

# Circular Cycle Ride

## The Shannon Trail Cycle Ride – On Road



A 35km (21 mile) circular cycle ride on the quiet lanes and roads of East Bedfordshire and around the villages of Potton, Gamlingay, Steeple Morden and Wrestlingworth.

- Start from Potton town centre where there is plenty of parking at various locations. From the attractive market square go straight ahead along King Street (B1040) toward Gamlingay which becomes Gamlingay Road. Cycle with care here as the roads are narrow and can be busy with traffic. As you approach the ancient village of Gamlingay turn right into Honey Hill and then into Stocks Lane (a visit to the Gamlingay Eco-hub is well worth making) and continue straight ahead, past the cemetery on the right, and into the heart of the village.
  - At the T-junction turn right onto Church Street and cycle past the Church of St Mary (on your right). Bear left along Church End and through to the end of the village. Keep straight on for approx. 1 mile along an open country lane (called Long Lane).
  - Turn right at the signpost to Hatley and continue straight ahead along a narrow rolling road through fields and then over an old railway bridge (approach this with caution), then turn left at the T-junction onto Hatley Road. Continue straight ahead along this road and past the beautiful old parkland of Hatley Park on your right.
  - Cycle through the small hamlet of Hatley St George (the church was built in 1352) and continue straight ahead on Main Street and past the hamlet of East Hatley (the ancient church here dates from 1200 and is now a wildlife sanctuary).
  - Continue straight ahead past Holbeins Farm and reservoir on your right before reaching the top of Croydon Hill and down the other side past High Street on your left to the T-junction where you turn left onto the B1042 (caution here). After ½ mile turn right (carefully – signposted to Shingay cum Wendy) across the road (past the old Toll House on the corner) and then cycle straight ahead along the narrow lane and over the small bridge and past the small hamlet of Shingay-cum-Wendy (do not go into the hamlet).
  - At the T-junction turn right and continue straight ahead for 2½ miles along Flecks Lane then turn left at the junction into North Brook End.
- ### Shortcuts/additions
- If you wish you can make a shortcut here by not turning left into North Brook End but continue straight ahead to Guilden Morden. At the T-junction turn right into Fox Hill Road. The main road then joins from the left. Bear right towards Wrestlingworth and here you rejoin the main cycle route.
  - Continue ahead towards Steeple Morden and as you enter the village turn left at the crossroads into Bogs Gap Lane, then bear right into Brook End and follow the lane until the end of the road.



- At the T-junction turn right onto Cheyney Street and into the main village of Steeple Morden. At the next T-junction turn right onto Hay Street and continue straight ahead through the village to the crossroads. Turn left at the crossroads into Trap Road and cycle towards the village of Guilden Morden.
- As you enter Guilden Morden turn left into Church Street opposite the pub Edward VII and past St Mary's Church (on your right). Continue along Church Street then turn right at the T-junction into Pound Green (which then becomes Dubbs Knoll Road).
- At the T-junction turn left onto Potton Road (signposted Wrestlingworth and Potton) and continue straight ahead along the road, around the left hand bend. At the crossroads continue straight over and into the village of Wrestlingworth.
- Cycle through Wrestlingworth and head towards Cockayne Hatley on Hatley Road. At the end of Hatley Road bear left after the church (still on Hatley Road) and stay straight ahead back into Potton and the start of the ride.

OS Map: Explorer 208

## Remember when cycling:

- Please DO NOT cycle on footpaths.
- Always keep to the waymarked routes and do not enter private land.
- Always ride in single file when roads are narrow and never ride more than two abreast.
- Make sure you are visible to others.
- Always use lights after dark or in poor visibility.
- Plan your route according to the weather and daylight hours.
- Be aware of animals, other cyclists, pedestrians, horse riders and car drivers when cycling.
- Keep your speed down and give way to walkers and other path users.
- Be polite and considerate towards landowners and farmers.
- Keep away from farm machinery or farm/forestry operations.

## Contact us...

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**on the web:** [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/environment/countryside/cycling.aspx](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/environment/countryside/cycling.aspx)

**Write to** Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire SG17 5TQ

## Refreshments...

**Potton** – variety of inns, restaurants and shops

**Gamlingay Eco Hub** – Stocks Lane, Gamlingay – 01767 651226, [www.eco-hub.info](http://www.eco-hub.info)

**Croydon** – Queen Adelaide PH, High Street – 01223 208278

**Steeple Morden** – Waggon and Horses PH, 19 Church Street, Steeple Morden – 01763 852829 [www.attthewaggon@gmail.com](mailto:www.attthewaggon@gmail.com)

**Guilden Morden** – The Three Tuns PH is currently closed

**Wrestlingworth** – The Chequers PH is currently closed.



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