

# "THE RIDE!"

## 14 Mile - PURPLE Route

### Starting from **BICTON COLLEGE** EAST BUDLEIGH [ OS Grid Ref: SY07186 ]



*Includes The East Devon Way, The Woodbury Commons, Colaton Raleigh, River Otter, Otterton & East Budleigh and will be clearly signed with arrows printed on A4 laminated sheets sited on trees, posts, etc., wherever you are required to make a turn. [Refer to OS Explorer Sheet 115](#)*

1. Leave Bicton College via the rear drive, turning LEFT towards Yettington.
2. Take **the first turn** on the RIGHT [Stowford Cross] and, keeping left at the junction, continue for ¼ mile leaving the paved road as it curves right by two thatched cottages.
3. In a couple of hundred yards take the track to the LEFT about 50 yards before the ford [NB Blue Route walkers will keep straight ahead through the ford].
4. Passing over the steel barrier, follow the bridleway into the woodland, across a sleeper bridge and keep RIGHT up the slope and RIGHT again at the top.
5. Continue for some distance on this track turning RIGHT where it T's into a main cross-path.
6. Fork RIGHT at the 3-way intersection towards the large copse on the skyline [Woodbury Castle - a Stone Age hill fort].
7. Go RIGHT as you approach Woodbury Castle keeping the **copse on your left**.
8. Keep more-or-less straight ahead [slightly left] taking the track through the **right hand edge of the copse** still with the **castle on your left**.
9. Stay with this main path for about ¼ mile and, 50 yards after a path from the nearby road joins from the left, bear LEFT along a narrow winding path which passes through a small copse and on to **Warren CHECK POINT** at The Warren Car Park [Rejoining the Blue Route walkers]. **[11.8 miles to go]**
10. After registering at the Check Point, take the LEFT hand track out of the far end of the car park and head North, keeping the copse on your left.
11. After about ½ mile a similar track [the East Devon Way] merges from your right. Keep ahead on the East Devon Way turning RIGHT onto the paved road at Hawkerland [NB Blue Route walkers will have left this track after about ¾ mile].
12. Take **the third turn** RIGHT [at Pophams Farm] and in approximately ¼ mile turn LEFT to rejoin "The Walk!"
13. Keep straight ahead, dropping down a short steep hill to cross the main B3178 at Colaton Raleigh and pass through the gate directly opposite, onto the public footpath and **Otter Inn CHECK POINT [8 miles to go!]**.
14. After registering at this Check Point, **walk to the end of this path** and turn RIGHT onto the road and ride through Colaton Raleigh village, turning LEFT **opposite the church hall** onto Shepherds Lane.
15. At the end of Shepherds Lane, turn RIGHT onto Dotton Lane and continue to Dotton Farm, turning RIGHT onto the paved track alongside the farm buildings to the River Otter.
16. Cross The River Otter, via the narrow footbridge, and continue to Pitson Farm.
17. Turn RIGHT onto the paved road and follow this road through to Otterton [NB ignoring "The Walk!" signs which cross your route!] and register at the **Otterton Mill CHECK POINT. [3½ miles to go!]**
18. Turn left out of The Mill car park and then take the first turn LEFT.
19. Cross the B3178 by The Rolle Arms, riding through East Budleigh village taking the turn to the RIGHT immediately after the main entrance to Bicton Arena.
20. Follow this road to Stowford Cross, turning RIGHT again to return to the rear access of Bicton College.

**Congratulations. Please now announce your return at registration, RETURN THESE INSTRUCTIONS and enjoy some well earned refreshment.**

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