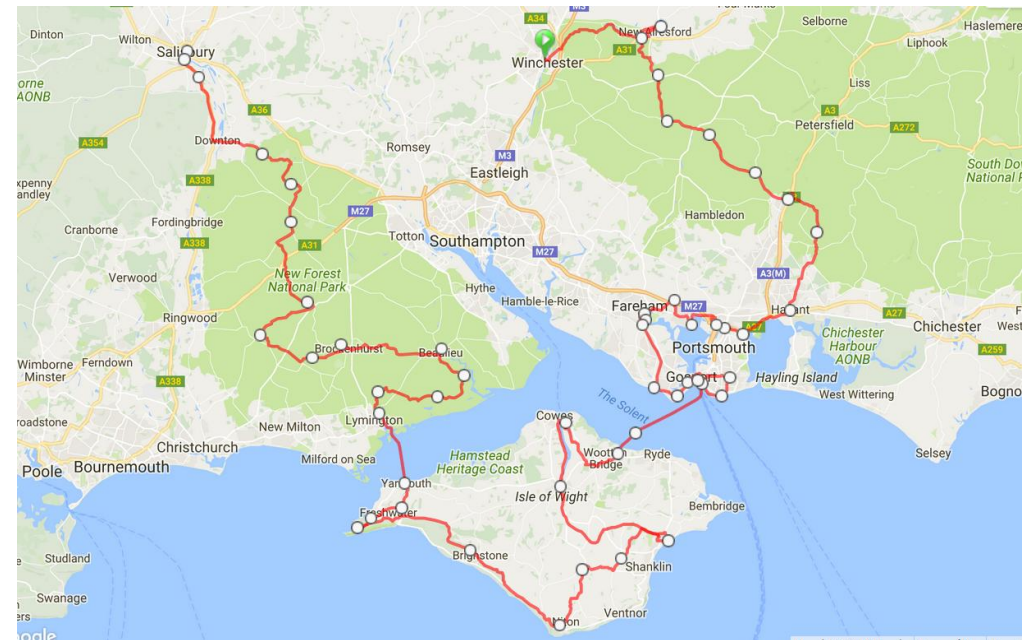
Winchester to Salisbury via the South Downs, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight and the New Forest – with Options to ride to the start at Winchester and return from Salisbury

With chances to visit the Wagtercross line Steam Railway, the Weald and Downland Museum, Bosham & Chichester, the Mary Rose and HMS Victory, the Needles, Bucklers Hard & Burley in the New Forest, and finally Salisbury Cathedral & the Magna Carta.

Starts Thursday 14th Sept through to Thursday 21st September

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SUITABILITY OF THE TOUR

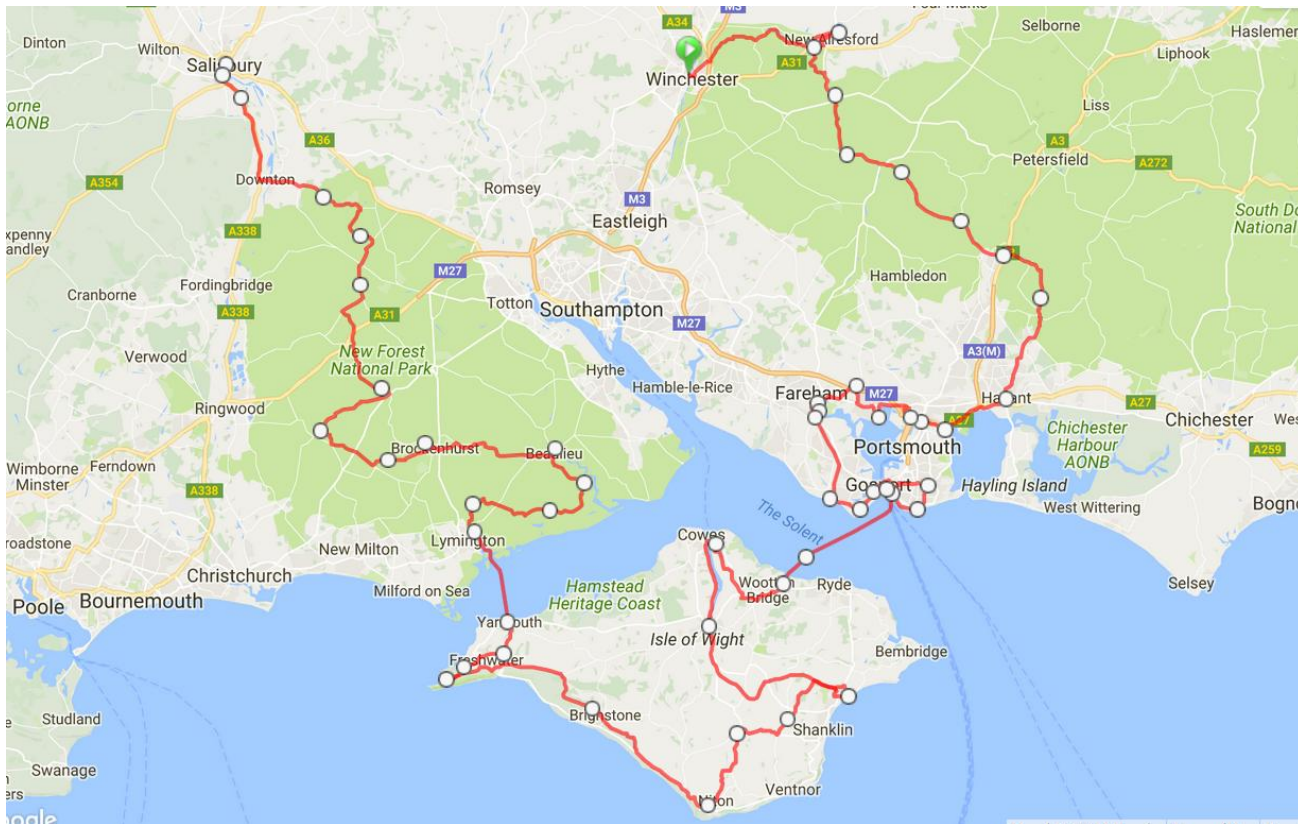
The Tour is designed to be very 'customisable' and thereby to suit a range of styles and capabilities in cycling. It is also designed to have many stops to take in sightseeing and cultural activities and thus, hopefully, suit a range of personalities.

