

Rowlands Castle

Distance: 8 miles / 13 km

Time: 2–2.5 hours






Train:

Regular services from London/south coast

Access:

All on-road

Key:

-  Public house
-  Incline
-  Walk
-  Footpath
-  Bridleway

Rowlands Castle ride

Just after the railway bridge, there is some excellent open access chalk downland, Chalton Down. It can be seen from the side of the road, beyond the main railway line. Rights of way access can be found along the roadside – one just before the railway bridge, the other on the road at the chicane.

At Old Idsworth to your left you will see St Huberts, also known as ‘The Little Church in a Field’. This church contains some of the oldest wall paintings in southern England, dated c.1330, and the only known one of St Hubert. It is also the site of a deserted medieval village.



Route Instructions

- 1 Exit the train station and turn left heading down Finchdean road.
- 2 Turn left onto **Dean Lane** just before **Finchdean Road** bears sharply to the right.
- 3 Opposite **The George Inn in Finchdean** take the left hand turning onto **Ashcroft Lane**.
- 4 Bear right onto **South Lane** and continue along the road until you reach **Chalton**.
- 5 After **The Red Lion** pub take the right hand turn.
- 6 At the bottom of the hill cross over the railway line and bear round to the right.
- 7 Continue along the road, through Old Idsworth, until you enter back into **Finchdean** this time with **The George Inn** on your left.
- 8 Keep left where the road forks, then turn right at the t-junction back onto **Finchdean Road**.
- 9 Retrace the start of your ride back to **Rowlands Castle** train station.

Cycle rides near Petersfield and Rowlands Castle

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This leaflet is dedicated to the memory of Pete Butler.

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Where in the South Downs National Park:



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Cycle rides near Petersfield and Rowlands Castle



Leave your car at home, take the train

Petersfield, East Meon and Buriton

Distance: 22miles/35km

Time: 5–6 hours








Train:

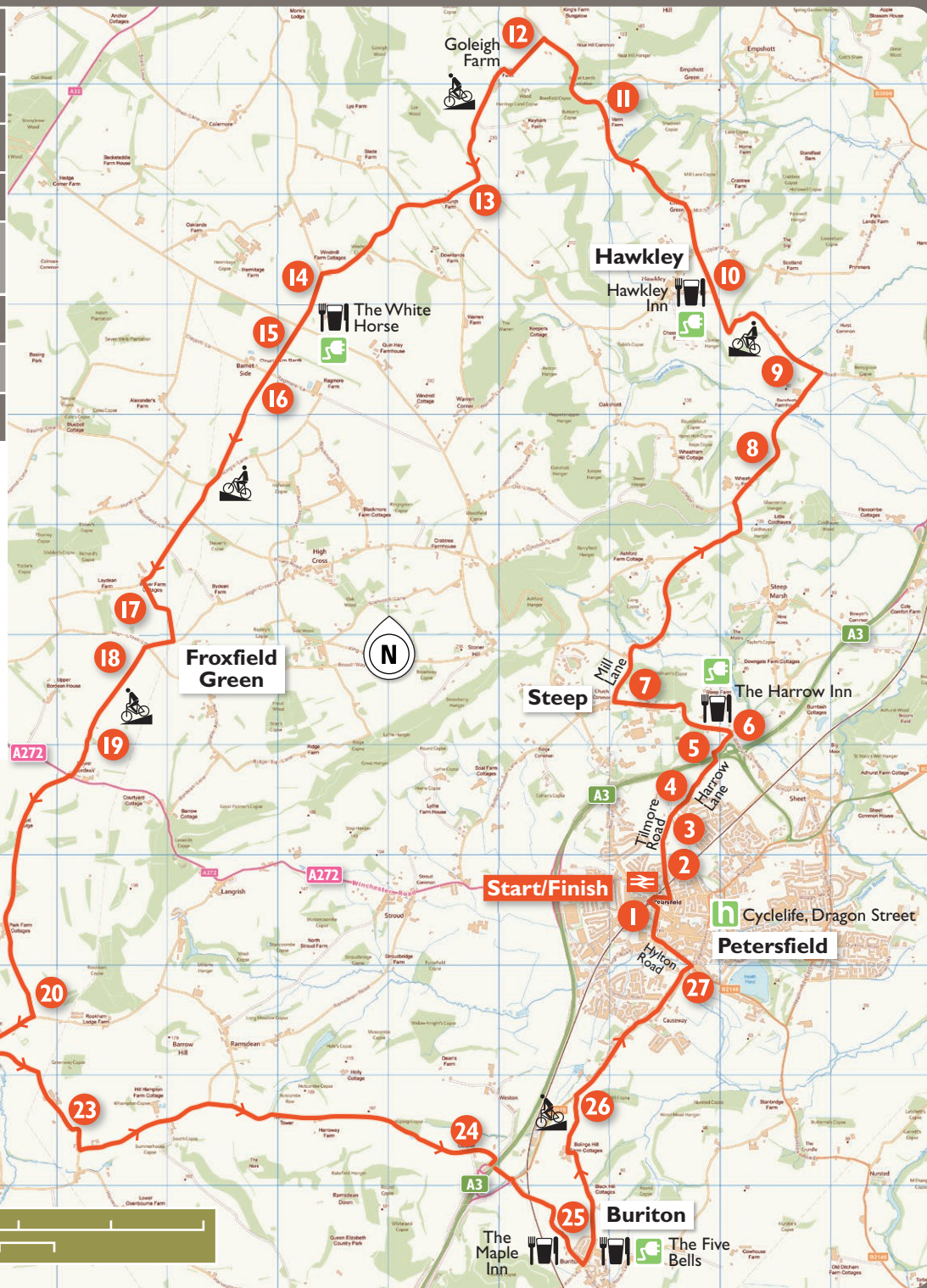
Regular services from London/south coast

