

Villages and Facilities

Cropredy

Canal village famous for its associations with the Civil War and now host to an annual folk festival. You can download a circular walk and village trail from the Cherwell District Council website.

The Brasenose Arms - 01295 750244

The Red Lion - 01295 750224

Green Scene Gallery & Café - 01295 758203

Bridge Stores - 01295 750354

Aston Le Walls

Legend has it that this village is on the line of an ancient wall which ran from Kirtlington, some 20 miles to the south.

Lower Boddington

The Carpenters Arms - 01327 260451

Fenny Compton

Close to the railway and canal wharf, the eastern end of this village is industrial, becoming more traditional as you progress through it.

The Wharf Inn - 01295 770332

The Merrie Lion - 01295 770881

Co-op Lateshop - 01295 770246

Farnborough

Farnborough Hall is a grand country house little altered in the last 200 years. The landscaped gardens include a terrace walk with pools and temples.

The Inn at Farnborough - 01295 690615

Farnborough Hall (NT) - 01295 690002

Mollington

Until 1895 the County boundary ran through the middle of the village, with one half in Oxfordshire and the other in Warwickshire.

The Green Man - 01295 750692

Claydon

The most northerly village in Oxfordshire. The Bygones Museum houses a unique collection of memorabilia, including a street of old shops and several steam powered machines.

Bygones Museum & Café - 01295 690258



At The Start

The route starts and finishes at the Cropredy village car park, by the sports pavilion. There is a height barrier at the entrance, so take care if you are carrying bikes on a roof rack.

Safety Advice

- Ensure that your cycle is in good working order
- Check brakes, wheels and tyres
- Carry a puncture repair kit, spare inner tube, suitable tools, lock, money, food and drink.
- Wear suitable and high visibility clothing
- A cycle helmet is advisable and may reduce the risk of a serious head injury
- Take special care cycling downhill and crossing busy road junctions
- Ride in single file when roads are narrow or busy (and never more than two abreast)

Further Information

Visit our website (address below) for updated information and useful links to facilities, attractions and accommodation.

If you wish to explore the surrounding area we recommend OS Landranger Map 151 "Stratford upon Avon, Warwick and Banbury"



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CIRCULAR RIDES



OXFORDSHIRE
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
WARWICKSHIRE

CROPREDY
ASTON LE WALLS
FENNY COMPTON

3 Counties Ride

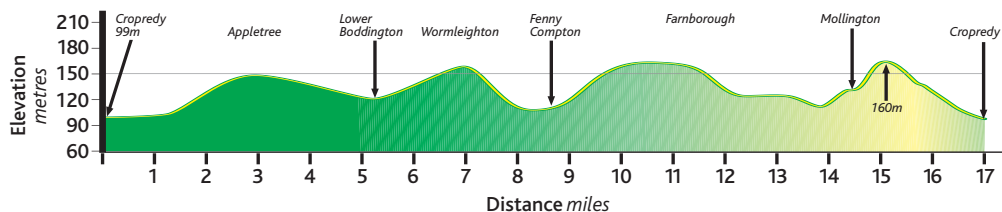
A 17 mile on-road cycle ride taking in parts of Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire and Warwickshire. Through gently rolling countryside on minor roads and country lanes, it weaves through tranquil villages and over canal, river and railway. At the south west corner of the route you can stop on the bridge of a

single track lane and watch the motorway traffic hurtle beneath. A few metres further on you are back to a scene barely changed in centuries. There are recommended shortcuts which may be appreciated by young families or less energetic riders.



Relief Diagram

NB Compressed distance scale makes inclines appear much steeper than they really are!



Directions

- 1** TL out of Croprey Sports Ground car park, over river and canal bridges (passing shop on right), TR at the green. Facing Brasenose Arms Pub, TR again (SP Claydon). Ride out of village, passing Mollington turn on left.
- 2** TR (SP Appletree, Aston Le Walls). Cross canal bridge at Broadmoor Lock and continue, gently uphill, to Appletree Farm.
- 3** At junction TR (SP Aston Le Walls) and stay on same road to and through Aston Le Walls.
- 4** On reaching T-junction (Blacksmiths Lane) TL downhill. Continue through villages of Lower Boddington (passing Carpenter's Arms Pub on right) and Wormleighton.
- 5** On reaching T-junction (facing The Wharf Inn) TR onto busy A423 Southam Road, then immediately TL along slip road. Continue towards Fenny Compton, going under railway bridge and past industrial units.
- 6** Stay on same road right through village (passing shop and Merrie Lion Pub on right). At war memorial T-junction TR, then TL at next T-junction (SP Avon Dassett). At green with "Warwickshire Bear" signpost TL (SP Farnborough) along lane called The Slade.
- 7** At end of The Slade (1.7 miles) go through field gate. FR along track then through second field gate onto road. **Be sure to close each gate immediately behind you.** TR and go through Farnborough (passing The Inn on left). At far end of village FR (lower fork), then TR (SP Avon Dassett) and stay with road as it bends left.
- 8** Pass lake (Sourland Pool) on right and view of Farnborough Hall on left. Continue, following boundary wall on left, then TL along unenclosed road. Continue over motorway bridge and TL at T-junction (SP Mollington). Ride for 0.8 mile then TL (SP Mollington) and cross back over motorway.
- 9** Continue uphill to and through Mollington, (passing Green Man Pub on left). At end T-junction TR onto busy A423 Southam Road then immediately TL (SP Croprey).
- 10** Follow road to T-junction at end, then TR into Croprey. At Brasenose Arms TL to return to start.

Abbreviations:

TL – Turn Left TR – Turn Right FR – Fork Right SP – Signposted

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