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Witney, Ducklington, Yelford, Cote, Aston, Bampton, Lew, Curbridge, Crawley, Hailey, Witney

A cycle ride described by David Eaton

This cycle ride offers two route options: a 20-mile or a 23-mile loop, visiting between 17 and 18 churches.

The terrain is mostly easy with a few hills. For the 23-mile route, leave the churches at Newland and Woodgreen until the end, while the 20-mile route follows a different order through the Witney churches.

Both routes take you through picturesque countryside, with stops at historic churches in villages like Ducklington, Yelford, and Bampton. Enjoy a relaxed ride, and, if following the longer route, perhaps a break at The Lamb in Crawley before completing the journey.

The route

If you are going to do 23 miles leave Newland Methodist Church and Holy Trinity Church, Woodgreen until last. From St. Mary, Cogges, across the Langel and visit the Witney Churches in paragraph 2.

If you are going to do the 20 miles do the Witney Churches in the order suggested in paragraphs 1 and 2.

1. Start at St. Mary, Cogges, up Church Lane, left onto Newland and to the Methodist Church. From there to Holy Trinity, Woodgreen via Pens Close and Woodlands Rd.
2. We suggest retrace your route back to St. Mary, Cogges then across the Langel into Witney. Then visit the Witney Churches in this order – High St. Methodist Church, Congregational Church Welch Way, Davenport Rd Methodist Church, Our Lady and St. Hugh Tower Hill and St. Mary the Virgin Church Green.
3. From here to Ducklington via the cycle route down Avenue 2 off Station Lane and visit St. Bartholomew's Church.
4. From Ducklington take the road to Aston. At the crossroads (about a mile before Aston), turn left to Yelford and visit SS Nicholas and Swithun Church. Look out for the sign for this Church, it is on the left, you go down a grassy track to reach this interesting Church.
5. From this Church turn right, turn left and take the road to Cote. At Cote cross the main road and visit the Baptist Chapel, an architectural gem.
6. From Cote take the road to Aston and visit St James Church.
7. On to Bampton and visit the Methodist Church and St Mary's Church.
8. From Bampton take the main road back to Witney. At Lew visit Holy Trinity Church.
9. At Curbridge turn left and visit St John Baptist Church.



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For those doing the 20 mile route at this point you will have visited 17 Churches and completed 18 miles before returning to Witney.

For those doing the 23 mile route you will have visited 15 Churches and completed 17 miles.

10. Head out of Curbridge take first right across A40 into Grange Rd. At the traffic lights turn right onto the Burford Rd, then turn left down to Crawley. (The Lamb at Crawley is a good place to have lunch) Through Crawley up the hill, at the top, turn left which takes you to Hailey. Turn right at next junction through Hailey and visit St John Evangelist.

11. Continue along the road into Witney, turn left at Farm Close to Woodgreen, Holy Trinity.

12. Then onto the Methodist Church in Newland and home.

You will then have visited 18 Churches and completed 23 miles.

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