The 'core' of the tour has daily distances which are reasonable, with average distances in the twenties of miles, and only two days with a maximum of 36/37 miles. There are a few days where there are some significant climbing, however the timings for those days is relaxed and there is plenty of time to do the climbing. There is one day in Havant where there are a range of trips that can be done including one of 14 miles with only 60m of ascent (!), and one day in Portsmouth where we will use the bikes just To get to and from the Dockyard.

For the 'hardcore' cyclist there are options to cycle to and from the Main Tour Start and End where there are mileages up to 60 miles per day and climbing of 800 meters.

STRUCTURE OF THE TOUR

The core, called the MAIN TOUR comprises 8 days cycling a horseshoe shaped route starting from Winchester then moving on to Havant (with options for a day ride into West Sussex), and then to Gosport, Portsmouth, the Isle of Wight, and the New Forest, finally finishing in Salisbury.



Before the formal start of the Main Tour there are two options -

- Arrange your own transport down to Winchester for the start of the Main Tour on the morning of Tour Day 1... you will have to decide if you will travel down the previous night and seek accommodation or travel down early on the morning of Day 1 to join the group at 10.00 am
- Join a few people who will be cycling down to the start at Winchester over the course of two days with overnight stops in Witney and Winchester

At the end of the tour there are three options –

- Take public transport back from Salisbury back to your homes
- Cycle a return leg back to Winchester to pick up your transport home.
- Join a few people who will cycle back to Warwick over the course of two days with overnight stays in Salisbury and Cirencester

TOUR PLANNING

I have prepared routes for the Main Tour along with the Pre-Tour Cycling Option down from a meet-up in Warwick down to Winchester, Post-Tour Cycling Option back from Salisbury to Warwick, and Post-Tour Cycling Return Option to get back to Winchester.

I have not done any planning for those of you choosing to travel to Winchester and back from Salisbury using your own or public transport

TOUR NUMBERS

The tour is initially setup for 8 people as dictated by the hotel reservations and the Pre and Post tour rides to Winchester and from Salisbury are reserved for 4 people.




DATES




The Main Tour starts on the morning of Thursday 14th September 2017 in Winchester and ends in Salisbury on the afternoon of Thursday 21st September




If you cycle down to Winchester prior to the Main Tour we will leave on Tuesday 12th September




If you cycle back from Salisbury we will arrive back in Warwickshire on Saturday 23rd September



