

Chiltern Heritage Trail - Cycle Route



The North East Way



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Family Friendly
Route
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Chiltern Heritage Cycling Trails

The Chiltern Heritage Cycling Trail is the District Councils Millennium project. The trail (divided into three loops) links the Districts two towns and fourteen parishes and visits many of the areas picturesque villages and places of historic interest.

The Harding route based towards the North East of the district is so called because of the areas connection with the martyr Thomas Harding who was burnt at the stake in 1532 for possessing a Bible when this was still forbidden. Seven years later Henry VIII ordered Bibles in English to be placed in all churches. He is remembered today by a Celtic Cross in St Mary's churchyard, Chesham and a memorial stone in White Hill.

Although parts of these routes are on bridleways or purpose built paths, the majority are on public roads. You must expect to see motor vehicles at any time on the road so please take care, especially on narrow and steep lanes.

Before setting off please ensure that your bike is in good working order and that you are adequately clothed. You are advised to wear a cycle helmet which conforms to British Standard. Please follow the Country Code and the Highway Code. Extra care should be take when cycling with children.

Look out for the artworks which have been commissioned along (or nearby) the route. Their location is highlighted on the map overleaf with an 'A', and the enclosed leaflet provides further information. If the leaflet is missing or if you would like further details please contact the Community Arts Officer on 01494 729000.

Accommodation is available along the three loops for cyclists wishing to stay overnight. Please contact the Tourism Unit for details at the Council Offices on 01494 729000.

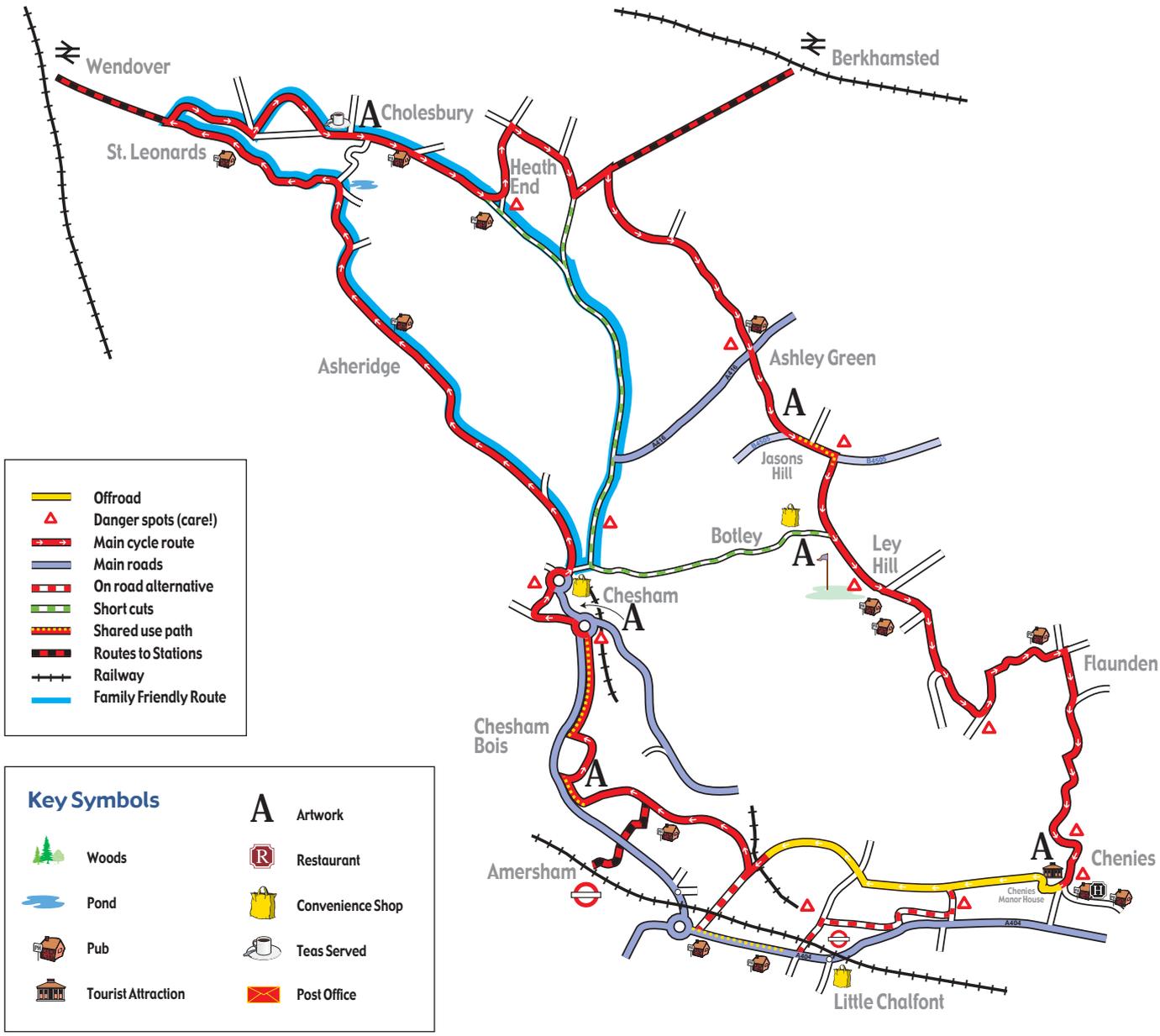
For information on the National Cycle Network please contact Sustrans on 0117 929 0888 or visit the website www.nationalcyclenetwork.org.uk. For details of the Chiltern Society Cycling Group please call 01494 715725.



