

Then head for clump of trees at top of hill in field and follow bridleway signs along the ridge to minor road at Newstead Farm. Continue on farm road and turn right at bridleway sign where road descends steeply. Follow bridleway down steep descent over a ford, across a field and a steep ascent to road.



Architectural Plant Centre

6. Left on Grouse Road to T-junction with Hammerpond Road at Bucks Head where you turn left. Go past the pond and turn right into Church Lane to junction with Winterpit Lane. Turn right past Mannings Heath Hotel and take bridleway on left leading to Holme Farm. Continue to junction with A281 Brighton/Horsham road.

7. Left, then immediately right into Newells Lane. Pass Newells Farm and take bridleway on right at Hope Gardens Cottage (GR206263). Continue over track crossroads, past cottage and architectural plant centre, to meet road opposite church at Nuthurst. Turn left to bridleway on right at Harriots Hill Cottage.

8. Take bridleway on right and follow it straight through Elliots Farm to Broadwater Lane. Turn left and return to car park.



Nuthurst Church

Copsale/Mannings Heath/Colgate/Nuthurst

ROUTE
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MAINLY OFF ROAD

Intermediate

24 miles (38.62 km)

3¼ hours

Map - Explorer 134 Crawley & Horsham

This route uses bridleways in the wooded area to the east of Horsham and Southwater. It gives spectacular views of the area from the ridges to the west of Nuthurst and the east of St Leonard's Forest. It also takes riders through the heart of St Leonard's Forest on Mick Miles' race, past hammer ponds, a deer park and an architectural plant nursery.

1. Start at The Downs Link car park opposite The Bridge House Inn at Copsale (GR171249). Turn right from the car park. Ignore left turn (Broadwater Lane) and continue to bridleway on left on the corner by driveway to Elliots Farm.



The Dragon, Colgate

2. Left following bridleway (not on private drive). Straight over junction at farm buildings. Over the next staggered junction and past the quad bike track on the left to tarmac drive. Go left and at top of hill turn right on bridleway through private woodland and past two white cottages to reach the Nuthurst road at Monks Gate.

3. Left and left again on the A281 towards Mannings Heath (you can push your bike on the footpath of this busy road). Take next turn on the right (Church Road) and follow it into Goldings Lane and continue to T-junction.

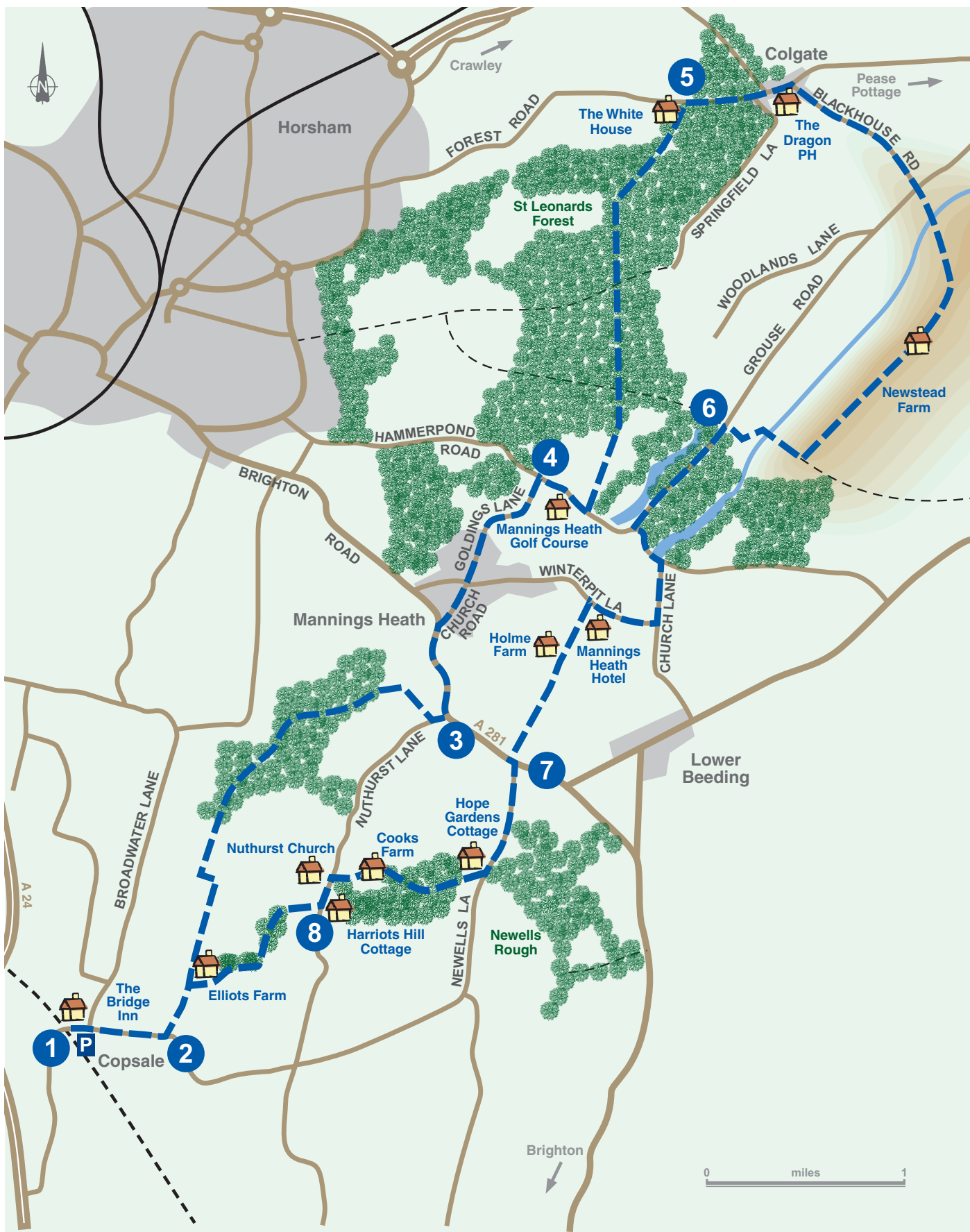


Mannings Heath Golf Club

4. Right and 300m past golf course entrance at top of hill turn left onto bridleway (GR214293). Follow bridleway straight through St Leonard's Forest along Mick Miles' race to junction with Forest Road.

5. Right, past The Dragon pub and right into Black House Road. Continue to T-junction with Grouse Road and take bridleway straight ahead. There is a good descent down to Newstead Ghyll.

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