



Peddalling the Scenic Route

Five circular cycle rides across the South Somerset Moors



Route descriptions

The routes described in this publication are centred around the attractive market town of Langport, in the heart of the Somerset Levels. The town is 15 miles east of Taunton and 15 miles north west of Yeovil and is well served with a good selection of accommodation, pubs, cafes and independent shops.

Start and finish

All the routes start and finish in the Cocklemoor Carpark in the centre of Langport (TA10 9RG), and follow quiet country roads and off road byways, however it is possible to start from anywhere along the routes. Ordnance Survey maps Explorer 128 (Taunton and Blackdown Hills) and 129 (Yeovil and Sherborne) might be useful to assist with directions and to extend any of the routes.



For more information about cycling and other things to do locally plus details about great places to eat or stay, please visit www.visitsouthsomerset.com or www.langport.life

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FREE GUIDE



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Walking



Cider/Apples



Levels



Wildlife



Cycling



Heritage

EASY



Muchelney ride

1
hour

3 1/2
miles



Explore classic South Somerset landscapes in a circular ride which takes you out towards Muchelney Abbey.



1 Leave the Cockle Moor car park onto riverbank. **Right** along path and over footbridge by Shakespeare Glass. **Left** to end of road. **Left** onto Parrett cycleway and follow a short distance to Huish Drove. **2** **Right** then left to continue along cycleway for 1 1/4 miles to road. **3** **Left** at road towards Muchelney. **Left** at junction by church towards Langport.

4 Shortly after crossing river, **left** on slight bend by cottage. Road becomes track after crossing river. Continue along Huish Drove for 1/2 mile to meet Parrett Cycleway. **Right** onto cycleway and through trading estate. **Right** at Shakespeare Glass. **Over** footbridge onto Cockle Moor. **Right** on Cockle Moor to return to the Cockle Moor car park.

MEDIUM



Moor & Monument

2
hours

11
miles



A lovely ride on quiet roads to Red Hill, with spectacular views across West Sedgemoor, returning alongside the River Parrett.



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6 **Left** onto A378 and then immediately **right** to riverbank. **Right** along path and over footbridge by Shakespeare Glass. **Left** to end of road. **Left** onto Parrett cycleway and follow a short distance to Huish Drove. **2** **Right** then left to continue along Cycleway for 1 1/4 miles to road. **Right** at road to Drayton. **3** **Left** shortly after pub into School Street and follow to junction with the B3168. **4** **Right** onto B3168 towards Curry Rivel. First **left** after 1/2 mile, not sign posted. **5** First **right** after 1/2 mile, not sign posted and follow to A378. **6** **Left** onto A378 for 1/4 mile. **Right** onto trading estate. **Left** by Shakespeare Glass. Over footbridge onto Cockle Moor. **Right** on Cockle Moor to return to return to Cockle Moor car park.

