

Level  
Moderate  
/ Hard

# Route 5



## Sixpenny Handley

**Terrain:**  
Mix of gravel tracks,  
grassy tracks  
and quiet lanes

**On road:** 20%  
**Off road:** 80%

**Hills:**  
4 on main route  
2 on short loop

**Start:**  
Church Farm Campsite, Sixpenny  
Handley. Park in field behind  
church.

**OS Ref:**  
Explorer 118 995 173



- Cycle Route  
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Route
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Route
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Junction
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*Pub/Cafe*
- Woodland



22 km (14 miles)

There are various routes to  
make this a shorter ride

## 1 Church Farm campsite

Lat 50:57.323°N Long 2:00.434°W

**3.5km / 2.2m to next point**

Out of campsite, turn **R** and follow road down to the school. The road bends round to right but take the track straight ahead of you, past the white house (currently a funeral directors, Park Cottage).

About 200m past Brushy Bush house follow the bridleway to the **L** for just under a kilometre until you get to a bridleway crossroads.

Turn **L** and cycle down this tarmac road (still a bridleway) until you get to the main road (A354).

## 2 Bridleway / A354 Junction

Lat 50:55.847°N long 2:01.143°W

**3.7km / 2.3m to next point**



Take extreme care and cross straight over. Pedal up this grassy track. You pass two bridleways on your right, pedal on for another ½ km and take the next bridleway on the right.

You should now see a concrete triangulation point to the left. Head down this track for just over 1½km, going round a **L** then **R** bend until you meet a gravel track on your left (not marked as bridleway). Follow this up to the T junction in front of the barn.

## 3 Bridleway Junction by barn

Lat 50:54.356°N Long 2:00.387°W

**5.3km / 3.3m to next point**

Turn **L**. Up hill now for 1½ km, this is *Ackling Dyke*, a Roman road. Go past 1st bridleway on right until you get into wooded section and come to bridleway crossroads.

You will see a small memorial stone to John Ironmonger on the left. Turn **R** for 50m until you see a track on the **R** just before field. Take it, keeping **L** (field is on your left, wood on your right) until you reach the gravel track.

Turn **R**, keep straight on all the way to the road through bridleway junction.

## 4 Track end, Gussage All Saints

Lat 50:53.787°N Long 2:00.169°W

**2.3km / 1.4m to next point**

Turn **L** at the memorial cross opposite the churchyard and this takes you past *the Drovers* pub (good place to stop). Carry on to the T junction.

Turn **L** and cycle up the hill for 1.6km passing a bridleway with a metal gate on your left, before taking the next bridleway on **L**, just past the red brick house.

**NB. If you want to stop in Wimborne St Giles carry along the**

road for a further 1½km. To rejoin the route take the **1st road on the left** in the village, signposted **Monkton Up Wimborne**, past **The Bull pub** and carry straight on until you see a **bridleway track on left going up the hill**, signposted to **Harley Gap**. **Cycle up here past All Hallows Farm. When you see the bridleway on your left you are rejoining the route (\*see below).**

## 5 Road / Bridleway junction

Lat 50:54.202°N Long 1:58.787°W

**3km / 1.8m to next point**

Follow this bridleway through the wood, ignoring the 1st tracks on your right and left. The bridleway then goes round to the right (there is a private wood ahead of you). Follow round edge of the field through a hedge until you come to a bridleway T-junction. Turn **L**.

**\*NB if you are coming up from Wimborne St Giles it's straight on.**

Turn **R** at next junction and **L** soon after. This takes you along the top of Hartley Down. Keep pedalling straight until you get to the woods and the bridleway crossroads. You have been here before! The memorial stone to John Ironmonger is straight ahead of you.

## 6 Memorial stone Junction

Lat 50:55.268°N Long 1:59.841°W

**4.3km / 2.7m to finish**

This time turn **R** downhill to the road.



At the road turn **L** until you get to the A354. Take extreme care and cross straight over and keep on this road for just under 2km until you get back to the school in Sixpenny Handley. Turn **R** back up to the car park and campsite.

### Rest Stops:

The Drovers, Gussage All Saints (Pub)  
The Bull, Wimborne St Giles (Pub)  
Roebuck Inn, Sixpenny Handley (Pub)

### Places and things of Interest:

Tumuli and Settlement Gussage Hill  
Ackling Dyke, Roman Road  
Knowlton Church and Rings  
Wimborne St Giles Church

### Links to other cycleways, byways:

The National ByWay Cycle Route  
The Jubilee Trail

### Abbreviations:

**L** - Left    **R** - Right

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

