

The DORSET COAST 200km AUDAX – SUNDAY 9th APRIL 2017

Start: from **0745 HOURS** at Wareham SCOUT HALL, North Bestwall, off East Street

Wareham Scout Hall: At traffic lights in centre of town go down East Street. In 300m turn L down North Bestwall. Scout hut is 100m on the Right. No Parking. Free parking at front of Purbeck School by roundabout to west of Wareham

OS Maps 193, 194 & 195 cover the route. You actually cycle to places in capitals and underlined (although they may be stated in small letters when given as signpost information). Crossroads and other junctions where you have right of way are not usually mentioned. Items in italics are additional bits of information which may help you to find the route or establish that you are where you should be. Details of the controls are given below:

| <u>Place and Distance</u> | <u>Opening Times</u> | <u>Type</u> | <u>Information</u> |
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| Start – Wareham Scout Hall | from 0700 Start: 0745 | Hall | Please park at Purbeck School by roundabout to west of town. There will be access to toilets and refreshments at Scout Hall - where you collect your brevet card, ferry ticket and lunch ticket before starting. |
| Sandbanks Ferry (27km) | 0839 - 0933 | Sticker | Collect your Sticker on ferry as proof of passage. Toilets available before you board. If you miss first ferry, obtain stamp from kiosk over the water. |
| Weymouth (78km) | 1023 – 13.01 | Café | Complimentary tea or coffee included. Selection of cakes & other snacks available. Room in basement reserved for riders. Toilets upstairs. Staff may be busy - please be patient - we want to return! |
| Axminster (134km) | 1215 - 1645 | School | Lunch included in your entry fee – but please carry emergency rations or use the shop in Chideock – you might need food before Axminster. |
| Dorchester (183km) | 1353 - 2001 | Café | Excellent cyclists Café. Loos in car park. |
| Finish – Wareham Scout Hall (207km) | 1439 - 2115 | Hall | Finish at Wareham Scout Hall. Home made food available, and don't forget to buy your SPECIAL COAST MEDAL. |

THE DORSET COAST ROUTE

Route Sheet Abbreviations: R: Turn Right; L: Turn Left; SO: Straight On; Rbt: Roundabout; T: T junction; Xrds: Crossroads; Lights: Traffic Lights; sp: Sign Post;

① **THE FERRY DASH** **27km**
L out of Scout Hall carpark, at X **R** into East St
R at lights
3rd exit Rbt, over railway bridge.
2nd exit Rbt, cont. over several Rbt's & lights.
SO A35 Rbt (*Bakers Arms*) sp **LYTCHETT MINSTER**
Through Lytchett Minster on B3067 to **UPTON**.
R at double RBT on B3068 to **HAMWORTHY**.
In 3km, **L** at lights (Rigler Rd) over new Bridge.
Follow road round **L** bend & get in **RH** Lane
R & follow road **L** sp Town Centre.
SO Lights & over Railway Flyover
2nd exit RBT (sp Bournemouth)
Get in **RH** Lane
R & follow road **L** (sp Bournemouth)
SO Roundabout
At Civic Centre Gyratory follow **R**, then **L** ("Sandcastle" Lanes) B3369 and continue to
Checkpoint at
SANDBANKS FERRY – Grid Ref: SZ037871
Opens 08:39 Closes 09:33 (Total: 24km)

② **PURBECKS TO THE BEACH** **52km**
Continue thru **STUDLAND** to **CORFE CASTLE**.
R at T (A351) & immediately **L** to **CHURCH KNOWLE**. Continue on this road for a further 4.5km (*up Steeple Hill*).
At top **L** at **T** & continue along ridge & down...
L at T. L at T (at **EAST LULWORTH**)
L at T to **WEST LULWORTH** (*descend*)
R at War Memorial (*look out or you'll miss it*).
R at T (Climb to *Daggers Gate*) continue to
L at church (sp **West Chaldon**) (59km)
L on Village Green, **L at T** (SP *To The Church*)
Through **West Chaldon**, **L** at **T** onto A352
SO RBT TO BROADMAYNE
L (xrds by Garage) sp Preston (Chalky Rd)
L at X at top of hill, sp Preston/WEYMOUTH
L at T and shortly **R** at RBT to **WEYMOUTH**.
SO lights at Clock Tower. Continue to **Control** at **Criterion Café** on **R** just beyond KingsStatue. (**Park bikes by railings on Prom**)
Opens 10:23 Closes 13:01 (Total: 76km)

