

## Southwater/Nuthurst/Maplehurst

ROUTE

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### MAINLY OFF ROAD

Beginners

9½ miles (15.28 km)

1¾ hours

Map - Explorer 134 Crawley & Horsham

This route uses the flat, well-surfaced Downs Link, together with well-defined bridleways, to take the rider through the villages, fields and woodlands to the east of Southwater. It is a lovely ride through typical West Sussex countryside with plenty of pubs en route for refreshments! Some sections of bridleway are well used by horses and will be muddy after rain.



Southwater Country Park lake

1. Start at Southwater Country Park, Cripplegate Lane (GR162259). Leave the car park, cross the road and follow The Downs Link to the road at Copsale.

2. Turn left past The Bridge Inn and left again into Broadwater Lane. Turn right onto the bridleway which is beside the bungalow and 120 metres past Polecat Lane. Follow it east across fields past

Elliots Farm. Continue into woods keeping to bridleway and passing through a series of gates to the road at Harriots Hill Cottage (GR192529).

3. Go left here and then right opposite Nuthurst Church on bridleway by Architectural Plants nursery. Keep to bridleway through outbuildings at Cooks Farm and then keep right at isolated cottage heading east through Lodgesale Wood to the road by Hope Gardens Cottage.

4. Left for 20 metres along Newell Lane, then right and follow bridleway along the edge of Newell Rough. Right at bridleway T-junction which is 220 metres past a bridge. Continue to join road at GR205250.

5. Turn right (north) past Green Acres Farm and left into Park Lane. Follow road to T-junction in Maplehurst by White Horse pub and follow Partridge Green road to junction with Copsale road.

6. **Either:** a. Follow Copsale road and turn right (north west) where it joins Downs Link by The Bridge Inn which is 1 mile (1.60 km) shorter and on road.

**or** b. Turn left and just past top of hill turn right on bridleway at Joles Farm (GR188238). Continue through farm and over fields and turn right (north west) at The Downs Link.

Follow Downs Link back to car park at Southwater Country Park.

