

## West Grinstead/Partridge Green/Dial Post

ROUTE

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### MAINLY OFF ROAD

Beginners

10 miles (17 km)

1¼ hours

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Knepp Castle

A delightful ride around the open farm and parkland of this rural part of West Sussex. You will see old Sussex buildings, the remains of Knepp Castle, the old railway station at West Grinstead, where you start the ride, the upper reaches of the River Adur and, with a small diversion, the remains of a lock on the Baybridge canal.

1. Start at the car park, off the A272, in the old West Grinstead railway station (GR184226) on the dismantled railway line which is now The Downs Link. Head south (right) from car park to Partridge Green.

2. Where The Downs Link leaves the old railway track at the bridge under the B2135 at Partridge Green, turn right on the tarmac brideway signed Lock Estate and Lock Farm. Continue past Lloyts Farm, crossing the River Adur at Lock Bridge, to Lock Farm. At Lock Bridge you can walk 300 metres on the permissive path to view the remains of a lock.

3. Turn right at the brideway T-junction at the far end of the farm buildings just past Quince Cottage and by a wooden garage. Follow this tarmac brideway, bearing right by a metal gate at the Hobshorts T-junction, 500 metres past Postbrooks Cottage at the corner of a wood. Continue to a driveway leading to Hobshark's Farm where you bear left on a gravelled brideway to reach the A24 road by Old Barn Nursery.

4. Cross A24 and head north into Dial Post. Turn left at The Crown Pub into Swallows Lane and continue to the brideway by the cottage (GR155206) 400 metres past Swallows Farm.

5. Turn right and go across fields, over the River Adur and turn right at the top of the hill at the brideway T-junction. Follow tarmac drive to meet the A24 road. (The remains of old Knepp Castle are on your right). Turn right and push bike for 250 metres on the grass verge of this busy dual carriageway, to meet minor road.

6. Left into Rookcross Lane and left again into Bassells Lane. Go straight on at the brideway and footpath junction through gate to Clothall Farm. Continue on brideway over Hatterell Bridge to junction with Downs Link.

7. Left on The Downs Link to the car park at West Grinstead station.