MEDIUM



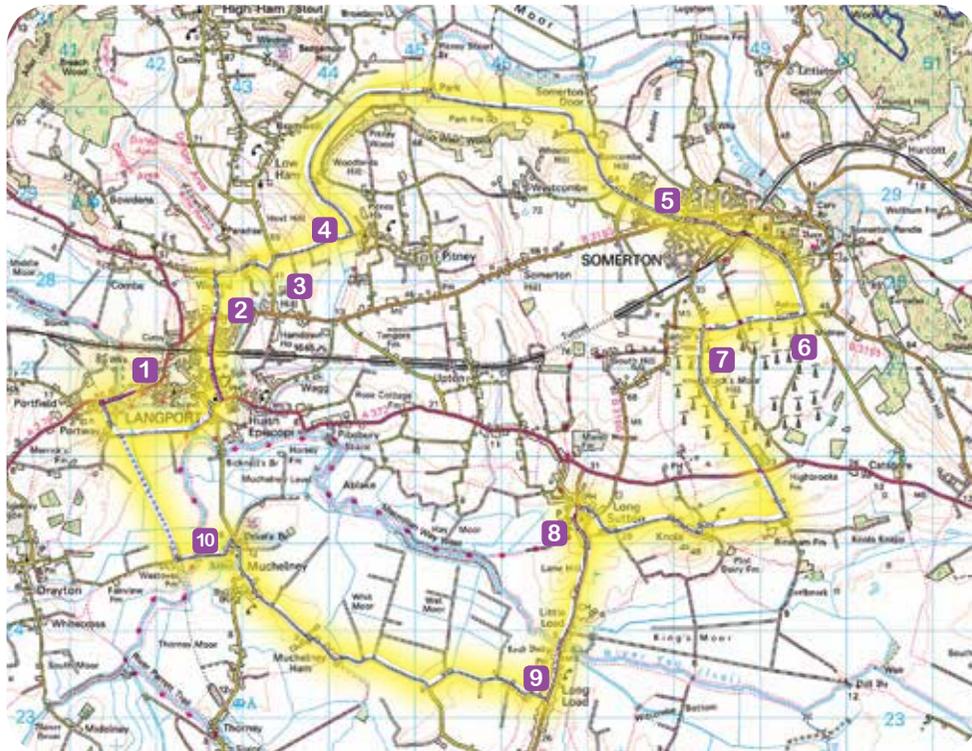
Historic Settlements

2-3 hours

18 miles



A route taking in the historic settlements of Langport, Somerton and Muchelney.



1 Leave Parrett Trail Bikes by way of Cocklemoor car park onto riverbank. **Right** along path and over footbridge by Shakspeare Glass. **Left** to end of road. **Left** onto Parrett cycleway and follow a short distance to Huish Drove (track). **Left** along Huish Drove for 3/4 mile, over river and follow lane to meet road. **Left** onto road, **Right** at Junction and **Left** at Junction on bend along main road. **2** Straight over roundabout to Wearne. **Right** at Junction into village. **3** Through village, **Left** at Junction towards High Ham, shortly **Right** on bend SP to Pitney. **4** **Left** just after Pitney village sign, **Sign posted** to Park. Continue through Park to Somerton, approximately 3 1/2 miles. **5** **Left** at Junction onto B3153, **Right** at mini roundabout towards Town Centre. **Right** at junction opposite Unicorn Hotel into Pestlers Lane. Straight over at mini roundabout. After 1/2 mile,

6 **Right** at crossroads, not **Sign posted**. **7** **Left** at second crossroads. Straight over at crossroads with main road, **Sign posted** to Bineham. Follow road through Knole to Long Sutton to eventually meet main road. **8** **Left** at crossroads onto B3165 to Long Load. **9** **Right** at church, **Right** at next Junction not **Sign posted**. Through Muchelney Ham, **Right** at Junction towards church. **10** **Left** at church near Muchelney (outside main village, near Abbey remains), sign posted to Drayton. Shortly after river, (past cottage) **Right** onto Parrett cycleway. After 1 mile, go through gate, turn **Right** then **Left** to end of cycleway and onto trading estate. **Right** at Shakspeare Glass. Over footbridge onto Cocklemoor. **Right** on Cocklemoor to return to Cocklemoor car park.

