

Beechen Lane, Lyndhurst to Hatchet Pond, East Boldre

Off road/on road

Mostly on Forestry Commission managed gravel tracks

Distance

8 miles (13km)

Grade

Medium, some hills

New Forest Tour stop

Start: Beechen Lane, Lyndhurst, bus drops you off in the lay-by just before the Lane

Finish

Hatchet Pond, East Boldre, pick up New Forest Tour along the road (B3054) to the south of the pond, as the bus arrives from the Lymington direction



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Route Information

Lyndhurst to Hatchet Pond is mainly on Forestry Commission managed gravel tracks, although the last 0.5 mile is on a quiet lane. To access Hatchet Pond you will need to cross the B3055, please take care when crossing this busy road

Lyndhurst Village

Often regarded as the “Capital” of the New Forest, with its Museum, cycle hire, shops, pubs and district council offices. The towns skyline is dominated by St Michael and All Angels Church where, in the churchyard, lies the grave of Alice Liddell, Lewis Carroll’s inspiration for ‘Alice in Wonderland’.

Hatchet Pond

Hatchet Pond is the largest body of water on the Open Forest. Created in the late 18th Century to power for a grain mill, the pond today provides valuable habitats for wildlife as well as being a scenic backdrop for a picnic.

Cycle Hire facilities that serve this ride

Lyndhurst, AA Bike Hire, Fernglen, Gosport Lane

023 8028 3349



Approximately 8 Miles (13km)

- 1** Get off the New Forest Tour at Truecare Ltd just south of Lyndhurst and walk along the pavement towards the MIDFOREST Veterinary Practice. Turn left down Beechen Lane to access the Forestry Commission Cycle Track at the end.
- 2** Go through the boxed gate at way-marked post number ‘37’ and continue for a mile and a half, passing way-marked post ‘36’.
- 3** At the T junction turn right and go through a gate then turn left almost immediately.
- 4** Continue for half a mile to the T junction and way-marked post ‘34’ (Frowhawk Ride) turn left up slight incline going through a gate.
- 5** Turn right at the end of this track on to tarmac, forking left onto a gravel track, down the hill
- 6** At the bottom, proceed through a gate and continue for just under 1.5 miles until reaching track crossing. Continue straight over, going through gate with the Drift Fencing on the left and continue over the railway bridge.
- 7** Go down the hill and turn left at way-marked sign ‘40’ over the cattle grid into the deer research area.
- 8** Follow way-marked sign ‘41’ (right turn) towards Beaulieu (3.5 miles).
- 9** After half a mile go through two gates then down hill to the cross roads turning left at way-marked sign ‘42’.
- 10** Stay on track, ignoring junctions, up and over hill until crossing wooden bridge. Go through gates and following sign to Beaulieu (1.5miles).
- 11** At the Rans Wood Forestry Commission car park (way-marked post ‘43’) turn right, follow Furzey Lane to the end.
- 12** Finish: Hatchet Pond can be found opposite the entrance to this lane.

Please take due care when crossing the B3055.