DETAILED PLANNING

Day	Route & gpx files	Distance & Ascent	Probable stops	Route	Accommodation
OPTIONAL - Pre-Tour Travel from Warwick down to Winchester					
Pre Day 1 Tues 12th	Warwick to Witney  Warwick_to_Witn.gpx	51 miles + 600m	AM – Shipston – 21 ml Lunch – Moreton-in Marsh – 30ml PM – Shipton under Wychwood – 42 ml Finish – Witney – 51 ml	Meet up in Warwick then as a group cycle on via Wellesbourne, Shipston on Stour and Moreton in Marsh, then ending in Witney	Witney Oxford Hotel Ducklington Lane, Witney, OX28 4EX Approx £40 per person including Breakfast (Non-refundable price) NOT YET BOOKED
Pre Day 2 Weds 13th	Witney to Winchester  Witney_to_Winch.gpx	62 miles + 800m	AM – Wantage – 20 ml Lunch – Highclere – 39 ml PM – Whitchurch – 49 ml Finish – Winchester – 64 ml	Via Wantage, Highclere (Downton Abbey !) and Whitchurch, then ending in Winchester. In the evening wander round to see the sights of Winchester	Mercure Winchester Paternoster Row, Winchester, SO23 9LQ Approx £45 per person (Non-refundable price) NOT YET BOOKED
Main Tour					
MAIN TOUR START Tour Day 1	Winchester to Havant  Winch_to_Havant.gpx	36 miles + 600m	AM – Meet up in Winchester Late AM – New Alresford – 10 ml Lunch – Clanfield – 25 ml PM – Rowlands Castle – 32 ml Finish – Havant – 36 ml	In the morning (say 10.00 am) group together those who have travelled down by transport with those who have cycled down for the main part of the Tour Then cycle out to New Alresford stopping for coffee in the buffet of the Watercress Steam Train Line station. From there moving on to the lanes along and over the South Downs and through the pretty Meon Valley stopping at a pub	Bear Hotel Bear, 15 East Street, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 1BE Approx £60 per person for two night (Non-refundable price)

<p>Thur 14th</p>				<p>for lunch.</p> <p>Then finally ending up in a fine old coaching hotel in the centre of Havant</p>	<p>NOT YET BOOKED</p>
<p>Tour Day 2</p> <p>Fri 15th</p>	<p>Around Havant and into West Sussex</p> <p> Havant_Short.gpx</p> <p> Havant_Medium.gpx</p> <p> Havant_Long.gpx</p>	<p><u>Short</u> 14 miles + 60m !!</p> <p><u>Medium</u> 26 miles + 140m</p> <p><u>Long</u> 34 miles + 600m</p>		<p>We will have a choice -</p> <p><u>Short ride</u> – very easy ride down the old ‘Puffing Billy’ line to the beach at Hayling Island for lunch at the Ferryboat Inn by the entrance to Langstone Harbour</p> <p><u>Medium ride</u> – out to the Roman city of Chichester and stopping in the pretty harbour villages of Bosham (Canute Legend) and Emsworth</p> <p><u>Longer Ride</u> – extending the Medium ride to the Singleton Weald and Downland museum nestling in the Sussex Downs including the Trundle above Goodwood</p> <p><i>Weald & Downland Museum £10.50</i></p>	<p>Continuation of previous night</p> <p>NOT YET BOOKED</p>
<p>Tour Day 3</p> <p>Sat 16th</p>	<p>Havant to Portsmouth</p>	<p>25 miles + 200m</p>	<p>AM – Fort Nelson – 11 ml Lunch – Gosport – 20 ml PM – Old Portsmouth – 24 ml Finish – Portsmouth – 27 ml</p>	<p>A circuitous route taking in Roman Portchester Castle, the Napoleonic-era Fort Nelson which is now an Amouries Museum with its fantastic views over Portsmouth Harbour, and Gosport Submarine Museum, culminating in a short ferry crossing from Gosport across the harbour to Portsmouth. Stop at the Still & West pub at the ever busy harbour entrance for a relaxing drink</p>	<p>Ibis Budget Unit 4 The Pompey Centre Fratton Way, Portsmouth, PO4 8SL Phone: +442392736386</p>

