

Northerly scenic (but lumpy! so that our Northern members feel at home, although they may scoff at what I call hills) routes of 18, 26, 37 and 56 miles. The long route visits Chew Valley Lake Visitor Centre via Burrington Combe and Rock of Ages, the medium route visits Burrington Combe but chops off the Lake, and the short route is more local but also very scenic. I have also included a **V**=Very Short Route for those who do not want to tandem up 4 scenic hills. The very short route only goes up one scenic hill so that you can visit the waterfall at the bottom. All routes return via Axbridge Village Square. OS Map 182. The Medium and Long routes do use some main roads, but these usually average only 3 cars a minute and are used successfully by many cyclists (and they are flatter!)

		Cumulatives					
Point	Distance	V	S	M	L	Route	Instruction
1	0	0	0	0	0	V S M L	Turn Left out of camp site onto A370 (mileage from main exit, add 0.07 if exit from field)
2	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	V S M L	Turn Right onto Edingworth Road SP Edingworth, Rooksbridge, Rookery Manor
3						V S M L	Follow road past Rookery Manor (on right) and onwards over rebuilt bridge (plaque on wall at 2.61m) and it becomes White House Lane (wont see this road name until at end of road!)
4	2.69	2.81	2.81	2.81	2.81	V S M L	Routes split here! S M L At T turn Left onto Weston Road (no road name sign) and continue atstep 7 V At T turn Right onto Weston Road (no road name sign)
5	0.38	3.19				V	At junction, turn Left into Christon Road, SP Christon 1.25 Banwell 3.5 This road goes up a short steep hill then undulates but avoids three other hills that are on all other routes!
6	2.3	5.49				V	Follow road up and along and then down over motorway and around corner to left. Road then bears right (passed damaged road on left with barriers - you are joining Short route at this point) and continue after step 20
7						S M L	Follow road, climbing up short steep hill (very steep 0.1m starts at 4.2m, then not quite so steep!) Fantastic views on left for Stokers - Captains keep your eyes on the road!
8						S M L	Descend into Bleadon Village, then immediately before 90 degree left bend see sign post on right that shows right to Beadon Hill - get in low gear and (see below)
9	2.1		7.59	7.59	7.59	S M L	Turn Right up hill past Queens Arms on the left (Celtic Way). Very steep first 0.1m - continue upward and it gentles out a bit
10	0.53		8.12	8.12	8.12	S M L	At the top turn Right into Roman Road (no road name) Sign to "Golf Course" and also "7.5T Except for Access". 1st property on right is called Heathgate and will pass first road on the right called Hillside Road (5.47m). Short steeper hill for 1st 0.1m (again!) and then undulates

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11						S M L	Follow road noticing Gracelands (6m) on the left and spectacular views to the right. "Official" viewing area and car park on left (6.79m). Views of Weston Bay and Wales on a clear day. Follow road around to the left (6.9m) to descend into Canada Coombe (no road sign yet - very steep!)
12						S M L	Road bears left into Canada Coombe (road sign now) Road narrows (7.48) - single track with bends TAKE CARE
13	2.29		10.41	10.41	10.41	S M L	At T turn Right onto Banwell Road
14	0.4		10.81	10.81	10.81	S M L	Hutton Garden Cente on right - possible coffee stop
15	0.61		11.42	11.42	11.42	S M L	Mini RA - 1st exit then follow road to T junction with main A371
16	0.4		11.82	11.82	11.82	S M L	Turn Right onto A371 signposted Banwell, Cheddar (hidden a bit by brushes - actually straight in front of you) crossing M5 towards Banwell
17							Routes Split Here: Short see below, Medium and Long continue from step 42
18	0.4		12.22			S	At staggered junction, turn Right into Well Road SP Knightcott Industrial Estate. Follow road as it bends left then right and then up hill. Near the top, road name changes to Whitley Road (sign on right) and road gets steeper for a short bit
19						S	Pass Banwell Caves on left (9.98m - small sign on wall - Bone Cave only open to public 3 days a year - also a Folly on the site but cannot be seen from road) Road now goes down hill and around to left
20	1.21		13.43			S	At junction at the bottom, turn Left into Christon Road (road damaged on left at this junction with barriers) You are now joining the Very Short Route
21	0.7	6.19	14.13			V S	Turn Right into Max Mill Lane (road name on right) (EASILY MISSED - Opposite road sign on left saying Christon Road)
22	0.5	6.69	14.63			V S	Descend hill to see lovely waterfall at the bottom (plaque on wall, used for Corn Mill 1319) sign Maxmills Farm and Cottages
23						V S	Climb short hill
24	0.43	7.12	15.06			V S	At junction turn Left
25	0.62	7.74	15.68			V S	At junction turn Left , signpost has missing arm in this direction (actually Church Road but no road name visible)
26	0.33	8.07	16.01			V S	At main road, turn Right to join it (TAKE CARE) A371 SP WIN (rest is broken off!) Woodborough Road
27	0.22	8.29	16.23			V S	Under Railway bridge then immediately turn Left to Toilets - Café, Bakery, Co-op, Fish & Chip Shop etc a few yards further on if required)
28	0.02	8.31	16.25			V S	At toilets on your left, see sign Old Station Green, take the first left entrance onto the Strawberry Line cycle path SP Strawberry Line Route 26

