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— Cycle route

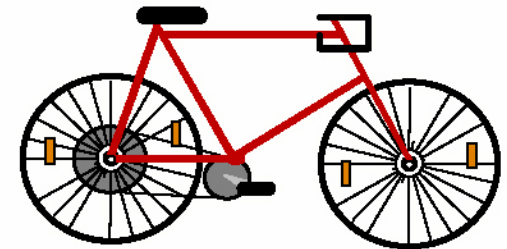
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* Map not strictly to scale

MALDON DISTRICT CYCLE ROUTE 1.

'Far & Wide'



A circular route, mostly on quiet country lanes, visiting Beeleigh, The Cats P.H., Woodham Walter, Woodham Mortimer, New Hall Vineyard, and Purleigh village.

O.S. Map 168.

Distance 14 miles

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The ride begins in Maldon town centre. Go up the High Street and through the narrow section at the top.

Arriving in West Square (you'll see the Nationwide Building Society facing you) TURN RIGHT into London Road.

After passing the cemetery TURN RIGHT into a narrow lane, then LEFT by a small grassy island.

To view Beeleigh Abbey don't turn left, but go straight on and downhill, and turn right into a drive/public footpath. The house and grounds are not open to the public. Retrace your steps and regain the route by turning right at the grassy island.

At the next junction BEAR LEFT (signposted Woodham Walter) and further on TURN RIGHT at the green (Curling Tye Green).

Keep heading for Woodham Walter. After passing 'The Cats' a LEFT TURN at the next junction takes you into Woodham Walter village.

After passing 'The Bell' TURN LEFT at Church Corner then STRAIGHT OVER at the cross roads you come to soon afterwards.

1/2 mile further on take the tiny Bryants Lane on your RIGHT.

Cross the A414 with care and go down Conduit Lane.

GO RIGHT at the next junction and RIGHT again at the 'T' junction just past 'The Hurdlemakers Arms'.

Pass the Golf Driving Range and Mini Gold (open daily) then TURN LEFT into Marlpits Road.

Turn neither Right nor Left until you arrive in Cock Clarks.

VEER LEFT at 'The Fox & Hounds' towards Purleigh.

TAKE 2ND LEFT (opp. a footpath sign) and soon you'll pass 'Scotts Farm'. Continue on and down.

After TURNING RIGHT onto the B1010 at a 'T' junction you'll find yourself passing New Hall Vineyard.

A RIGHT TURN on the bend takes you into the village of Purleigh. TURN LEFT (after the chickens) into Church Hill.

A short steep climb (you may need to walk) brings you to the top of Purleigh Hill. Dismount - if you haven't had to already - and enjoy the view. *Perhaps visit 14th Century Purleigh Church where George Washington's great-great-grandfather was once rector.*

Leave 'The Bell' and Purleigh behind you and freewheel down the lane next to 'Turnstone'. A LEFT TURN at the 1st junction brings you out at the so called Purleigh Wash.

A RIGHT then a LEFT onto the B1018 and you are making tracks for home. Cycle on and after passing 'The Royal Oak' go straight over (!) at the roundabout, Fambridge Road will bring you out in West Square.

REFUELLING ?!

Maldon Town is well supplied with Cafes, Pubs and Restaurants.

Woodham Mortimer
'The Royal Oak'. Food available lunchtimes and evenings.

Woodham Walter
'The Cats' open Thurs. - Sun. Lunchtimes and evenings. No food.
'The Bell'. Food available lunchtimes everyday and in the evenings everyday except Monday.

Cock Clarks & Purleigh
'The Fox & Hounds'. Food available lunchtimes and evenings everyday.
'The Bell'. Food available 12 - 2 pm daily & 7.30 - 10 pm Thurs. Fri. Sat. & Sun.

This cycle route was featured in the Anglia Television programme 'FAR & WIDE' in January 2000