

16 km (10 miles)

Link up with Route 3 to make a 35 km loop



Level  
Moderate

Route 4



## Horton Tower Circular

**Terrain:**  
Mix of gravel tracks, bridleways and quiet lanes. A few short muddy sections at end of Bagman's lane

On road: 50%  
Off road: 50%

**Hills:**  
1 gradual incline up through Mannington and on to Horton Common



**Start:**  
White Sheet Car park

**OS Ref:**  
Explorer 118 048 036

## 1 White Sheet car park

Lat 50:49.958°N Long 1:56.062°W  
3.91km/ 2.4m to next point

From car park turn right on to road. At the following T-junction turn **R**. Cycle on down the hill past the *Cross Keys* pub and take the **L** fork to Mannington. Follow this slightly uphill lane through Mannington until you get to the junction at the main road.

## 2 Burt's Lane-Horton Rd Junction

Lat 50:51.335°N Long 1:54.500°W  
1.6km /1m to next point



Extreme caution is needed to cross over the road.

Cross over the road and pedal on up the bridleyway directly opposite. This takes you up onto *Horton Common*. Carry on along and pass a narrow bridleyway on the right, a track and another bridleyway on the right (this one leads down into Verwood). Then take the next small track on the **L** towards *Monmouth Ash Farm*. Go **R** up the little track, (not left into the farm!)

Cycle past the quarry and on down the hill. **NB. This short section is quite bumpy.** As you carry on down the hill you will pass an iron gate on your left. Keep straight on to the wood.

## 3 Remedy Oak golf course

Lat 50:52.199°N Long 1:54.950°W  
2km / 1.2m to next point

You are now entering *Remedy Oak Golf Course* which you will see on both sides of the bridleyway. The Bridleyway now splits, take the **L** fork. Keep cycling through the course. The track soon gives way to a tarmac road (still the bridleyway), follow to the entrance gates, there is a way out to the side of them if they are shut.

Take the bridleyway to the **R** all the way up to the road.

## 4 Bridleway/Road junction (opp Bagmans Ln)

Lat 50:53.017°N Long 1:57.299°W  
3km /1.8m to next point

Cross straight over and up through *Bagman's Lane* (it has a sign saying *Byway Open To All Traffic*) until you get to the road junction.

Turn **L** past the chicken sheds, then **L** again onto the bridleyway. Go straight on through gate for 1.5km, past *North Farm*, until you come to the road.



Turn **R** then immediately **L**, take care when crossing. Follow to *Chalbury Farm*.

The track gets quite rutted and muddy. (Please be aware that the farmer keeps cattle on this section of the route, please pass them quietly and ensure all gates are left as you found them) Carry on through the right hand gate into field keep left to next gate. Go up incline, keep right to next gate, follow tarmac to T-junction. Turn **L** past *Chalbury 15th Century Church*.

**NB. If you want to link up to route 3 to make the 35km ride you are now at number 6 on the route 3 instructions**

## 5 Chalbury Church

Lat 50:51.704°N Long 1:58.494°W  
5km /3m to finish

Take next **R** down the hill to the T-junction. Turn **L** and go straight on at the crossroads towards *Holt Wood*. Keep on this road for 3km turning **L** for *Lower Row* up incline to staggered crossroads.

**NB. If you have joined from Cycle Route 3 turn L and follow instructions from ①**

To return to Whitesheet car park turn **L** and **R** and car park is on the left before the right hand bend.

### Rest Stops:

Cross Keys, Mannington (Pub)  
The Horton Inn

### Places and things of Interest:

- ❏ Holt Heath
- ❏ Chalbury 15th Century Church
- ❏ Horton Tower Folly
- ❏ Monmouth Ash

For information ❏, contact the Tourist Information Centre, details on back page of folder.

### Links to other cycleways, byways:

East Dorset Cycle Rides Route 3

### Abbreviations:

**L** - Left    **R** - Right

**Route Profile** - This representation of the route should be used only as a guide.

