

CIRCULAR CYCLE RIDE

Woburn Wander – On Road



A 30km (19 mile) circular cycle ride in the beautiful, undulating countryside around Woburn. The landscape here is varied with woodlands, quiet villages and splendid buildings. The centrepiece is the Georgian village of Woburn, first recorded in 969 and now with a fine range of shops and eating places. Nearby is the splendid Woburn Abbey; seat of the Dukes of Bedford since 1547 and now resided in by the 15th Duke. The magnificent Deer Park contains 9 species of deer, including Red, Fallow, Axis, Manchurian Sika and Milu deer. The nearby village of Eversholt is a typical, charming Bedford Estate village with cricket pavilion and pitch and takes its name from the wild boar that used to be found in the area.

- Start from the free car park in Woburn village centre and turn right onto Park Street. Go through the entrance to the Deer Park (you may wish to dismount to avoid the cattle grid) and enjoy the views of the ornamental landscape, lakes and flowering rhododendrons (in season).
- Stay on the lane across the Deer Park, admiring the herds of deer, and up the short, steep hill. Leave the Park (avoiding the cattle grid) and cycle through the tiny hamlet of Froxfield. Bear round to the left (past Froxfield House on your right) and continue along the Road, past the road to Ridgmont and then past Berrystead.

- Continue straight ahead on the Steppingley Road, past the Bedford Estate cottages and to the sharp left-hand bend at Water End Farm then turn right, across the road and head along Tingrith Road).
- Carry straight on, through Lower Rads End and past Bracken Hill Farm, on your right. Follow the road round a sharp left-hand bend then turn right right at the next junction and head along Long Lane.
- Long Lane lives up to its name! Eventually you will reach a T-junction in the middle of Toddington. From here turn right along Park Lane and out into open countryside, past Herne Manor Farm, on the right. Continue along Park Lane, around several bends and bear right into the small village of Milton Bryan.
- Go past the Red Lion PH and school to the T-junction where you turn left then cycle along the road to the T-junction and turn right (carefully) onto the busy A4012 Hockliffe to Woburn road. Cycle along here for approximately 1.18km (0.7 miles) then turn left towards Potsgrove (adjacent to Potsgrove Lodge).
- Cycle down the narrow lane and, just before Hill Farm cottage, take the right turn and continue along the lane past farm buildings and Bushycommon Wood.
- At the next T-junction turn right (watch out for traffic) onto Sheep Lane, towards Woburn. Follow this winding lane and, at the bottom of a hill, turn left (signposted Little Brickhill) and follow the lane past woodlands.



- Continue through woodlands until you reach another lane, on a sharp bend, on your right (signed Woburn Golf Club). Turn right here (carefully) and head along the small lane.
- Cycle through woodlands with Little Brickhill Copse on your right and Woburn Golf Club on your left. At the small T-junction turn right and head along Longslade Lane past the lovely woodlands of New Wavendon Heath on your left.
- Continue ahead and up the slight incline and stop at the T-junction. Turn right here onto the A5130 Woburn Road (beware of traffic) and follow the road back into Woburn village centre.
- In the village centre turn left just before the Inn at Woburn (signposted Woburn Abbey), into Park Street and back to the car park on your right, opposite the Parish Church of Saint Mary, Woburn.

Shortcuts/additions

- Instead of turning off the A4012 to Potsgrove you can stay on this road and head back to Woburn.
- Instead of turning off Sheep Lane to head towards Little Brickhill stay on the road, up the hill past Maryland House, along Leighton Road and back into Woburn.

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Remember when cycling:

- Please DO NOT cycle on footpaths.
- Always keep to the waymarked routes and do not enter private land.
- Always ride in single file when roads are narrow and never ride more than two abreast.
- Make sure you are visible to others.
- Always use lights after dark or in poor visibility.
- Plan your route according to the weather and daylight hours.
- Be aware of animals, other cyclists, pedestrians, horse riders and car drivers when cycling.
- Keep your speed down and give way to walkers and other path users.
- Be polite and considerate towards landowners and farmers.
- Keep away from farm machinery or farm/forestry operations.

Contact us...

by telephone: 0300 300 8305 **by email:** recreational.routes@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

on the web: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/environment/countryside/cycling.aspx

Write to Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire SG17 5TQ

Refreshments...

Woburn – a large variety of pubs and teashops available in the village.