HARD



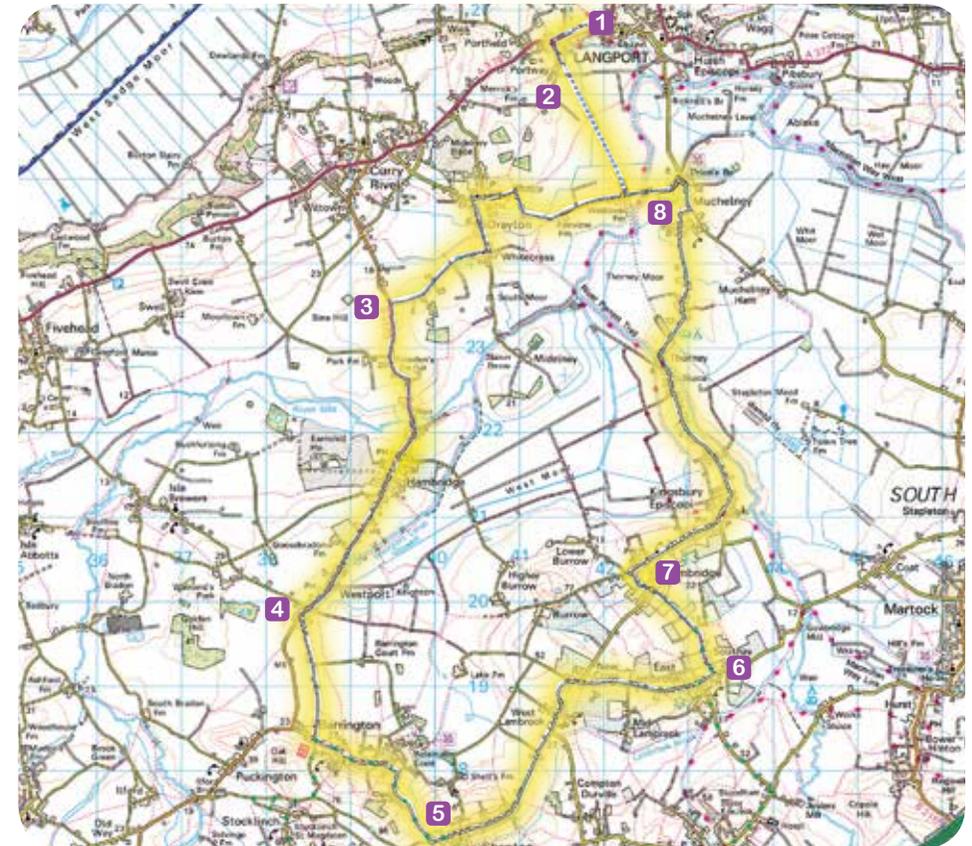
Orchards & Cider

2-3 hours

19 miles



A ride through attractive villages, passing orchards and the heart of the local cider industry, returning across the moors.

