Chiltern Heritage Trail - Cycle Route

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CHILTERN HERITAGE TRAIL
HAMPDEN ROUTE

The North West Way

Family Friendly Route Included...

Chiltern District Council
Community & Leisure Services

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 Hampden route based towards the North West of the District covers some of the areas most scenic spots including the two Missenden villages and The Lee (home to the Liberty family).

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 at the Council Offices for details 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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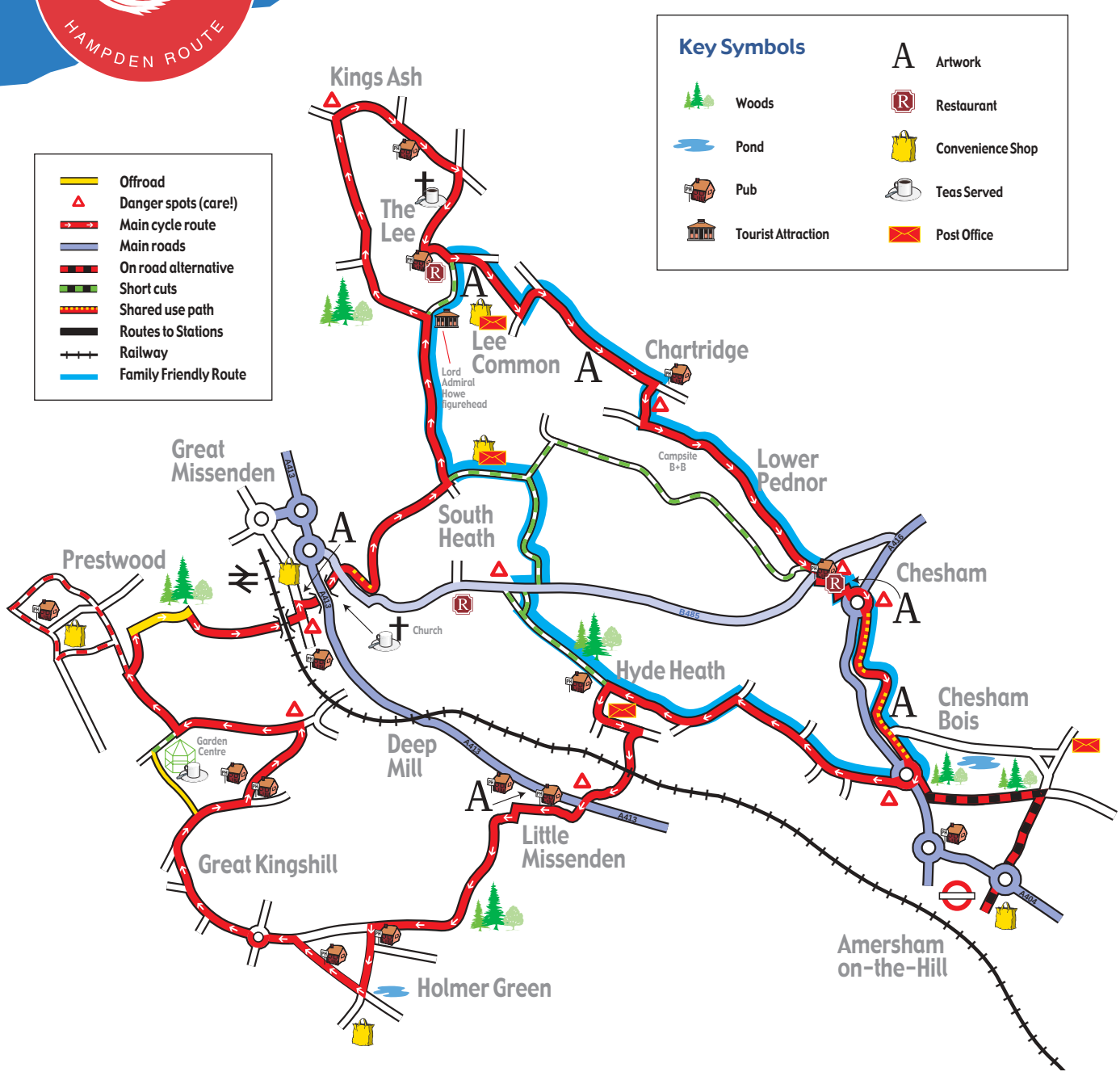

The Chiltern Heritage Cycling Trail has been divided into 3 loops — The Milton, Hampden and Harding loops (named after famous historical people connected to this region).

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 Hampden route is signposted by a red 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

Hampden Route - The North West Way

Main route: 25 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 at A416 go L on to cyclepath. At miniRAB TR (!) into Copperkins Lane - less confident cyclists should use Toucan crossing when installed. At TJ go L into Weedon Hill. Bear R and go into Hyde Heath on Hyde Heath Road. At Post Office L into Brays Lane.