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29	0.01	8.32	16.26			V S	At top of short incline to cycle track, turn Left , onto cycleway 26
30	0.91	9.23	17.17			V S	Follow track through tunnel (13.87) Lights advised although there are 40 dim floor leds/catseyes. Can walk if needed as only 0.13m long.
31	0.55	9.78	17.72			V S	Just before reach main road and end of path watch out for DRAINAGE TRACK running ACROSS cycleway.
32	0.01	9.79	17.73			V S	When meet pavement turn Right for few yards to drop kerb to cross over main road at central refuge and pick up cycle path again other side. Get in lower gear!
33	0.04	9.83	17.77			V S	Watch out for another DRAINAGE TRACK running ACROSS cyclepath and continue up slight incline.
34	0.26	10.09	18.03			V S	Get into lower gear again for brief incline - great views to right and seat for for viewing on right
35	0.05	10.14	18.08			V S	Meet road - turn Right on to road to Axbridge. (Cycle route continues on left side of road)
36	0.18	10.32	18.26			V S	Immediately before junction bear left onto pavement footpath/cycletrack
37	0.02	10.34	18.28			V S	Cross main road to central refuge - LOOK RIGHT
38	0.02	10.36	18.3			V S	Cross to other side of road - LOOK LEFT
39	0.01	10.37	18.31			V S	Bear left onto cycleway/pavement signed Town Centre. After few yards, get onto road and drop straight down into Village on the road (which is also Cycle Route 26)
40	0.36	10.73	18.67			V S	Axbridge Village Square. Lamb Inn pub (Butcombe Brewery owned) good Real Ale and food. Also King Johns Hunting Lodge museum (opposite pub) open daily 1pm - 4pm, admission £2.50, children under 16 free. Co-Op just around the corner from museum, also toilets. Suggested Lunch stop and then get short undulating 7m ride back afterwards.
41	0	10.73	18.67			V S	From Axbridge village square have Lamb Inn pub on your right and then join other routes at step 83 to return to campsite
42	1.49			13.31	13.31	M L	Medium and Long continue here (In Banwell - very narrow road) Turn Left (into East Street, wall sign says The Square) , signposted A368 Bath, Bristol, Sandford, Churchill (Continue through Churchill and pass sign to Avon Ski Centre)
43	3.25			16.56	16.56	M L	Follow road to traffic lights across main A38, Straight on A368 signposted Bath, Burrington, Blagdon etc (17.34 pass Blagdon Water Gardens on L, possible coffee stop)
44	1.95			18.51	18.51	M L	Turn Right into Burrington Combe B3134 signposted Burrington Combe
45	0.38			18.89	18.89	M L	The Rock Coffee Shop and PH on left (public loos an extra 0.1m further up also on left, just passed Cattle Grid - watch out!)

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46	0.15			19.04	19.04	M L	Follow up the combe - Rock of Ages on right (at 17.55m got green sign on it! Just passed the loos on left)
47	1.1			20.14	20.14	M L	Layby on left - sometimes ice-cream van - lower gear! Next 0.1m is a bit steeper and then there is another cattle grid
48	0.24			20.38	20.38	M L	Start of another short steeper bit for 0.1m and that's it - on the top now!
Medium/Long split here							
49	1.16			21.54		M	Turn Right SP Priddy 4, Charterhouse 0.5 and then join Long route from step 74
50						L	Stay on B3134 and continue below
51	4.52				24.9	L	At Castle of Comfort pub, take second Left (no signpost - this is directly opposite pub and there are 2 left turns side by side)
52						L	Pass Hill Farm on right after 0.32m (23.73) Pass East Harptree Wood on left (24.55)
53	1.44				26.34	L	Descend towards East Harptree down 1:10 hill with very very bad road surface for 0.25m - TAKE CARE!!
54	1.1				27.44	L	At junction, turn Left and then immediately Right into High Street, SP West Harptree
55	0.27				27.71	L	At junction, straight on across B3134 signposted Widcombe 1, Bishops Sutton into Townsend with playing fields on your left
56	0.75				28.46	L	Over Weak Bridge
57	1.65				30.11	L	Turn Right on to A368 SP Bishops Sutton
58	1.55				31.66	L	At Red Lion pub (on right) turn Left into Ham Lane, signposted Chew Magna 2.5. (Pass Caravan Park on left after about 0.25 mile)
59	0.57				32.23	L	At junction go Straight On (you see another junction ahead in a few yards - see below)
60	0.04				32.27	L	Left at junction SP Chew Stoke, Chew Magna
61	0.82				33.09	L	Pass Picnic Area 2 on left (carry on to next one! See below)
62	0.38				33.47	L	Chew Lake Visitor Centre on left - café, toilets, visitor centre. If stopping here, on entering turn immediately right in between the bollards to avoid going into car park which is straight on) Toilets then on your left and follow around a few more yards to photo shop and cafe.
63	0				33.47	L	On leaving Visitor Centre (from exit near toilets) turn left to continue along same road
64	0.92				34.39	L	Turn Left into Bristol Road (B3114) signposted East Harptree, West Harptree. Pretty Chew Stoke sign on grass on your left
65	1.55				35.94	L	Road continues with Chew Vally Lake on your left
66	1.12				37.06	L	Look out for Blue Bowl Inn on left then shortly after road bears right SP Cheddar, Weston super Mare
67	0.53				37.59	L	Roads starts going UP again! Lower gear

