





# GATWICK CYCLE ROUTE

This is a cicular ride on quiet country roads that provides enjoyable leisure cycling and a good introduction to the area. The route takes in the villages of Charlwood and Rusper, as well as a number of country pubs for refreshment along the way.

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On minor country roads, but be vigilant for traffic, as aircraft noise often obscures the sound of oncoming cars.

## SUITABILITY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Suitable for young children if experienced in traffic.

### HILLS \_\_\_=

One brief steep climb after Lowfield Windmill.

## REFRESHMENTS/FACILITIES

Pubs and cafés at Charlwood (including 'The Pine Loft' cycle-friendly café). Pubs and cafés at Rusper and 'The Lamb Inn', recommended for good food.

### OTHER ROUTES IN THE AREA

This route can be extended or shortened as required.

For a cycle-friendly route into Crawley, turn left out of the Club Site, left again into Bonnets Lane, then left again at the end of this road.

National Cycle Network Routes 20 and 21, part of the Downs and Weald Cycle Route, can be picked up in Crawley.

Do NOT turn right out of the Club Site to take the 'direct' route towards the National Cycle Network. The National Cycle Network can only be accessed in this direction by negotiating high-speed dual carriageways.



## DIRECTIONS

- 1 Turn left out of the Site and follow the lane as it skirts the airport on the right (beware the sudden noise and downdraft from low flying aircraft). Ignore Bonnets Lane on the left and continue until you reach a T-Junction. Turn left into Charlwood Village. After 300m pass the children's play park on your left, immediately followed by a cycle-friendly café, 'The Pine Loft' on the right. Continue through Charlwood Village and take second left, signposted to 'The Half Moon', to see Charlwood Church.
- 2 Continue and turn left to rejoin the main road. Follow the road as it bears left, passing Lowfield Heath windmill on the right. A short steep climb is rewarded by sweeping views to the south. As you start to descend, pass Glover's Wood to the right.
- 3 At T-junction turn left into Partridge Lane, signposted to Rusper. Panoramic views open up to the right. Ignore Orltons Lane on the left and continue to T-junction
- 4 Turn left, signposted Rusper. At the top of the hill, enter into West Sussex. Descend into Rusper and follow the road through the village. Follow the road as it runs left in front of 'The Star Inn' and then as it turns right, descending steeply. After the road levels out, turn left to Lambs Green. After about 500m you will reach 'The Lamb Inn', where there is good food before the final push home.
- 5 Continue past 'The Lamb Inn'. At T-Junction turn right, signposted Ifield. Ignore next left, continuing along the road signposted Ifield. Pass 'The Gate' public house on your left, then take next left in the lane named 'Ifield Wood'. Continue to T-Junction.

6 Turn right and pass the 'Ifield Court Hotel' on the right, then turn left into Bonnets Lane. At T-Junction turn right. Amberley Fields Club Site is the next right turn.

#### DON'T MISS

**6.6** The little village of Charlwood has a convenience store for papers etc and a couple of pubs. We ate at the Greyhound and the food was smashing.

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This route has been suggested by Sustrans' Volunteer Rangers. The Caravan Club would always recommend that any children or young people under 18 years should be fully supervised by a responsible adult. Please be aware that using this route is entirely at your own risk. Extreme care should always be taken when cycling on site, remembering that traffic will be moving around the site and to observe speed limits. Particular attention should be paid when going round blind corners or emerging from paths.

# GATWICK CARAVAN CLUB SITE - ROUTE

