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Pier to Pit Highlights

Route Markers

Keep an eye out for the blue Route Markers on posts along the Pier to Pit route.

They'll help you ride the route confidently.

Find your way to more cycling routes and information on the Cycle Friendly Deal page at deal.gov.uk



Find out more at www.bikeability.org.uk

- Always ride at least one big step away from the edge of the road
- Always cycle at least a door's width away from parked cars
- Before descending hills, double-check your brakes
- When crossing railway tracks, cross as close to a 90 degree angle as possible
- Whenever approaching a horse, always chat to the rider, it reassures the horse that you're not a threat

smoothly.

Chain – crouch beside your bike, grab the pedal nearest you and turn it anticlockwise. It should run if it doesn't then your brakes need adjusting.

Brakes – Push your bike forward and squeeze the right brake lever, pull your bike back and squeeze the left brake lever. The bike should stop moving.

Air – Squeeze your tires and make sure they are hard. If they're not, pump them up.

Before your ride do the **ABC** Check:

Bikeability Tips – Making your ride better



Deal Visitor Information

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More visitor information at:
www.WhiteCliffsCountry.org.uk

Please Note: We have taken all responsible steps to ensure that these routes are safe and achievable by people with a reasonable level of fitness. However, all outdoor activities involve a degree of risk. To the extent permitted by law, Deal Town Council accepts no responsibility for any accidents or injury resulting from following these routes.

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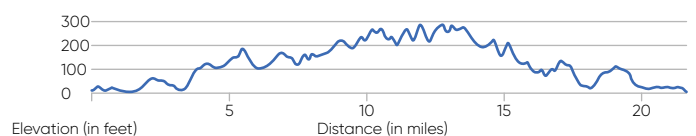
CYCLE FRIENDLY DEAL PIER TO PIT

21.4 Miles – 2 Hours

Deal's industrial scene became dominated by coal mining during the twentieth century, as vast seams of coal were found beneath East Kent.

This 21 mile circular ride, exploring Kent's Mining Heritage, traveling through old pit villages, passing sites of former collieries and along an original Miners' Cycle Track, highlights an unexpected episode in the history of the Garden of England.

The route, incorporating National Cycle Route 1 and Regional Cycle Route 15, goes from the coast up into the magnificent undulating landscape of the North Downs.



Pier to Pit

Distance:
21.6 miles/34.5 km

Riding Time:
2 hours

Climbs: 12

Ability Level:
Challenging

Ideal Direction:
Anti-Clockwise



Elvington

Eythorne

Betteshanger

Northbourne

Great Mongeham

Mill Hill

Deal

Walmer

Studdal

11. Back at Eythorne, at the crossroads, continue into Shooters Hill. Eythorne Station, now operated by the East Kent Railway Trust, is on your right. The hill climbs and becomes Chapel Hill. At the top, at the midi-roundabout, take the first exit, left, onto The Street, which becomes Kennel Hill. This is about a mile of down-up-down-up to the junction with Sandwich Road, turn right.

9. Pike Road rises gently for a mile until it reaches Eythorne and the site of the former Tilmanstone Colliery. At the end turn right onto Wigmore Lane and head down into Eythorne.

10. To visit the pit village of Elvington, turn right at the crossroads and head up Church Hill, then take the right fork into Adelaide Road. The pit village is about half a mile further, on the right. At the end of Adelaide Road there's a board about the coalfield on the dismantled railway. Turn round and head back down into Eythorne.

7. As it begins to dip, turn right into Cater Road and follow this downhill to the roundabout with the A256. This is a dual carriageway, so please cross carefully, taking the second exit, "Dover Road" then immediately turn left onto the track that is Cycle Route 15. The track climbs for a mile, over an exit road and then meets Dover Road, turn right. A little further on, turn right onto St Mary's Grove and head down into Tilmanstone.

8. At the end, turn left on to Upper Street and follow the road round past the church, then turn right onto School Road. After half a mile at the end of the road turn left onto Pike Road.

13. At the crossroads, turn left onto Roman Road, over the next crossroads and then the road kinks left. At the crossroads, turn right onto Willow Woods Road. Follow this road for three miles, through Little Mongeham and Great Mongeham.

12. At the next junction, turn left onto Waldershare Road and over the A256 bridge and follow it as it bears left. As it dips into Ashley it bears right and becomes Chapel Lane and bears left heading down to Studdal.

6. At the crossroads turn right onto Northbourne Road and then take the left fork onto Straight Mile. Follow Straight Mile as it rises and bends left and then a sharp right.

5. Crossover and turn left joining the Betteshanger Road Shared Path. The route initially drops and then climbs for the next mile. After the next roundabout the Shared Path crosses the road. Join the road at Almond House. Wiggle around the gate across the road and enter Betteshanger Circle. Turn left onto Circular Road, then left onto North Way and then left onto Broad Lane.

4. Cross over Sandwich Road and turn right onto the Miners' Cycle Track. Follow this to the Betteshanger Roundabout, for just under a mile

3. South Wall becomes a track. Then a little further on there is a left turn onto another track, Marsh Lane. This meanders to New Road, turn right and follow the road round to the left. Just before the new estate on the right, join the Shared Path and follow it to the Toucan Crossing (traffic light for pedestrians and cyclists).

2. The road bends to the left and then turn right on to South Wall. As this road bends left into Church Lane, turn right to stay on South Wall.

15. Follow Salisbury Road down as it bears left and then right to the crossroads with the A258 Dover Road. This is a busy road, please take care crossing. Ride across into Granville Road. At the end, continue straight over into a small car park and follow the track up to the seafront. Turn left on Route 1 Cycle Path and head back to The Pier.

1. The start of the route wriggles through the town. From Deal Pier, cycle north on Beach Street. Take care as the road bends and narrows past the Royal Hotel. Turn left into Oak Street and across Middle Street. At the Town Hall cross the High Street diagonally into St George's Road. Continue across West Street and at the end turn right onto St Patrick's Road then left into St David's Road. At the end turn left onto Albert Road and over the level crossing. Then turn right into Middle Deal Road.

