

Brockenhurst to Rhinefield & New Park (Circular)

Off road/on road

Both

Distance

11 miles (18km)

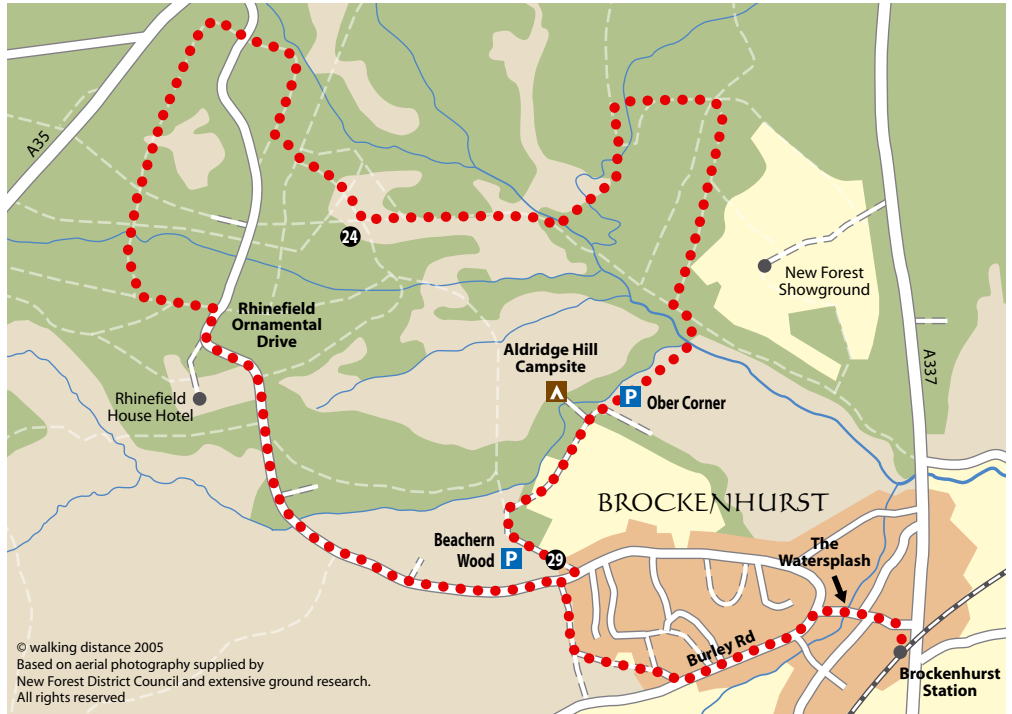
Grade

Easy/medium, some on road sections

An easy ride that gives you plenty to see along the way

New Forest Tour stop

Brockenhurst Train Station



Brockenhurst to Rhinefield Tall Trees

Route information

This route will take you along the Rhinefield Drive and into the Woodland on Forestry Commission managed gravel tracks. You will also get to see the Wildlife Conservation Area at Queen's Meadow as it takes you towards Lyndhurst and the New Park Inclosure that holds the New Forest Show in July each year. If you want a relaxing ride in the New Forest that takes you over 11 miles then this is the ideal one to choose. Not many hills, just some gentle inclines that, should you need to get off, make it a joy to push your bike whilst taking in the superb surroundings.

Brockenhurst

Brockenhurst is one of the largest villages in the New Forest and retains an old world charm. Ponies, donkeys and cows roam freely and drink from the Watersplash at the bottom of the main street. The village itself is surrounded by open heathland and ancient woods. Many parts of the forest, hidden to the motorist, are accessible from Brockenhurst by bike using the New Forest Cycle Network.

Rhinefield

This is the best place to experience the majestic Douglas firs and redwoods of the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive. You will find some of the tallest and oldest Douglas fir trees in Britain to wonder at as you cycle along the Forest trails.

Cycle Hire in and around Brockenhurst

Cyclexperience

Mountain bikes, tandems, children's bikes, trailer bikes and trailers

The Island Shop, Brookley Road, Brockenhurst

Tel 01590 624204

Open 9.30am–5.00pm, 7 days a week.

Country Lanes Cycle Hire

Day trips, short breaks and longer tours in the New Forest.

Mountain bikes, touring bikes, tandems, children's bikes, trailer bikes and trailer

The Railway Carriage, Brockenhurst Station, Brockenhurst, Hants, SO42 7TW

Tel: 01590 622627

Open 9.30am–5.00pm, 6 days a week, closed Mondays

Approximately 11 Miles (18km)

- 1** Leave the 'New Forest Tour' at the Brockenhurst Railway Station and turn left.
- 2** Turn immediately left into Brookley Road towards the village shops. At the end of the road you pass through the 'Splash'.

- 3** Turn left onto Burley Road and continue past Wilverley Road and Armstrong Lane before turning right into North Weirs Road at the 'Access to Private Properties' sign, joining the gravel track.
- 4** This gravel track continues to the left and passes houses on your right. At the end of this track you will see way-marker post number '29'.
- 5** Turn left onto the road, Rhinefield Drive (Hampshire County Council approved road route) continue for a couple of miles, over the cattle grid and past the Rhinefield Hotel on the left. At the entrance to the hotel follow the road round to the right. After approximately 200m turn left onto the waymarked gravel track by the cottage.
- 6** Continue along this track through the ancient woodland and over the ford. The track then joins back up with the Rhinefield Drive. Take care when crossing this road and join up with the waymarked gravel track on the other side.
- 7** At the crossroads, signed with way-marker post '24', turn left. This soon takes you into the Wildlife Conservation Area through a wooden gate.
- 8** Continue for half a mile and go through another gate. The next gate takes you out of the Wildlife Conservation Area with way-marker post '26'. Follow the waymarker 26 indicating the right fork to Brockenhurst (2.75 miles) and go through the gate.
- 9** At the wooden bridge continue across and follow the waymarked sign indicating Brockenhurst now 2.25 miles. This takes you onto tarmac past the Ober Corner Forestry Commission car park.
- 10** Follow this road all the way through to the Beachern Wood car park and join back up with the gravel track (way-marker post '29') back to Brockenhurst, just across the road.
- 11** The gravel track takes you through the North Weirs back to Brockenhurst Village. Turn left at the end of the track onto the road then right into Brookley Road and the village at the 'Splash'. The train station can be found at the end of this road on the right.
- 12** Pick up the bus at the railway station for your trip back to your destination or enjoy the pubs, cafes and restaurants that Brockenhurst has to offer.