

Bures 10k Cycle & Riding Trail – for walkers too

This route, which is about 10k in length, includes minor roads, byways and bridleways, all of which are open to cyclists and horse-riders as well as pedestrians. This is the only route in the current “Bures Walks” series which is open to cyclists and riders. Bicycles and horses should not be ridden on public footpaths.

Although open to cyclists and riders, there may well be walkers using these routes, so please proceed with care and courtesy. Thank you.



The Route

Leave Bures by heading up Parsonage Hill on the Colne Road, just round the corner from the railway bridge. A short way outside the village, where the road bears sharp right, continue ahead on a smaller road which passes Bakers Hall and Master Farm to your right. Ignore any left-hand options, and follow this minor road down into a shallow valley, and then uphill until you can see a roadside cottage to your left. Just before the cottage turn right onto an unsurfaced byway. This can get wet and muddy at times.

This byway opens out to follow a field edge (hedge on left). As you approach a bungalow, veer left into a narrow lane leaving the building to your right. Follow the house boundary round to the right, and then turn left onto the drive which soon meets Colne Road.

Turn right onto the road, go round the next bend, and then take the minor road on your left. Follow this past a bungalow (left), and when you are approaching The Lodge and Ravensfield Farm turn right onto an unsurfaced byway which you follow to Hornes Green.

Turn left onto the Pebmarsh Road, passing a few houses until you have a substantial wood to your right. Where the road bends left and downhill, turn right onto a bridleway which winds through to Lower Goulds Farm, just beyond which it joins a minor road.

Keep straight ahead, passing a road to your left. You will pass an old house with ponds, and then reach a lane leading right. This is the rear drive to Clees Hall, and this section is a “route with public access”.

Passing Clees Hall on your left, follow the drive left and then right, past a pond and some cottages. The drive is now a bridleway until, on a sharp left hand bend, it again becomes a “route with public access”.

Very soon you reach a minor road onto which you turn right. At the next junction turn left down Bombose Lane which will bring you to the top of Lamarsh Hill. Turn right and after a small dip and rise you can freewheel down the hill back to Bures.

If you find any of these directions inaccurate, or encounter any problems, please let me know at hughturner447@gmail.com. Thank you.