Short cut: Continue SO, Hyde Heath Road. Take first R (Browns Road), then R at TJ (!) into Chesham Road. First L (Little Hundridge Lane). Down steep hill through trees into Herberts Hole. R from Herberts Hole up very steep climb to TJ at Little Pednor. Go R and down Drydell Lane, to Chesham Old Town. R then L at Queens Arms ph into Wey Lane. R into Kings Lane which becomes Amy Lane, R at RAB on A416 (!) and on cyclepath back to Amersham-on-the-hill.

Family Friendly route: TL into South Heath, to rejoin main route at Potters Row (see overleaf to continue).

Main route: From Brays Lane take second L, Brays Green Lane, until sharp R into Keepers Lane. This descends across rail bridge and becomes narrow and steep(!). Just before dual carriageway turn R into old road (layby), then stop (!) and go SO across A413. Follow down into Little Missenden. Go L at TJ in village centre (Penfold Lane, signed Holmer Green). Care round blind RH bend, and then on up to Holmer Green (still Penfold Lane). At the Bat & Ball ph by common go L, down to pond on L at XR, where turn R up New Pond Road. At TJ go L (Beech Tree Road). SO at miniRAB for one mile along Spurlands End Road, until TJ, where go R into Heath End Road, signed Little Kingshill.

Shorter offroad alternative. In 250 yards TL along Peterley Avenue, a straight, rough, track which emerges at Peterley Manor Farm nursery. Go R at road, then L into Nairdwood Lane to resume main route. One mile, cutting one mile from main route

Main route: Heath End Road becomes Windsor Road just before Little Kingshill village. Bear L at Prince of Wales ph into Hare Lane. Bear R, still on Hare Lane, and follow this down to join with Longfield. At TJ go L (!) into Windsor Lane. Continue downhill to TL at next junction (near rail bridge) into Nags Head Lane. Climb steadily for one mile until at crest TR at Nairdwood Lane. After a half-mile TR into Green Lane.

Optional extra loop of Prestwood. Continue on Nairdwood Lane past Green Lane, to XR at High Street. SO (!) into Moat Lane. At TJ with Hotley Bottom Lane go L into Kiln Lane. At Greenlands Lane go L and L again into Honor End Lane and R into Clarendon Road. SO (!) into Clare Road. At TJ (!) go R into Blacksmiths Lane, then L, Honor Road. At TJ TR to rejoin Nairdwood Lane until Green Lane on L. Resume main route.

Main route: **At Andlows Farm, 500m along Green Lane on R, take signed bridleway opposite barns, which then runs down field edge and through a small wood, eventually to emerge near a barn conversion, where there is a farm gate. Pass through and take narrow lane to your L. This drops down (speed humps) to become Whitefield Lane and passes under rail bridge, eventually to TJ near Missenden Abbey and fire station. Go L (!) towards High Street, Great Missenden. In 200m TR into Church Street. This broadens out (The Square) and on far side is a pedestrian underpass (Under the A413). The path goes under a second underpass. Immediately after this TR, on to a short section of path leading into old Frith Hill Road. On cyclepath, SO, then TL up steep hill signed South Heath. TL at South Heath XR into Potter Row.**

Shortcut: Go SO at South Heath XR along Ballinger Road. At bottom,TR into Herberts Hole. Keep L at end and climb steeply to go R at TJ with Drydell Lane near Pednor House. Follow to Chesham Old Town and main route. One and a half miles, cutting six and a half miles from main route.

Main route: **Go SO along Potter Row until Hunts Green, just past Hunts Green Farm, where TL into Kings Lane.**

Family Friendly Route: At this junction continue R past Lord Admiral Howe figurehead to rejoin main route at The Lee.

Main route: **At TJ, Kings Ash, go R and down Chesham Lane, past The Gate ph, to XR at Swan Bottom. TR to reach The Lee. With the green on the R go L to Lee Clump, where TR into Lee Common village (Oxford Street). At TJ near Post Office TL and then TR at TJ to reach Chartridge. Just after The Bell ph, in dip, TR (!), into Westdean Lane, steep and narrow (!). At TJ after golf course go L (!, grit) into Pednor Road. This lane runs down into Chesham Old Town, where turn R (!) into Church Street and then soon sharp L (by Queens Head ph) into Wey Lane.**

Veer L at foot of Fullers Hill into Germain Street, then soon TR (!) at Kings Lane, leading into Amy Lane. R at RAB (!) at A416 and on to cyclepath up to Amersham, turning L either at North Road to Sycamore Road or next L at South Road, then R at Lexham Gardens to lead back into Amersham-on-the-hill.

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