

CYCLING AROUND HEADCORN VILLAGE

Cycle Route No1 – From Headcorn Village to the Hush Heath Estate/Balfour Winery with an extension option to Lower Ladysden Pick-Your-Own Farm Shop.

To Balfour is essentially flat. To Lower Ladysden involves a long, gradual gradient.

Distance: 6.4 miles one way to Balfour Winery, 2.2 miles further to Lower Ladysden

Time: Around 35 minutes to Balfour Winery, 15 minutes on to Lower Ladysden

*Please follow the highway code and check your route before you set off. The author takes no responsibility for you getting lost!
This is a personal description of a cycle taken in May 2021.*

Starting from Headcorn Village at the White Horse crossroads, take the Staplehurst turning (Moat Road).



Start at the Kings Road/White Horse crossroads

Take the next left (less than half a mile) down Water Lane towards Frittenden. After about a mile and a half take a right turning (before you arrive at Frittenden) which is Staplehurst Road.



Take the right turn down Staplehurst Road

Continue on Staplehurst Road without taking any turnings at all. You'll pass Frittenden Cricket Club on your left.



Frittenden Cricket Club

Continue until you arrive at the A229 Cranbrook Road. You'll see a distinctive cottage (Cricket Lodge) on your left at this junction. This is a very busy road, but you will not be on it for long (200m). Take a left at this junction, towards Cranbrook.



Arriving at the A229 Junction



Cricket Lodge



Turn left on to the A229, briefly

You immediately pass a garage on the left. Take the right turn after the garage, which is signposted to Balfour Winery. This is Pinnock Lane.



Take this right turn off the A229, signposted to Balfour

Continue along this Lane without turning off it. You will reach Balfour/Hush Heath Estate after about 1.5 miles. There is a bike rack to park bicycles.



The entrance to Balfour/Hush Heath Winery



There are racks for bikes in the car park



TO CONTINUE TO LOWER LADYSDEN FARM...

This will involve a long climb up a hill. But of course the route back rewards you as it is all downhill back to join the route home from Balfour. If picking soft fruit do plan carefully how to transport it home to avoid it turning to juice on the journey home!

Turn left from the Balfour entrance. You quickly arrive at a T-junction. Turn left to Wilden Park Road. You'll pass some farms and will begin to feel the incline start.

Once you've reached the top there is a left turn, but follow the road round to the right. You are now at Curtisden Green.



Don't turn left, stay on Curtisden Green Lane

Stay on this road, passing by buildings that belong to Bethany School, until you reach a T-junction.



Turn left to Winchet Hill

Turn left onto Winchet Hill (B2079). After just less than half a mile you will see the entrance to Lower Ladysden Farm on your right.



You'll see a sign saying Lower Ladysden is coming up on the right



Lower Ladysden

The route home takes you back past Balfour. Retrace your steps, back through Curtisden Green.

Make sure you turn at the right place for Balfour Winery after coming down the hill – you'll see their sign.



The right turn back to Balfour/Hush Heath

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