"Ride according to the rules of the road, within your limits, and enjoy the scenery"

③ ROLLERCOASTER TO DEVON (56km)

L from control then immediately 2nd **L** by Kings Statue over cobbles. In 100m **R** (School St) By Library keep **L** straight down cycleway **T R** onto road, pass **TL**, first **L**, over bridge. **R** onto cycleway. Continue with lake on Right Cross main rd. using Toucan Crossing **TL**. Keep **R** on cycleway, up slope & across road. Pass graveyard on **L**.

Just before road, **R** on to cycleway Rejoin Rd, then **L at T** onto Dorchester Rd In 1km **L** onto Nottingham Lane.

R at T sp Bridport on B3157

Next **L** sp **RODDEN**

1st **R** sp Abbotsbury Swannery

Continue to **ABBOTSBURY**

L at T and climb Abbotsbury Hill on B3157.

Pass through **SWYRE** & **BURTON BRADSTOCK**

3RD exit **RBT** to **BRIDPORT** Town Centre

L at lights sp Leisure Centre (by Palmers Brewery)

Continue across bridge over A35 then

2nd **L** sp Higher Eype

L at T onto A35 no sp. *Beware fast traffic from R*

Descend to **CHIDEOCK** (Shop on **L**)

R by church sp North Chideock

L sp Morecombelake

R at T sp Ryall

Continue to **WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM**

Just past National School

R at Xrds sp **WOOTON FITZPAINE**

R in Wooton Fitzpaine sp Monkton Wyld

L sp Monkton Wyld

At top of hill, over double junction & **L at T** on to (B3165)

2nd **R** onto Cooks Lane

R at T, Down hill into **AXMINSTER**

2nd **R** into *Stoney Lane* (after Lamb Inn/ 20 Signs)

and **R** into **CONTROL** at

Axminster County Primary School

Grid Ref: SY302985

Opens 12:15 Closes 16:45 (132km)

④ THE ROMAN RETREAT (49km)

L from school. **L at T** sp Dorchester on B3261

1st **L** into Sector Lane up hill....!

L at T sp Crewkerne B3165

R in **MARSHWOOD** sp **BROADOAK** (by church)

SO Xrds to **SHAVES CROSS**

Continue on this road to **SO Xrds** with B3162

R onto A3066, **L** sp Loders

1st **R** (after 2 cul de sacs) sp Bradpole to **LODERS.**

Continue through **UPLODERS** ..road is **OPEN to cyclists!** past Spyway Inn and at top of hill

R (xrds) sp Dorchester & along the Roman Road

SO at junction sp Dorchester. Down Hill to

R at Xrds sp Winterbourne Abbas.

R at T (A35) then very shortly

L and **L** into **WINTERBOURNE STEEPLETON**

Continue on this road to **MARTINSTOWN.**

L at end of village sp Dorchester (B3150)

3rd exit at **RBT** on B3150 **DORCHESTER**

Take route ahead through Poundbury, then through lights, pass "The Keep" on your left

L into "Top o' Town" Car Park just before **RBT** for **DORCHESTER CONTROL** at

Top O' Town Cafe in Car Park

Grid Ref: SY688907

Opens 13:53 Closes 20:01 (183km)

5 THE HOME STRAIGHT (24km)

L from Car Park onto B3150 (exit opp. Café)

SO RBT down through Town eastwards

SO RBT (crossing bypass A35T)

Through **TINCLETON**

SO Xrds (B3390) (sp Wareham)

R at T then **L** (sp Wareham)

L at T (sp Wareham)

SO at Rbt into **WAREHAM**

SO at TL down East St. **L** to **FINISH** at the Scout Hall HQ – please secure your bike.

Opens 14:39 Closes 21:15 (Total 207km)

Hope you enjoyed your coastal ride

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