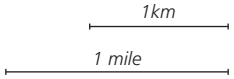


### Key

- Main route
- Footpath
- Bridleway
- Roads/Tracks
- Refreshments
- Parking
- Dangerous Junctions
- Woodland



**Route Profile**  
This representation of the route should only be used as a guide.



# Cranborne (Long)

**Distance:** 12 miles / 19km

**Terrain:** Bridleways, farmland tracks, wooded footpaths and quiet lanes

**Hills:** 3

**Stiles:** 7

## Route 14



R - Right L - Left

### 1 Start - Cranborne Garden Centre, BH21 5PP (Free parking 9am - 5pm. Gates locked at 5pm sharp)

*Lat 50°55'03.3"N Long 1°55'22.3"W*

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From the car park follow the path to the right of the shop, that runs inside the wall, to the road. Continue to the Square, turn **L** past Cranborne stores and La Fosse restaurant. Take the L fork into Swan Street. Follow the footpath on the R, past the houses and go through the gate. Go straight up behind the wall of the gardens on the R. Go through gate at end of wall and turn **L** on the lane. Take the L fork, signed "Bridleway to Pentridge". Pass the footpath on the L and soon the tarmac lane gives way to a grassy bridleway. Follow this for nearly 2miles, passing Jacks Hedge corner (a footpath and bridleway junction). Keep ascending Blackbush down until you reach a metal gate. Stay on the path that follows the ridge around to the R, keeping close to the fenceline. Go through the next metal gate and the Triangulation point is on the hill to the L.

### 2 Triangulation point

*Lat 50°57'11.7"N Long 1°56'36"W*

**Distance from start 3 miles / 5km**

From the triangulation point, look down the hill towards Pentridge and follow a small path on the L across the field to a stile. Cross over and continue down the hill to another stile next to a small gate. Go over the stile, following the path between the hedge line to another stile and the road. Turn **R** and after 20m turn **L** up the bridleway. Pentridge Church is on the left. Turn **R** along the back of the houses and follow the footpath next to the fence. (N.B don't take the bridleway further up the hedgeline near the old school) At junction with the lane turn **R** and then **L** along the road to the bridleway.

### 3 Bridleway / Road junction (Whitey Top Farm)

*Lat 50°57'44.6"N Long 1°56'54.6"W*

**Distance from start 4 miles / 6.5km**

The next section can get very muddy. Continue straight on, following the track to a metal gate with a sign that

says "Bridleway only, No entry for motor vehicles". Go through and keep the hedge line on the R until a bridleway track goes off to the L. Turn **R**, across the field to a gap in Brockerley Ditch with a sign saying "Welcome to Martin Down". Walk through the ditch, turn **R** and continue to follow the dyke for just over 1.5km up the hill, passing the pine trees and a bridleway junction. At the top is a path junction (a gap in the ditch on the right with a gate is where the alternative option joins).

#### Alternative option - missing out Martin

**Down:** Turn **R** and follow track up the hill past a building and gate. The bridleway follows the field edge around the ridge to a metal five bar gate. Keeping the wood edge on the L, passing a bridleway to the R where the field bends to the right around a copse, carry straight on along a path between a fence and the copse. Walk to a wooden gate next to a metal 5 bar gate and turn **R** to another metal gate. Just on from here is a bridleway junction. Turn **R**, then immediately **L** up a little path in the wood (a sign says "Private woods, please keep to footpath"). Keep the fence on the L and as the path bends round to the right after 150m turn **L** up a small narrow path. Continue to the gate and walk through Brockerley Ditch and turn **R**. **The route now rejoins at point 4.**

### 4 Blagdon Hill / Brockerley Ditch

*Lat 50°57'42.8"N Long 1°55'17.4"W*

**Distance from start 5.9 miles / 9.5km**

Carry straight on down a narrow track, between gorse and bramble bushes, to a fence with horse jumps. Turn **R** and go through a little gate following the field edge for about 500m to a gate (with a small sign that says "Off road cycle trail"). Follow the track to the road. Cross over and follow the wide gravel track bridleway until it reaches a pig farm. Continue on along the track (this section can get very

muddy). Soon the track joins a tarmac lane. Turn **R** and follow to Bouldsbury Farm.

### 5 Bouldsbury Farm

*Lat 50°56'47.3"N Long 1°53'20.4"N*

**Distance from start 8.6 miles / 13.8km**

Just before the farm is a private road on the right. At the corner of the junction is a stile. Cross over following the footpath around the edge of the farm buildings to another stile and a track. Continue up the hill following fingerpost sign straight across the undulating field. Once across, follow the footpath **L** and then **R** into the wood through the gateposts. At the junction follow the track straight on up the hill and again straight on across the next junction, keeping the tin shack on the right. 100m on, take the footpath which goes **R**, down a little gully. Carry on down the path to a L turn by a metal gate. This track follows a line between two fields up to lane with a white house on the L. Go up the lane and follow it **R**, past the stables. Just before a cottage there is a small grassy island and a track to the left. Follow footpath **L** through two horse fields and two stiles to the road.

### 6 Footpath / Road junction

*Lat 50°55'51.1"N Long 1°54'46.6"W*

**Distance from start 10.5 miles / 16.9km**

Turn **L** and follow the tarmac road to the R of the house, just past it on the R is a footpath signed "Burwood Pit ½ mile". Follow it through the wood until you come to a double metal gate and a road. Turn **R** and take footpath opposite going **L**. Follow this path along the hedgeline. The path will bend round to the R to a road (Penny's Walk). Continue past the football pitches and football club, to the road junction. Turn **L** and follow round to the **R**, into Crane Street and continue back to the Garden centre.