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68	0.13				37.72	L	Meet X roads with A368, go Straight On (Hartree Hill - no road name sign) SP Cheddar 6. LOW GEAR for approx 0.75m. Sorry, this is a pig of a hill, but usually very little traffic
69	0.72				38.44	L	Pass Wellsway Pub on right (closed down)
70	0.05				38.49	L	Turn Right SP arm broken, SP Cycleway (earlier) and Weight Limit 200 yards ahead 7.5T
71	0.31				38.8	L	Carry Straight On, no SP in this direction
72	1.69				40.49	L	At junction, turn Right , onto B3134 SP broken in this direction
73	0.71			22.25	41.2	L	Turn Left SP Priddy 4, Charterhouse 0.5 (Medium route has now joined you)
74	0.83			23.08	42.03	M L	At cross roads with CharterHouse Activity Centre on left (not easy to see) and attractive small church nearby (further on, on right), at the Charterhouse Sign Post , turn Right SP Shipham 4.5. Also 7.5T sign where turn right and you will immediately pass St Hughs Cottage on right
75	0.34			23.42	42.37	M L	Pass mendip Wood Shavings on yor right
76	1.8			25.22	44.17	M L	Starting descent from Mendip, road undulates with 90 degree bend to left (Tynings Treking School)
77	0.19			25.41	44.36	M L	Run bends 90 degrees to the right EASILY MISSED - ensure you DO NOT head towards Mendip Speedway!)
78	0.45			25.86	44.81	M L	VERY BAD ROAD SURFACE - TAKE CARE FOR 0.2 m
79	1.12			26.98	45.93	M L	At T junction, turn Left into Shipham Road (no road name visible) SP Cheddar. Farm House Cider & Cheese shop on your left immediately after turn. Small hill follows.
80	1.46			28.44	47.39	M L	At bottom of hill, just before BP garage, turn Right then immediately Right again onto main A371 signposted Axbridge, Weston-super-Mare
81	0.61			29.05	48	M L	Turn Left onto Cheddar Road, signposted Axbridge and National Cycle Route 26
82	0.62			29.67	48.62	M L	Down slight decline into charming Axbridge Square, Public toilets, shops, pub, museum in King Johns Hunting Lodge (opposite pub Lamb Inn, owned by Butcombe Brewery - real ale and good food) Also Co-op for sandwiches, ice-cream (see step 40 for more details of Axbridge)
83	0	10.73	18.67	29.67	48.62	V S M L	Climb slight incline up narrow street out of Axbridge village (only 7 miles back to camp site from here!)
84	0.33	11.06	19	30	48.95	V S M L	At junction, stay on road! Turn Left into Cross Lane (no road name visible) and drop down an incline to meet main road A38
85	0.45	11.51	19.45	30.45	49.4	V S M L	Striaght On across A38 (TAKE CARE) SP Cross, Compton Bishop, Webbington into Old Coach Road, which eventually becomes Webbington Road (after 0.5m). After another 1.36m car park and viewing area on left - can see Brent Knoll. Cross over M5 motorway and road now becomes Sevier Road.

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86	3.2	14.71	22.65	33.65	52.6	V S M L	Just past Loxton garage on your right, turn Left into Weston road, brown signpost Queens Arms Bleadon
87	0.38	15.09	23.03	34.03	52.98	V S M L	Turn Left into Whitehouse Lane (all routes now retracing outward route) Follow road, passing Rookery Manor on left
88	2.69	17.78	25.72	36.72	55.67	V S M L	At junction with main road, turn Left
89	0.12	17.9	25.84	36.84	55.79	V S M L	Turn Right into Campsite