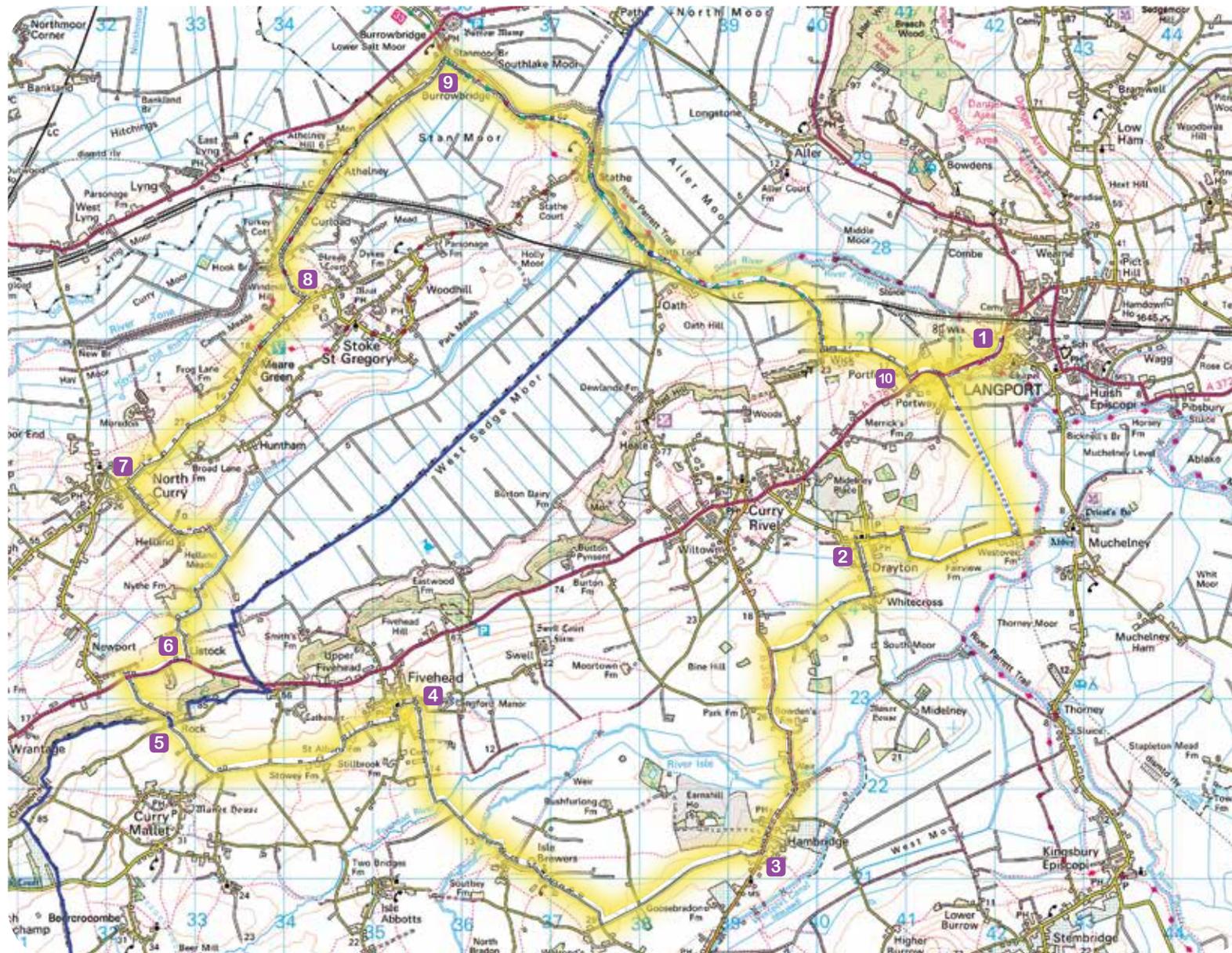


1 Leave the Cocklemoor car park onto riverbank. **Right** along path and over footbridge by Shakspeare Glass. **Left** to end of road. **Left** onto Parrett cycleway and follow a short distance to Huish Drove. **2** **Right** then **Left** to continue along cycleway for 1 1/4 miles to road. **Right** at road to Drayton. **Left** shortly after pub into School Street and follow to junction with the B3168. **3** **Left** onto B3168 to Hambridge. Continue on road through Hambridge to Westport. At end of village, **4** **Left** along Rusky Lane to Barrington. **Left** through Barrington towards Shepton Beauchamp **5** **Left** at crossroads into Shepton. **Left** at junction by pub to West Lambrook. Through village, up hill

and on sharp bend, **Right** by thatched cottage sign posted to East Lambrook. **6** After last house, **Left** signposted to Stembridge. **7** **Right** at main road and follow road through Kingsbury, Thorney and Muchelney. **8** **Left** at church near Muchelney (outside main village, near Abbey remains), **sign posted** to Drayton. Shortly after river, (past cottage) **Right** onto Parrett cycleway. After 1 mile, go through gate, turn **Right** then **Left** to end of cycleway and onto trading estate. **Right** at Shakspeare Glass. Over footbridge onto Cocklemoor. **Right** on Cocklemoor to return to Cocklemoor car park.



A superb ride around West Sedgemoor, through the centre of the local willow industry, returning alongside the River Parrett.



1 Leave the Cocklemoor car park onto riverbank. **Right** along path and over footbridge by Shakspeare Glass. **Left** to end of road. **Left** onto Parrett cycleway and follow a short distance to Huish Drove. **Right** then left through gate and along Parrett cycleway 1 mile to end. **2** **Left** shortly after pub into School Street and follow to junction with the B3168. **Left** onto B3168 to Hambridge. After 1¼ miles **3** **Right** almost opposite school, signposted to Fivehead. **Right** at crossroads through Isle Brewers to Fivehead. **4** **Left** signposted to Curry Mallet. Second right into Stowey Road towards Curry Mallet. Shortly after Curry Mallet village sign, **Right** signposted to North Curry. **5** **Right** at junction and then immediately **Left** towards North Curry. **Right** onto A378 (½ mile). **6** First **left** through Helland to North Curry. **7** **Right** through Meare Green towards Stoke St Gregory. After 2 miles **8** **left** through Athelney towards Burrowbridge. **9** **Right** through Stathe towards Oathe. Continue ahead towards Wick and Langport to the A378 (2½ miles) **10** **Left** onto A378 for ¼ mile. **Right** onto trading estate. **Left** by Shakspeare Glass. Over footbridge onto Cocklemoor. **Right** on Cocklemoor to return to Cocklemoor car park.

Safe Cycling

- Always give way to pedestrians.
- Be considerate to other road and path users, especially in built up areas.
- When travelling in a group, leave a reasonable space between each cyclist.
- Follow the Highway Code at all times.
- Wear a safety helmet.
- Make sure you are visible to others especially by using lights at night.
- Carry water and refreshments or the means to purchase supplies.
- Be alert and always be aware of traffic.