

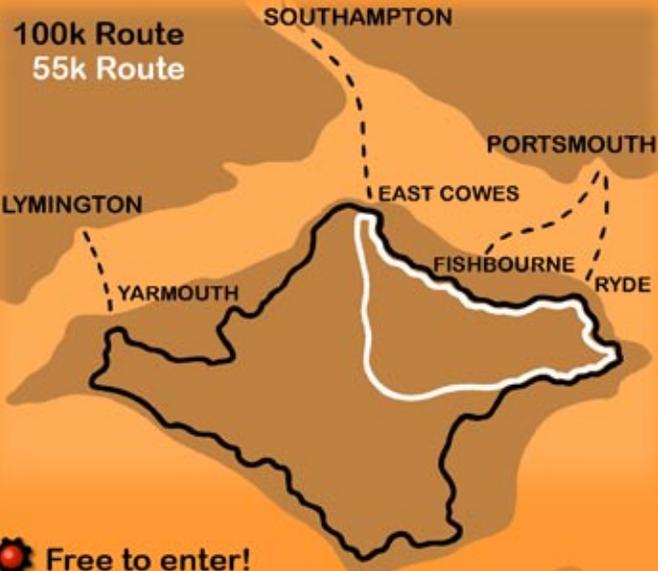


The Wayfarer Cycletouring Club
Presents The Isle of Wight

RANDONNEE

An annual free-to-enter bicycle ride
around the Island, 100km or 55km

www.cycleisland.co.uk



- Free to enter!
- Early May bank holiday.
- See website for exact dates.
- 6 checkpoints, open 9am-6pm.
- Start and finish at any checkpoint.
- The route mostly follows the waymarked Round the Island route (see map inside).
- The direction switches each year from clockwise to anti-clockwise.



Welcome to the Randonnee

The IoW Randonnee was established by the Wayfarers in 1985, and uniquely follows a route around the whole of the Isle of Wight taking minor roads and lanes where possible, enabling the rider to see and enjoy the best of the Island's scenery. The event attracts around 2000 participants each year. Most of the route follows the permanently signed 'Round The Island Route', look out for the blue and white signs, pictured below and right. Some of the Randonnee checkpoints are positioned slightly off this route so please use this map to make sure you visit them (there will also be Randonnee specific signs on the day).

The ride direction changes each year to add interest for regular participants (see website for the current direction). Start the event at any of the 6 checkpoints (open from 9am, closed at 6pm). The Mini-Randonnee has 4 checkpoints. Below are notes that may help with some of the more complex areas of the course.

Notes on the Anti-clockwise Randonnee Route



RTIR = Round The Island Route

- From the **East Cowes** Checkpoint, cross the river to **Cowes** and proceed straight forward on Medina Rd, as the road bears left continue up to the 5th turning on the right, Victoria Rd. At the next T junction turn right, pass the carpark on your left and turn left into Union Rd. Bear left at the next fork and continue thereafter following the RTIR signs.
- When you reach **Yarmouth** town you'll see a RTIR sign pointing left, however, to reach the checkpoint continue straight ahead for another 100m. To resume, retrace your wheels back 100m and follow the sign down Victoria Rd, turning right onto the cycle track (hardpacked gravel). At the next road turn left.
- At **Brook** turn left leaving the Military Road.
- At **Chale** begin the long slog up Blackgang hill, taking care on the descent into **Niton**. Bear left through the village and go straight over at the Village Stores into Rectory Road.
- Turn right at **Whitwell** and the checkpoint is 200m on the left.
- When approaching **Ventnor** turn left at the first T junction (sign, Wroxall B3327) and left again at the next one, Newport Road. After another 800m, bear left into Rew Lane.
- At **Wroxall** village store turn left. Climb the hill and at the bottom of the following descent turn left into Appuldurcombe Rd then bear right on Redhill Lane. At the next T junction turn right then quickly left, Lessland Lane. After 1.5 miles cross straight over the main road (A3056).
- At **Alverstone** cross the bridge, and in 200m the checkpoint is at the Village Hall on your left.
- When you reach the T junction at **Brading** turn right down the hill to the traffic lights and cross straight over, and again, straight over at the next roundabout. In 1.5 miles look out for a right turn, Hillway Rd.
- At the next roundabout turn right and travel 400 m to the **Bembridge** checkpoint. Retrace to the roundabout and turn right, back on to the RTIR. Pass the harbour, on your right

and take the next right (there is a big anchor near the turning) into Latimer Rd.

- At **Nettlestone** follow the road to the left down the hill and take the next left just after the bottom of the hill (Gregory Avenue). At the top of Gregory avenue turn left.
- At **Wootton** look out for the checkpoint on your left at the campsite. On leaving the checkpoint turn left and left again at the main road, cross the bridge, climb the High Street and at the Cedars Pub turn right into Church Rd. After 400m turn left into Footways. Then follow the RTIR signs back to East Cowes.

Notes on the Clockwise Randonnee Route



RTIR = Round The Island Route

- From the checkpoint at **East Cowes** make your way to the roundabout at Well Road (Waitrose) and follow the RTIR to **Wootton**. At the big road junction (Cedars Pub opposite) turn left down the High Street, over the bridge and turn right into Firestone Copse Rd. The checkpoint is soon on your right.
- Continue on the RTIR through **St Helens** and into **Bembridge**. Just past the windmill turn left at the roundabout to the checkpoint, 400m. Retrace to roundabout and turn left to continue on RTIR.
- At **Yarbridge** go straight up the hill after the traffic lights and take the 2nd turning left, Lower Adgestone Road.
- **Alverstone** checkpoint is at the Village Hall on your right.
- When you reach **Wroxall** climb the hill though the village and at the bottom of the descent look out for a right turn near the village stores, onto Rew Lane.
- Go though **Upper Ventnor**, and as you begin to descend a steep hill bending to the right, look out for a right turn (signposted to Blackgang). Descend and take the next right (signposted Whitwell).
- At **Whitwell**, look out for the checkpoint on your right. From the checkpoint take the next left to Niton.
- At **Niton** turn left at the T junction (the stores on your right) and next right then straight up on the Blackgang Road.
- There is a big descent at **Blackgang** with a roundabout near the bottom. Take GREAT CARE here.
- 800m after **Chale** turn right off the A3055.
- At **Freshwater Bay** continue down the hill with the bay on your left, and soon after the thatched church turn right, Victoria Rd. Straight over at the next roundabout, up the hill, right into Church Place, across the bridge and turn left onto the cycle track (compacted gravel).
- As you approach **Yarmouth** look out for the Old Station and platform, turn left here along Victoria Rd. At the main road turn left to the checkpoint. To resume, turn right from the checkpoint and retrace to the Old Station, turning left on the cycle track. At the road turn right, next left, Thorley Street.
- Follow the RTIR through **Gurnard** and along the seafront as you climb up from the seafront towards **Cowes**, at the next T junction turn right (signed) and right again following the RTIR signs.
- From the floating bridge follow the one way system to the left and return to the checkpoint at **East Cowes**.