



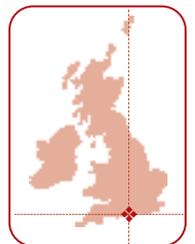
Level best

No need for hiking boots or poles this month, as **Jo Vaughan** guides you along a flat route in the beautiful New Forest



FOLLOWING MANY good bridleways and roads, this flat route is also ideal for cyclists and, although long, even allows those of you with young ones in pushchairs the opportunity for a stroll.

The route starts just 3½ miles from the Club's Centenary site at Bransgore, which means cyclists needn't move their car or motor caravan off site. Those with bikes should simply follow the road instructions to Forest Leisure Cycling at the T-junction in Burley and turn left instead of right, joining this month's 'walk' at instruction number 4. You'll end up doing a figure of eight before starting your return journey to the site, so you'll cover a total of 16 miles – perfect for a day-long cycle ride.



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are on a bike ignore these instructions and follow the road.)

3 Pass the 'Burley Street' sign along the pavement, which first heads away from the road before returning. Keep going until you pass the disused post office to the Burley Street Garage. Here you veer left along a gravel track, past the 'Slowly Please' sign. Go straight up the small hill, past the houses, until a T-junction. Veer left and continue along the gravel track.

4 Keep right where the track branches, following a small green sign on a post. Turn right when you get to the road, taking care as this can be quite a fast route. Soon, at a car park on your left marked by a 'P' post (just before the road bridge), turn left to enter Burbush Hill Car Park. At the end of the car park is a post with another identical green sign – follow this up a short hill along a smaller gravel track, (taking you past some bracken) which then becomes wider as you join the route of the old railway line.

5 At a main crossroads, where there's a building on your right, turn left up the tarmac lane. Follow this for quite some time until you get to another main crossroads. Here, turn left along the more major road and return to the car park from where the walk started.

The Caravan Club Magazine recommends the use of Ordnance Survey maps – your ideal passport to navigating Britain

DIRECTIONS

1 Walk out of the car park (see parking instructions below) to the main road and then turn right along the road on its adjacent pavement into town. Keep left at the Queens Head pub, still walking along the main road (signposted 'Ringwood and Bransgore'). Veer right at Forest Leisure

Cycling, still following the main road, and walk down the high street.

2 Just past Clough Lane on your left, turn right, following the public footpath sign through a metal gate (signposted 'Burley Street'). Go through another metal gate that returns you to the road – cross the road and continue along the pavement. (If you

INFORMATION

Club site: New Forest Caravan Club Centenary Site, Forest Road, Bransgore, Christchurch, Hampshire BH23 8EB. Call 01425 673638. Open 6 March to 31 October.
Distance: 9 miles/14.4km
Terrain: good tracks and roads
Number of stiles: 0
Essential equipment: Ordnance Survey Explorer OL22 – New Forest

Level of difficulty: easy

Refreshments: Burley

Parking: turn left out of the site and then turn right onto Burley Road. Continue into the centre of Burley and then turn right at the crossroads. Continue until you see the cricket club on your left. Stop here or on the right – either car park is fine.

Toilets: none