Access:

On-road, some bridleway

Key:

-  Electric bicycle hire point
-  Electric bicycle charge point
-  Public house
-  Incline
-  Ride
-  Footpath
-  Bridleway



Route Instructions



This route is signposted by this distinctive sign

- 1 Turn left out of **Petersfield railway station** into **Station Road** and cross the level crossing, continuing to the roundabout.
(Alternative route, not signposted, for riders of road/electric bikes: from railway station turn right into Station Road. Turn left into Tilmore Road and continue over railway bridge to rejoin main route at point 4. More suitable in winter.)
- 2 At the roundabout turn right towards **Steep** and **Alresford**.
- 3 Fifty yards after the roundabout cross to the track opposite.
- 4 Continue across the junction of tracks then turn left where the track meets **Tilmore Road**.
- 5 Bear left down **Harrow Lane**, marked 'Dead End' then take the bridleway bridge over the **A3**.
- 6 Continue along **Harrow Lane** then turn left opposite the **Harrow Inn**. Follow the steep zigzag climb into **Steep** village, passing the church and **Bedaes school** on your left.
- 7 Turn right into **Mill Lane** continuing downhill with great views over to **Ashford Hangers**. Watch out for surface water at the bottom of this slope.
- 8 At the next junction, bear right, following signs to **Liss** and **Hawkley**.
- 9 At the next junction turn left towards **Hawkley** and continue uphill.
- 10 Continue straight on towards **Newton Valence** and **Alton**. After one mile pass the pond on your left.
- 11 At the next junction continue straight on following signs for **Newton Valence** and **Selborne**.
- 12 Turn left for **Priors Dean** and **Colemore**. After **Goleigh Farm**, there is a steep downhill section, where the surface may be slippery.
- 13 At the t-junction in the woods turn right then go straight ahead at the next junction.
- 14 At the next t-junction turn left.
- 15 At the crossroads stop and cross carefully.
- 16 Continue straight across the next crossroads towards **Privett**. Follow the road to **Bower Farm** and bear left.
- 17 At the t-junction turn right for **Froxfield Green**. You are now at the halfway point.
- 18 At the next junction continue straight on to a steep downhill section to the busy **A272**.
- 19 At the A272 cross turning right then immediately left.
- 20 At the next t-junction turn right signposted **East Meon** and **West Meon**. Continue into **East Meon**.
- 21 Turn left into **Church Street** following the road through **East Meon** village.
- 22 Turn left towards **Frogmore** and continue over the bridge.
- 23 Turn left near to **Oxenbourne House**, towards **Buriton** and **Ramsdean**.
- 24 At the t-junction turn right, then left under the **A3** signposted **Petersfield** and **Buriton**. Take the second exit at the roundabout, continuing over the bridge.
- 25 At the crossroads in **Buriton** village turn left onto **Petersfield Road**.
- 26 At the t-junction turn right towards **Petersfield** and at the roundabout take the second exit towards the town centre.
- 27 In the cobbled area turn left into **Hylton Road**, then bear right onto **The Spain**. (For the town centre turn right from The Spain into **Sheep Street**, which brings you to **The Square**). Take the second left back to **Petersfield station**.

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