

Ride 4

Haynes - Sandy

Distance: 8.6 miles/13.9 km

1 At the crossroads very carefully go straight ahead, crossing over the A600 and continue along the lane.

ALTERNATIVE OFF-ROAD ROUTE

Keeper's Warren – Northhill

A Cycle along the road with Old Rowney Farm on your left. 200m past the farm entrance turn left down the small, quiet lane and follow it along its entire length to the T-junction next to Warden Manor Farm.

B Turn left onto the road (Bedford Road) then, after approximately 700m, turn right off the road along the bridleway (BW10). Follow the bridleway straight for some distance, along field edges and continue to follow as it becomes a double-hedged green lane.

C Continue along this green lane, past Sweetbriar Cottage, and then Oak farm, both on the left. Stop at the crossroads of Deadmans Oak, carefully turn right and cycle along the long, straight Bedford Road. Continue past several attractive houses and enter the village of Northhill. Turn left into Thorncote Road (with the church to your right) and rejoin the on-road route at point (X).

2 At the fork take the left hand road. Continue past Old Rowney Farm on the left and cycle straight on along the road past Keeper's Warren to your right. Take the left hand bend, under the old railway bridge, then past the old Southill Station cottages on your left.

3 Continue past the Lodge House, on your right, and follow the road around the sharp right hand bend into the attractive village of Old Warden. Follow the road around the sharp left hand bend and past the entrance to Shuttleworth Manor and the College (on the right).

4 Continue past the cricket ground (also on the right) and leave the village. Then take the left hand road leading to Ickwell Green. The road narrows as you enter the village so take care here. Follow the road across the traditional large village green with its maypole, large oak and cricket pitch and continue straight into Northhill, past the pond and church (both on the left).

5 Follow the road past Twin Trees riding stables and Kilchoan, into the small hamlet of Thorncote Green and then the hamlet of Hatch. Continue straight over the small crossroads, past Hatch Farm and stop at the T-junction.

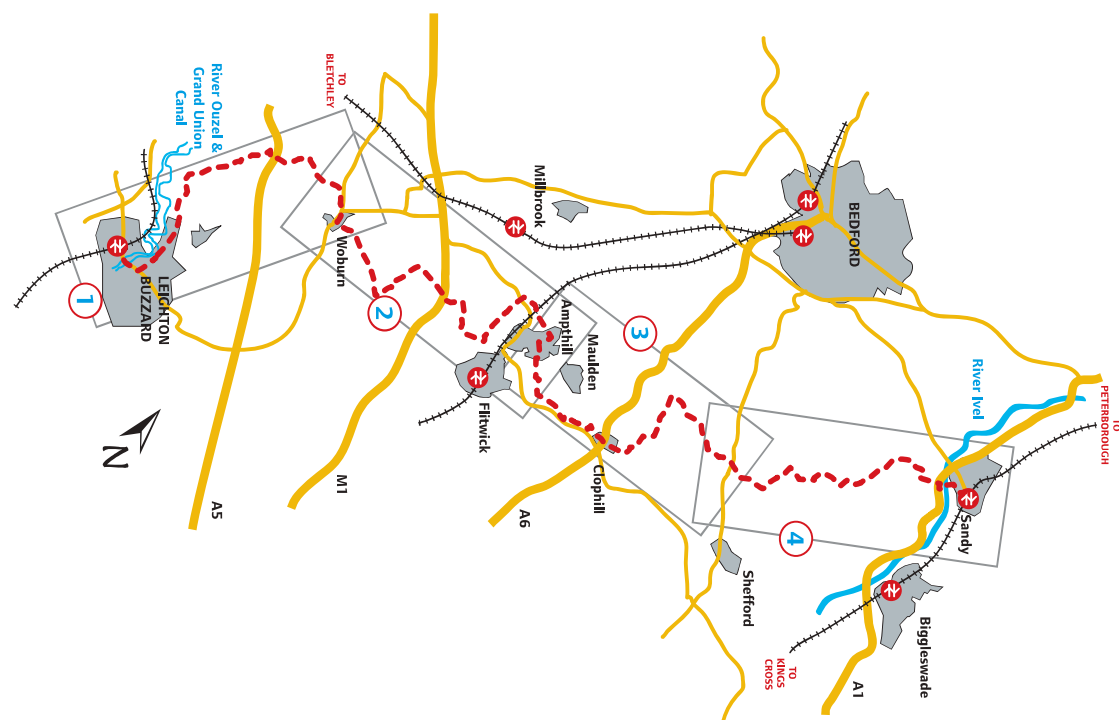
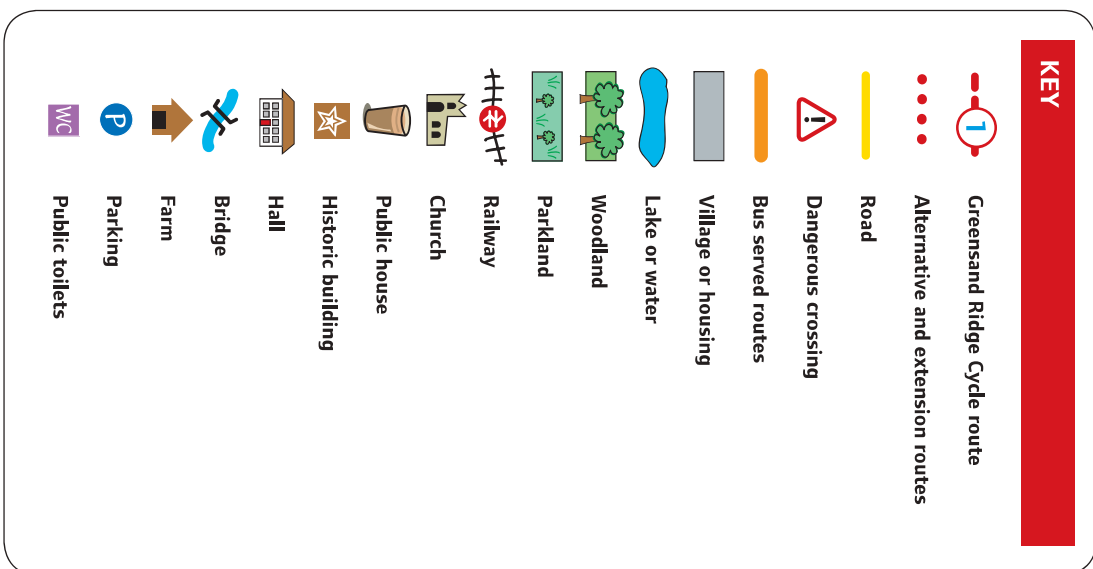
6 Turn right onto Vinegar Hill (with care as the road can be busy), then after 200m turn left along the lane and into the village of Beeston. As you enter the village, turn right just past Manor Farm and follow the road with Beeston Green

on your right. Then turn left into The Crescent, to the end and along the narrow path between the houses, then turn left again and cycle alongside the A1.

7 Dismount and use the footbridge to cross the A1.

8 On the other side of the bridge turn left and cycle parallel to the A1 for approximately 150m until you reach The Balk on the right. Cycle up here and follow the path to the river and over the weir. Turn right and follow bridleway (BW8), crossing the river over the bridge. Continue ahead along Ivel Road and stop at the T-junction.

9 At the T-junction, turn left (with care) onto Sandy High Street (B1042) and finish in the town centre.



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Cycle Ride