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The Chiltern Heritage Cycling Trail has been divided into 3 loops — The Milton, Hampden and Harding loops (named after famous historical people connected to this region).

Each loop is approximately 25 miles long and starts and returns to Amersham. (although you can of course join and leave the loop at any point).

The routes are described as a clockwise ride (but can be done in reverse) and each route is clearly signposted by colour coded fingerposts and waymarkers. The Harding route is signposted by a yellow disc (see front cover of the brochure).

The route is covered by the OS Landranger map, sheet no 165 (Aylesbury).

Key to abbreviations used in the route description:

(!) care, L, left; TL, turn left; LH, lefthand; R, right; TR, turn right; RH, righthand; SO, straight on; XR, crossroads; ph, public house; T-J, T- junction; RAB, roundabout; TL, traffic lights.

Directions

Harding Route - The North East Way Main route: 22 miles

From Chiltern District Council offices main door TR down King George V Road. TL on to Hyrons Lane, an unmade track next to playing field. At end go SO (!) across Woodside Road into Green Lane. At TJ go R into Plantation Road, then L into New Road. At TJ go L into Chestnut Lane. At XR go R (!) and immediately bear L into Glebe Way and L again, North Road. Pass pond and at TJ with A416 go R (!) on to cycle path and descend (!) to Chesham. At miniRAB TL (!) into Amy Lane, which becomes Kings Lane. TL at TJ into Germain Street, then R into Wey Lane. At TJ go R (!) into Church Street. After 400 yards go L (!) into Bury Lane, leading into Lowndes Park, and TR along Houilles Way. Cross Park Road (!) and SO into Bellingdon Road.

Short cut: TR (!) at Sunnyside Road, then TL into Berkhamsted Road (!) Fork L into Vale Road and continue up Chesham Vale to TR at Nut Hazel Cross and R again at Hog Lane by kennels to rejoin main route. Three miles, cuts seven miles from main route.

Main route: After 1 mile on Bellingdon Road go L into Asheridge Road, before garage. After the industrial area this becomes a narrow lane. Climb to Asheridge village and SO past Asheridge Farm, bear L and in a half-mile L to join Chesham Road, Bellingdon. Pass pond on R at Braziers End. Veer L and follow Oak Lane. After R bend TL at TJ into Jenkins Lane. After 400 yards TR at TJ down Gilberts Hill. At bottom TR into Bottom Road. After 200 yards TL into Parrotts Lane. Follow this round, past earthworks and church, to reach Cholesbury village, turn L to join Cholesbury Lane near village hall. Down Cholesbury Lane, passing Hawridge Common on L, and take second L (!)

Family Friendly route: continues SO and descends to Nut Hazel Cross. SO into Chesham Vale, follow valley back into Chesham. Extreme care is needed joining A416 Berkhamsted Road.

Main route: After sharp L bend climb to Heath End. SO along narrow road to XR, where TR. This is Chesham Road, which links with bridleway alternative on R just before TL up Hog Lane (Dog kennels on R). At top of hill go R, still Hog Lane, and follow into Ashley Green. SO (!) across A416 into Two Dells Lane. Just before B4505 (Rushmere Lane) at Orchard Leigh there is a short stretch of cycleway on L.



Main route: This crosses mouth of Grove Lane. Cross main road (!) and take Jasons Hill on R. Continue to Ley Hill, veering L at Botley Road. Choose the middle of the three alternatives near The Swan ph (!), across the golf course. Continue along Asheridge Lane, down Horse Hill (!) into Flaunden Bottom. TL at TJ to climb Flaunden Hill, going R and L (!) by Green Dragon ph, to XR in centre of village, where TR. Follow this lane, ignoring L turns, down to Chenies Bottom, where go over humpback bridge over the River Chess. At Latimer Road TL (!). Steep climb (!) to Chenies, bearing right in village before green (!) passing front entrance to Chenies Manor. At TJ, by school, go R then immediately R again on to gravel track. This passes back of the manor to TJ, where R. After 200 yards there is a gate on L leading to bridleway. Take this path, which becomes a good track with extensive views on R. The bridleway enters a wood. SO to reach Stony Lane. Here, go R for 50 yards, then L on to continuing bridleway. After nearly one mile through woods cross Bell Lane (!). The Bridleway eventually leaves woods to emerge at a gate at Raans Farm. Go SO along surfaced Raans Road, crossing rail bridge before going sharp R into Quill Hall Farm Road. SO, crossing an unsurfaced length, to go L at New Road. R at TJ into Grimsdells Lane and L at Green Lane to return to Amersham-on-the-hill and start point.

Alternative route, on road: At bridleway junction with Stony Lane go L. Fifty yards before junction with A404 TR on to footpath and walk along - 80 yards - to Chessfield Park. Follow this road round to A404, where cyclists should dismount and use footpath alongside A404 for another 40 yards to TR into Elizabeth Avenue. At TJ go L into Bell Lane. Over rail bridge and turn R (!) on to cyclepath along White Lion Road. At Amersham Common dismount and walk R under rail bridge and take second R, Plantation Road. This becomes Grimsdells Lane, where TL at Green Lane and SO (!) to reach Hyrons Lane and the start point.