	 Havant_to_Ports.gpx			<p>Main area of Portchester Castle - free</p> <p>Fort Nelson / Armouries Museum - free</p> <p>Submarine Museum (part of the Naval Dockyard All Attractions tickets...see below))</p> <p>Gosport Ferry cost - £2.30 for concessions</p>	<p>2 x Triple + 1 x Twin</p> <p>Approx £20 per person per night</p> <p>RESERVED</p>
Tour Day 4 Sun 17th	Around Portsmouth	6 miles		<p>A day visiting the Naval Dockyard Museum, which includes the brilliant new Mary Rose exhibition, Nelsons flagship HMS Victory, the 'Jules Verne-like' ironclad HMS Warrior, and a boat tour round the dockyard.</p> <p>Naval Dockyard All Attraction Ticket - £28 approx (if booked online)</p>	<p>Continuation of previous night</p> <p>RESERVED</p>
Tour Day 5 Mon 18th	Portsmouth to Sandown on the Isle of Wight  Ports_to_Sandow.gpx	4 miles + Ferry + 30 miles + 300m	<p>AM – On ferry</p> <p>Lunch – Newport – 12 ml</p> <p>PM – Godshell – 20 ml</p> <p>Finish - Ventnor</p>	<p>Cycle to the Car ferry across the Solent to Fishbourne on the sleepy Isle of Wight. Do part of the Round-the Island route to East Cowes, use the Chain Ferry, then head inland along the Medina to Newport then head east along cycle routes to the seaside town of Sandown</p> <p>Wightlink Ferry cost - £10.50 / £7.50 for concessions</p> <p>Chain Ferry cost £1.00</p> <p>Kiss me Quick Hat & Candyfloss – priceless !</p>	<p>Channel View Hotel</p> <p>4-8 Royal Street, Sandown, Isle of Wight, PO36 8LP</p> <p>Phone 07526505060</p> <p>2 x Triple + 1 x Twin</p> <p>Approx £33 per person</p> <p>RESERVED</p>
Tour Day 6 Tues 19th	Sandown to Totland  Sandown_to_Totl.gpx	33 miles +700m	<p>AM – Niton /Chale – 12 ml</p> <p>Lunch – Brightsone – 22ml</p> <p>PM – Alum Bay – 31 ml</p> <p>Finish –Totland – 33 ml</p>	<p>Cycle the south and west of the island taking in the picture-postcard village of Godshell, the lighthouse at St.Catherines Point, and out to the Old Battery above the iconic Needles. Leave bikes at Alum Bay and Walk along Tennyson Down to the Needles Battery (National Trust). Then to finish a short ride to the YHA at Totland Bay</p> <p>Needles Battery Non-NT member - £6.20</p>	<p>YHA Isle of Wight Totland</p> <p>Totland Bay, Isle of Wight, PO39 0HD</p> <p>Not Bookable online – Enquiry sent to property</p> <p>NOT YET BOOKED</p>
Tour Day	Totland to	3 miles +	AM – Lymington	Cycle to the ferry from Yarmouth back across the Solent to	Forest Park Hotel

7 Weds 20th	Brockenhurst on the New Forest  Totland_to_Broc.gpx	Ferry + 24 miles +200m	Lunch – Bucklers Hard – 10 ml Finish – Brockenhurst – 27 ml	yachting haven of Lymington and start our wandering through the pony-populated New Forest. Visiting the old shipbuilding village of Bucklers Hard, pretty Beaulieu, and finishing in Brockenhurst <i>Wightlink Ferry cost - £10.50 / £7.85 for concessions</i> <i>Bucklers Hard - £6.50 / £6 for concessions</i>	Rhinefield Road, Brockenhurst, SO42 7ZG Phone: +441590622844 2 x Triple + 1 x Twin Approx £33 per person RESERVED
Tour Day 8 Thurs 21st MAIN TOUR END	Brockenhurst to Salisbury  Brock_to_Salisb.gpx	37 miles + 500m	AM – Burley - 9ml Lunch – Nomansland – 23ml Finish – Salisbury – 37 ml	Heading towards pretty Burley then out into the open spaces of the northern part of the New Forest towards Fritham. From there on to the Cathedral city of Salisbury. Recommend spending at least a couple of hours visiting Salisbury Cathedral and the remarkable story of the Magna Carta. <i>Salisbury Cathedral - £7.50 / £6.50 for concessions</i>	City Lodge Milford Street, Salisbury, SP1 2AP 2 x Twin Approx £38 per person RESERVED FOR 4 PEOPLE ONLY
OPTIONAL 1 – Post tour cycle back to Winchester for return transport					
Return Day Fri 22nd	Salisbury to Winchester  Salisbury_to_Wi.gpx	28 miles +400m	AM –Mottisfont NT – 14 ml Finish – Winchester 28 ml	Head out up the River Avon valley then join River Dun valley coming to the NT property of Mottisfont. Then across open countryside to Winchester.	
OPTIONAL 2 - Two-days Post Tour Travel Back from Salisbury to Warwick					
Post Day 1	Salisbury to Cirencester	60 miles	AM – Amesbury – 10 ml	Via Amesbury, climb up to the Marlborough Downs towards the Avebury Rings and then descending to Wootton Bassett and	Riverside House

<p>Fri 22nd</p>	 <p>Salisbury to C.gpx</p>	<p>+ 800m</p>	<p>Lunch – Avebury – 32 ml PM – Wootton Bassett – 45 ml Finish – Cirencester – 60ml</p>	<p>across the flat countryside to Cirencester</p>	<p>Watermoor Road, Cirencester, GL7 1LF</p> <p>2 x Twin</p> <p>Approx £42 per person including Breakfast</p> <p>RESERVED FOR 4 PEOPLE ONLY</p>
<p>Post Day 2</p> <p>Sat 23rd</p>	<p>Cirencester to Warwick</p>  <p>Cirencester_to .gpx</p>	<p>55 miles</p> <p>+ 700m</p>	<p>Early AM – Andoversford – 13 ml Late AM - Winchcombe – 20 ml Lunch – Evesham – 30ml PM – Wilmcote – 45 ml Late PM – Warwick – 59 ml</p>	<p>Via Winchcombe, Evesham and north of Stratford, then on to Warwick</p>	