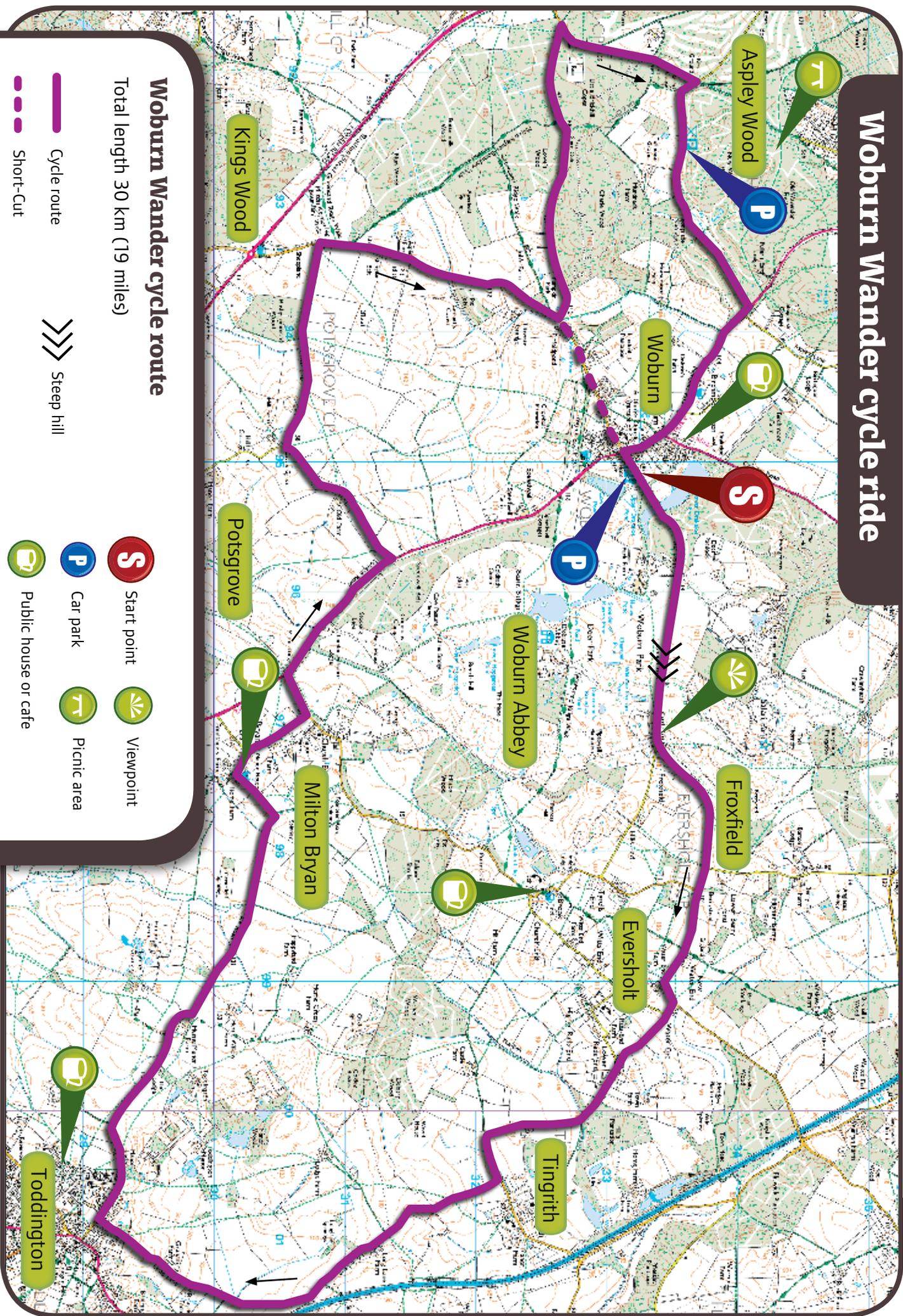
Eversholt – The Green Man PH www.greenmaneversholt.com – 01525 288111

Toddington – a large variety of pubs and teashops are available in the village.

Milton Bryan – The Red Lion PH www.miltonbryanpub.co.uk – 01525 210044

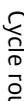


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Total length 30 km (19 miles)

-  Cycle route
-  Short-Cut
-  Steep hill

-  Start point
-  Viewpoint
-  Car park
-  Picnic area
-  Public house or cafe

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