



The **Countryside Code**

- Respect each other
- Protect the natural environment
- Enjoy the outdoors

circular rides

in South Gloucestershire



**Total distance:****Alternative 1**

23.1 km

Alternative 2

23.6 km

Parking:

Parking Horton Village Hall. Grid Ref. 763843. This is occasionally locked. In this event there is parking on a grass verge at the top of Horton Hill, just into the road to the A46

Grid reference:

766841

Explorer map:

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The British Horse Society

1 Turn right out of car park and at junction with King Lane turn into bridleway on right hand corner through caravan park. Follow bridleway across the middle of several fields emerging near Horton Church. Turn left along road for about two miles to Hawkesbury Church, turn right at T-junction and turn left along gated road (signed bridleway) opposite church, at end turn left and follow signs to Wickwar.

2 This lane takes you across Inglestone Common and past Lower Woods nature reserve, becoming narrow and twisty just before Wickwar. Towards the end of the Common, to the right, there is a clay pigeon shoot on the first Sunday of the month. After approx five miles come to a T-junction at Wickwar. Turn left onto B4060, **fairly busy road**.

3**Alternative 1**

Ride up road to traffic lights, bearing right onto B4059. Take first road on left towards West End.

Alternative 2

Ride up road to the entrance to the church on right before white house. You may ride around the church by permission of the rector. church traffic (e.g. weddings, funerals etc. take priority). Please clear any droppings. Turn left onto bridleway and turn left at junction to reach the B4059. **Busy road**. Cross to road to the left.

Both

Follow the road to West End, bear left at junction (West End Lane). Keep right at junction (Rag Lane).

4 After Barbers Court Farm turn left through gate into bridleway through farm buildings and along track. After a left turn come to a gate. Through gate turn right and follow track past ruined house. Follow left hand hedge and after left turn go through difficult gate straight ahead. Carry straight on,

through gate ahead and along a short track to a **ford**. The banks are quite steep and muddy. After ford go through gate and follow right hand hedge to gate onto lane. Turn right and follow lane to T-junction. Turn right and after Newhouse Farm turn left into restricted byway, Oldwood Lane.

5 At crossroads turn left into Tanhouse Lane. Pass over a railway bridge and after two miles bear left at road junction, up Bury Hill and across Wickwar Road. (**B4060 busy and fast**).

6 Enter Mapleridge Lane and shortly take either

Alternative 1

Turn left into bridleway through Ladys Wood. Follow to end, passing crossroads with bridleway gate on left.

Alternative 2

Ride on along Mapleridge Lane and turn left into bridleway opposite Hare's Farm. Follow to end and turn right at crossroads.

Both

Ride along Vinney Lane, approx two miles, turning right at end towards Horton. In village turn left to Village Hall and start point.

