

# Test Valley TOUR . . .



## ROUTE F CIRCULAR CYCLING ROUTE - ON ROAD

START & FINISH: **TIMSBURY (LAY-BY ON STOCKBRIDGE ROAD)**

CLASS: **EASY**

DISTANCE: **APPROX. 12 MILES**

TIME TO COMPLETE: **APPROX. 2½ HRS**

### KEY

••• Route

Yellow line Main Road

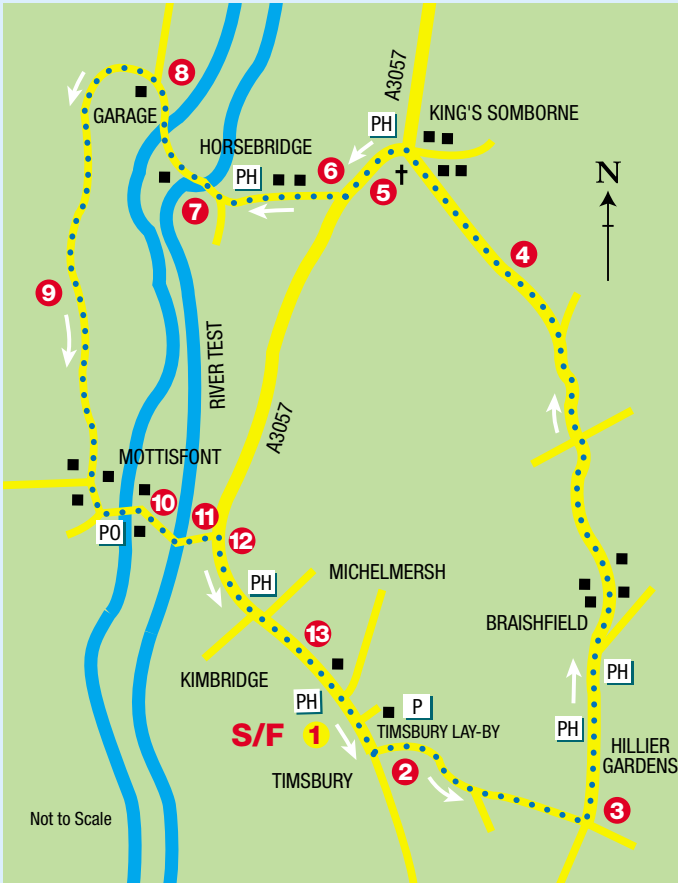
Orange line Minor Road

**PH** Public House

**PO** Post Office

† Church

**S/F** Start/Finish



### INTRODUCTION

This route takes in the river valley and the Downs affording many fine views of the whole area. It crosses the River Test at Horsebridge and Mottisfont where it is most picturesque. The route takes in part of the A3057 which is fast and busy, and some narrow country lanes. Along the way you will see Mottisfont Abbey and Gardens and The Sir Harold Hillier Gardens are nearby.

### REFRESHMENTS

- The Dog and Crook, Braishfield
- The Wheatsheaf, Braishfield
- The Crown Inn, King's Somborne
- The John O'Gaunt, Horsebridge
- The Bear and Ragged Staff, Michelmersh
- The Malthouse Inn, Timsbury

*Please slow down and give way to walkers and horseriders.*

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## THE NUMBERS ARE SHOWN IN THE SKETCH MAP OVERLEAF.

### START: **Timsbury (Lay-by on Stockbridge Road)**

- 1** Start at Timsbury Lay-by. Turn left onto A3057 towards Romsey.
- 2** Turn left to Yokesford Hill signposted to Braishfield and The Sir Harold Hillier Gardens. Climb hill and continue on main road to busy cross roads on Sandy Lane.
- 3** Turn left and proceed through Braishfield. Pass the Dog and Crook PH on the left, then The Wheatsheaf on the right.
- 4** Continue for 2½ miles on this road which becomes quite narrow as it drops into King's Somborne.
- 5** Turn left at the Crown Inn at King's Somborne for short journey on A3057 towards Romsey.
- 6** Fork right into lane to Horsebridge. Take care leaving the main road.
- 7** Turn right at signpost to Houghton. The John O'Gaunt PH is on your right. Cross River Test.
- 8** Proceed toward Houghton, passing garage on your left.
- 9** Continue straight on, road becomes narrower and is signposted Mottisfont and Pittleworth.
- 10** Continue through Mottisfont village and National Trust property.
- 11** Cross rivers once more to join main A3057.
- 12** Turn right on A3057. Take great care joining main road. You have clear views both ways but it can be a fast section for cars etc.
- 13** Follow main road back to Timsbury Lay-by on the left.