

river on The Coastal Link bridleway past the disused cement works and under the A27 to the Old Shoreham wooden toll bridge. Cross the bridge and turn left to Shoreham airfield. You can get refreshments here while watching the planes. Return the way you came, back to the bridge.

2. You now have a choice -  
Either:

**2a. The easier route**

Don't cross bridge. Turn left and cross the A27 at the traffic lights. Continue on road past Church Farm and church on left at Coombes. (Church Farm does farm tours) to reach bridleway 100 metres past St Botolph's Church (GR193094).

**3a.** Turn right on bridleway then left at T-junction and retrace the first part of your route on The Downs Link to Bramber.

or:

**2b. The harder route**

Cross the bridge to meet the A283 which you cross. Left along Old Shoreham Road by The Red Lion and Amsterdam pubs to crossroads (GR215060).



Old Shoreham Toll Bridge



Bramber Castle ruins

**3b.** Left into Erringham Road and right up Mill Hill. Both junctions are signed 'Youth Hostel and Mill Hill'. You are now starting a long climb. Cross the A27 by a bridge and pass Mill Hill Nature Reserve and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The views from here are fantastic. Continue to the car park and junction of road and bridleways (GR207097).

**4b.** Left through gate following South Downs Way. Take care! The initial gentle grassy descent is followed by a steep single track descent to the road. If in doubt dismount and push your bike. Cross the A283 via the South Downs Way signs and continue to the footbridge over the River Adur which you used for the first part of the ride. Cross the footbridge and turn right, then right at bridleway junction (3a) to retrace the first section of your route on The Downs Link back to Bramber.

**Bramber/Old Shoreham**

**MIXED ON/OFF ROAD**

**Route A Beginners**

**7½ miles (12.08 km)**

**1½ hours**

**Route B Intermediate**

**8½ miles (13.68 km)**

**1¾ hours**



Map - Explorer 122 Brighton & Hove



Shoreham Airfield

These interesting and varied routes make use of The Downs Link, The South Downs Way and minor roads. They take the rider south on bridleways along the River Adur, on a disused railway track closed in 1981, to Old Shoreham and north back to Bramber on minor roads. There are superb views of the Adur valley, the South Downs and the sea, with the landmarks of the chimney of the disused cement works, Lancing

College chapel (which looks like a cathedral) and Shoreham airfield control tower often in view. The airfield was built in 1910 and was the first civil airport in the world.

Both routes visit Old Shoreham toll bridge which was built of timber in 1872 and is the oldest crossing of the River Adur. It was constructed as a safe alternative crossing to the ferry and remained, until 1970, an important link from Brighton to Worthing as the main vehicular crossing point.

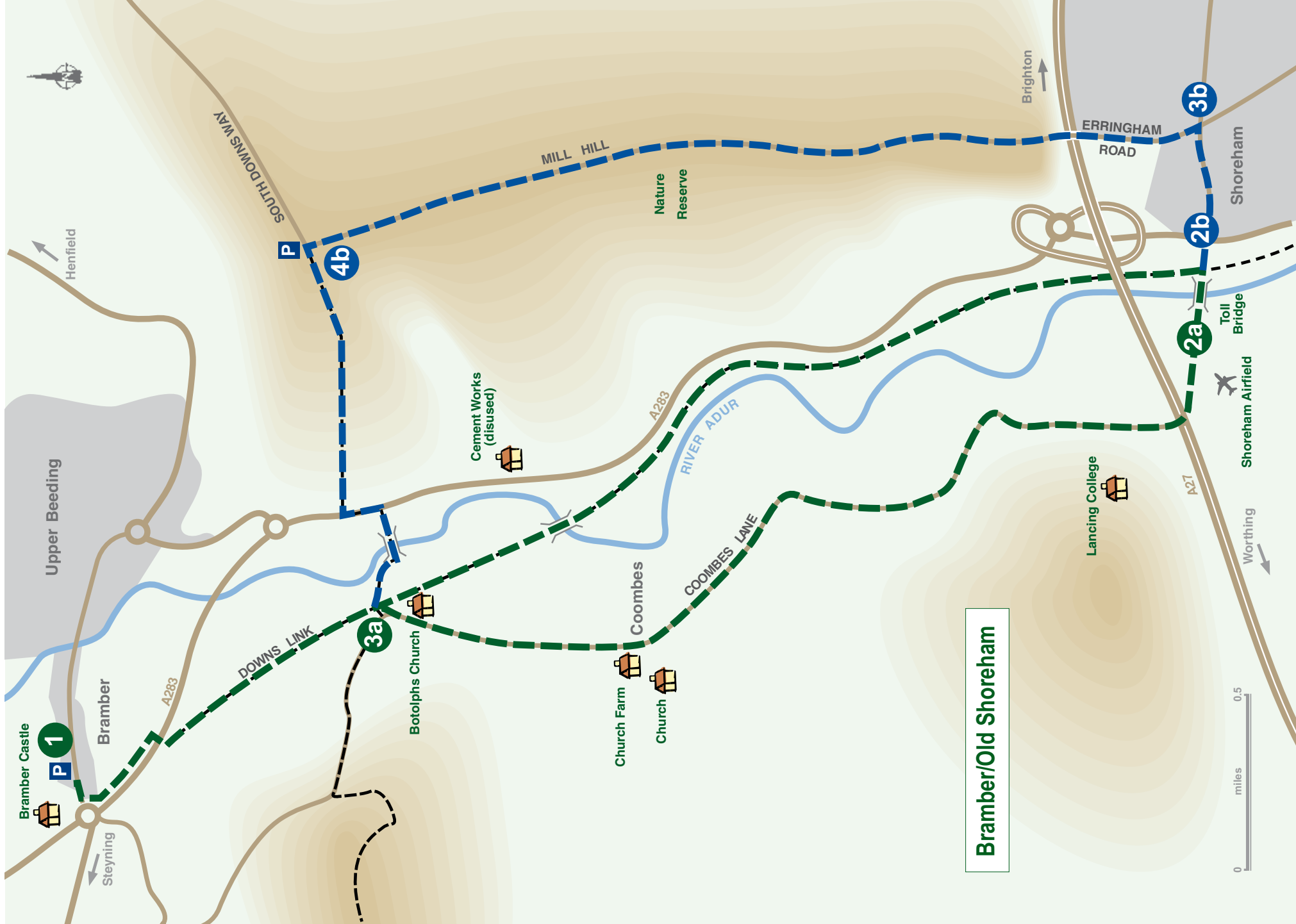
**Route A** is mainly flat and takes in Shoreham airfield, Church Farm (where there are farm tours) and Coombes and St Botolph's churches.

**Route B** also visits Shoreham airfield as well as Mill Hill Nature Reserve, which is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The road over Mill Hill is steep, but the reward is outstanding views of Shoreham and the sea to the south, Brighton and the South Downs to the east, Steyning, Bramber and Chanctonbury Ring to the west and the Adur valley and North Downs to the north. The single track descent from the Mill Hill road is steep and needs careful riding.

1. Start at the car park just past Bramber Castle (GR188106) off the A283 Steyning to Bramber Road. Turn right out of the car park to the Steyning roundabout and go left beside the A283 on the Downs Link bridleway. Cross A283 and go left at junction with South Downs Way. Follow South Downs Way, crossing footbridge over the River Adur. Right, following the

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Cycle Routes



**Bramber/Old Shoreham**