

Southwater/Copsale

Mainly Road

Route A Beginners 4¾ miles (7.64 km) ¾ hour

Route B Beginners 5¾ miles (9.25 km) 1 hour

Route C Intermediate 16¾ miles (26.95 km) 2¼ hours

Map - Explorer 134 Crawley & Horsham

ROUTE 1



This route uses mainly country lanes and the Downs Link Bridleway.

It passes through farmland and provides excellent views of the very rural area around Southwater. This route can also be accessed from Horsham using the cycle route from Chesworth Lane to Southwater.



Southwater Country Park

1. Start at Southwater Country Park Visitor Centre car park, Cripplegate Lane (GR162259). Join the Downs Link at the car park and continue to Southwater Village Centre.

2. Turn right onto the Worthing Road.

3. Continue for 1 mile (1.60 km) until you reach a small roundabout. Go straight over. Turn right 45 metres past the next small roundabout onto Southwater Street and over the A24.

4. You now have several choices of route:

Either: a. Turn right down Reeds Lane, then left into Jackrells Lane and left again into Polecat Lane. Just before Copsale, Polecat Lane joins Broadwater Lane.

or: b. Continue along Coltstaple Lane and after about 1 mile (1.60 km) turn right into Broadwater Lane (take care at this very steep right hand turning). This route can be busy at peak times. Continue along Broadwater Lane to Copsale

or: c. Continue along Coltstaple Lane for 365 metres until you reach the cycle route to Horsham which is signed to your left. This can be used for an excursion to Horsham town or an alternative start and finish point from Horsham. If doing this, descend through Chesworth Farm into Chesworth Lane and into the town.

5. At Copsale, turn right into Bar Lane. Just past The Bridge House Inn, turn right onto the Downs Link.

6. Go under the A24 and onto Stakers Lane and return to Southwater Country Park Visitor Centre Car Park.

