**New Forest Cycle Code**

**Enjoy the New Forest**
William the Conqueror set aside the forest for hunting over 900 years ago. Centuries of grazing by ponies, cattle and deer combined with forestry, have shaped the landscape into what you see today. The New Forest is a nature conservation area with many rare habitats and wildlife species.

The New Forest is a wonderful place to cycle. Over 100 miles of surfaced tracks, especially way-marked for cycling, guide you through mature woodlands and alongside the Open Forest. Enjoy the shades of the inclosures or the lovely heathland vistas with copses of trees, yellow flowering gorse and sights of the famous forest ponies.

Whether you are out to take exercise and improve your fitness, or you simply want to pull over along with your family and take in the sights, the New Forest has something for everyone.

Help us to keep the New Forest a special place.

Remember that local byelaws apply in the New Forest!

**Wheel Follow the Code**
Each year, thousands of cyclists enjoy the beauty of the New Forest. We want to protect the landscape and ensure that it remains beautiful and safe for everyone who visits. By following this code, you will enjoy yourself and allow other people to enjoy their activities too.

**Disturbance to wildlife**
- Wild animals can be startled by the sudden appearance of bikes.
  - Ground nesting birds may be frightened off their nests and not return.
  - Do not startle ponies, cattle or wildlife.
  - Do not pass any vehicle loading timber until you have been told it is safe to do so.

**Disturbance to commoners’ stock**
- The ponies and cattle in the forest are owned by the local commoners but are wild, and should be left alone.
  - Do not pass any vehicle loading timber until you have been told it is safe to do so.

**Localised erosion**
- Many streams can chum-up soft paths, create water channels and cause soil erosion.
  - Do not pass any vehicle loading timber until you have been told it is safe to do so.

**Proper cable routing**
- Do not ride more than two abreast.
  - Always ride in single file on narrow roads.

**Recreation Sites**
1. **Bolderwood**
   - Bolderwood is easy to reach via the large marker posts from the forest road to one of the most famous New Forest trees. Believed to have been planted before 1600, the Knightwood Oak is still going strong and is a spectacular example of the ancient practice of pollarding.

2. **Brockenhurst**
   - In the heart of the New Forest, this village is set amidst some of the loveliest scenery in the area. The forest ponies, donkeys and cattle often visit the main street and graze on the village green. New Park, to the north of the village, is the site of the annual New Forest Show and Brockenhurst churchyard contains what is believed to be the oldest tree in the forest, a 1000 year old yew. At the west end of Brookley Road, the main shopping street, there is a wide ford known as the Waterpash.

3. **Birley**
   - An attractive and well-known New Forest village set in horse-riding country, with several stables. Outside the village, miles of open heathland provide good walking and riding. Birley was a famous centre for smuggling and is renowned for its association with witches, both ancient and modern.

4. **Whitefield Moor**
   - This area is located within the majestic Douglas firs and redwoods of the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive. Stroll through the magnificent collection of trees in the Blackwater Arboretum, walk along the Tall Trees Trail, or picnic in one of the lovely glades.

5. **Knightwood Oak**
   - The Knightwood Oak is one of the ancient New Forest trees. It is believed to have been planted before 1600 and is a spectacular example of the ancient practice of pollarding.

6. **Blackwater**
   - The Blackwater is an area of wetlands in the Beaulieu River valley. The famous Beaulieu Estate contains a ruined 13th Century Abbey, Palace House and the renowned National Motor Museum. The nearby shipbuilding village of Bucklers Hard is also well worth a visit.

7. **Whiskey Plain and Inclouresse**
   - This lovely 55 acre area is a haven for the casual walker, with wide open spaces and few trees.

8. **Hatfield Pool**
   - This is the largest body of water in the Forest. Created in the 18th Century to provide power for an iron mill, today the pond provides valuable wildlife habitats as well as a scenic backdrop for a picnic or wildlife watching.

**Towns and Villages**
**Brockenhurst**
- Brockenhurst developed into a small rural village in the 18th Century. The 15th Century Verandah Hall still stands in The Queen’s House, a former Royal Hunting Lodge. Brockenhurst is home to the New Forest Museum and Visitor Information Centre (open all year).

**Birley**
- A small village in the north of the forest, with its famous Old Oak Inn where smugglers are reputed to have gathered in the 1700s. North west of the village is the beautiful Eyemouth Pond.

**Forest Ponds**
- The New Forest ponies are wild and should be left alone.
  - They can bite or kick unexpectedly and feeding encourages them to come near people, roads and traffic.
  - This can result in accidents and animal death.

**Cycling in the New Forest**
- The New Forest cycle network has been developed by the Forestry Commission in partnership with Hampshire County Council and New Forest District Council. This forms part of a developing New Forest Transport Strategy. These routes are approved by the Verderers.

**Cycling in the New Forest**
- This page is only valid for cycling in the New Forest.
- It includes all of the approved cycle routes.
- These routes are approved by the Verderers.

**Since this page is only valid for cycling in the New Forest, the information is not valid for use outside the New Forest.**

**Put the First Forest**
On your visit to the area please:
- **Guard**...keep off the bridleways
- **Protect**...trees, plants and wildlife
- **Leave**...things as you find them
- **Enjoy**...the New Forest

**Other codes that you may find useful:**
- Out and About in the New Forest
- Horse Riding in the New Forest
- Dog Walking in the New Forest

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** сильно, пожалуйста, все.**
Follow the white arrows on waymarker posts for the most direct routes between the villages and Bolderwood.

To help you find your way certain posts are numbered

Please keep to waymarked tracks only

All roads can be busy, especially in summer. Please take extra care when joining public roads from the off road network.