

Cambridge 50 — 2nd September 2012

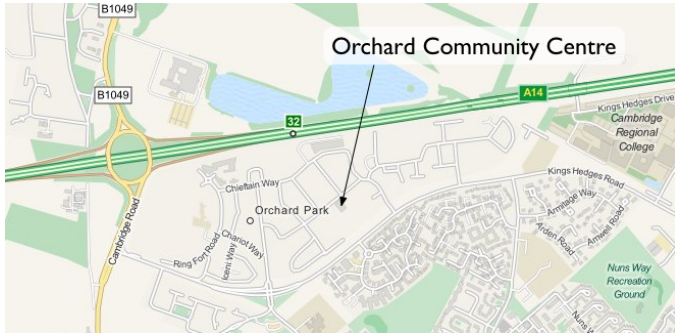
Route sheet

Start

The ride starts at the Orchard Community Centre, Central Avenue, Orchard Park, Cambridge CB4 2EZ.

The start is at 10:00. Please be there in plenty of time to pick up your brevet card.

There are some parking bays on Central Avenue in front of the Community Centre; if these are full, it should be possible to find space on the streets nearby.



Contact

Gareth Rees: 07889 364390. If you abandon the ride, or if you are going to be late back to the Community Centre, please let me know.

Orchard Community Centre: 01223 420750
(<http://orchardpark.gov.uk/the-orchard-community-centre>)

Route

The ride takes the cycle path beside the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway to St Ives. Then you join National Cycle Route 51 through the Hemingford villages to Eastside Common, where you must collect a sticker from the control.

The return journey takes a scenic diversion across the Ouse meadows to the National Trust property at Houghton Mill, where you will need to walk your bicycles for a hundred metres or so. It then follows a footpath through the wood beside the River Great Ouse. This is narrow and shared with walkers, so please take care.

The route is covered by Ordnance Survey Landranger sheets 153 and 154.

The ride uses the cycle path beside the Cambridgeshire Guided Busway. This is a public bridleway and is popular with walkers, rollerbladers, horse riders and skateboarders, so please be considerate to the other users. There are three junctions where the cycle path crosses the busway. These junctions need extra care: you need to watch out for buses on the busway as well as vehicles on the road.

Cafés

The route passes cafés at 20 km (River Tea Rooms, St Ives), 29½ km (the National Trust café at Houghton Mill) and 33 km (Local Café, St Ives). These are noted on the route sheet.

1. Orchard Park to Eastside Common

0.0	R from CONTROL	CENTRE AVENUE	0.0
0.1	R @ T	CHIEFTAIN WAY	0.1
0.1	L onto cycle path at TL		0.2
0.2	SO @ X (Graham Road)	<i>Stay on cycle path</i>	0.4
0.3	L @ T (cross busway)	<i>Watch out for buses!</i>	0.7
1.5	SO @ X SP St Ives	<i>Cycle path changes sides</i>	2.2
2.0	SO @ X SP St Ives		4.2
1.6	SO @ X SP St Ives	<i>Cycle path changes sides</i>	5.8
4.1	SO @ X SP St Ives	<i>Cycle path changes sides</i>	9.9
3.8	SO @ X SP St Ives		13.7
5.2	Cross busway using zebra crossing	<i>Watch out for buses!</i>	18.9
0.2	SO @ X (use Toucan crossing)	STATION ROAD	19.1
0.3	L no SP	PRIORY ROAD	19.4
0.1	R no SP	WELLINGTON STREET	19.5
0.3	CAFÉ ahead	<i>River Tea Rooms</i>	19.8
0.0	L @ café	LONDON ROAD	19.8
0.7	R @ X	HEMINGFORD ROAD	20.5
1.9	L @ StX SP Hemingford Abbots	BRAGGS LANE	22.4
0.3	R SP Hemingford Abbots	MANOR ROAD	22.7
2.5	CONTROL through gate		25.2

2. Eastside Common to Orchard Park

0.0	Return to road	COMMON LANE	25.2
0.5	L SP Houghton & Wyton	MEADOW LANE	25.7
0.7	Houghton Mill	<i>Footpath: please walk</i>	26.4
0.2	CAFÉ on R	NATIONAL TRUST	26.6
0.0	Rejoin road	MILL STREET	26.6
0.2	R @ X	THICKET ROAD	26.8
0.8	SO SP St Ives	<i>Footpath</i>	27.6
2.2	Rejoin road	CHURCH STREET	29.8
0.1	R no SP	<i>Shared-use path</i>	29.9
0.1	R @ T	RAMSEY ROAD	30.0
0.3	CAFÉ on L	<i>Local Café</i>	30.3
0.0	1 @ MRAB	CROWN STREET	30.3
0.6	SO @ X (use Toucan crossing)	<i>Shared-use path</i>	30.9
0.2	Cross busway using zebra crossing	<i>Watch out for buses!</i>	31.1
5.2	SO @ X SP Cambridge		36.3
3.8	SO @ X SP Cambridge	<i>Cycle path changes sides</i>	40.1
4.1	SO @ X SP Cambridge	<i>Cycle path changes sides</i>	44.2
1.6	SO @ X SP Cambridge		45.8
2.0	SO @ X SP Cambridge	<i>Cycle path changes sides</i>	47.8
1.5	R SP City Centre	<i>Watch out for buses!</i>	49.3
0.3	SO @ X (Graham Road)	<i>Stay on cycle path</i>	49.6
0.2	R @ X no SP	CHIEFTAIN WAY	49.8
0.1	L no SP	STANLEY AVENUE	49.9
0.1	CONTROL on L	<i>Orchard Community Centre</i>	50.0

Key

L	Turn left	T	T-junction
R	Turn right	X	Crossroads
SO	Go straight on	TL	Traffic light
1/2/3	First/second/third exit	(M)RAB	(Mini) roundabout
SP	Sign post	GT	Green triangle