

Preston Park to Hove Park via Hurstpierpoint	
OS map 122	
We ride from Preston Park to the Beacon (with an optional section through Stanmer Woods), and then turn left at the bottom of the hill and proceed to Clayton, where we take New Way Lane to Hurstpierpoint. Here, after a brief look at the "Children of the Fair" statues, we will have lunch at the Horse Inn (ring 01273 834717 to confirm numbers before setting off). Then to Newtimber via the old London road and an off-road path that may be a bit muddy. From Newtimber we continue southwards, crossing the A281 and skirting Newtimber Hill. After joining Saddlescombe Road we turn right into the road shown on the map as Summer Down. Joining the Devil's Dyke Road we can say hello to the emu and then whizz down the Dyke Railway trail to Hove. Terrain: mostly hard surfaces, some off-road. Some undulations. Anyone wanting to avoid the undulations can take the NCN20 route to Brighton instead of the path to Newtimber. This is flat, but also noisy, smelly and boring, as it runs alongside the A23.	
	miles
Leave Preston Park (SW corner, junction of Preston Rd & Stanford Ave)	0.0
Proceed alongside Preston Rd, turn R at end, leave park at NE corner	
Cross Preston Drove and go into Surrenden Rd	
Continue along Surrenden Rd, follow round to R at Fairlie Gardens	
Turn R at junction with Braybon Ave (road is still Surrenden Rd but priority is SO)	1.5
Note: a green horizon is now visible straight ahead!	
Turn L into Beechwood Ave	1.7
Take next R into Larkfield Way	
End of Larkfield Way, turn R into Woodbourne Ave and proceed towards Ditchling Rd	2.1
Just before road, turn L onto cycle path	2.2
At Old Boat Corner (T junction) cross into woods OR go L then R into Ditchling Rd	2.6
Continue on path to High Park Corner, keeping leftwards towards the road. Go across the track at the Upper Lodges and after emerging from the woods, follow the rudimentary path on the grass, to the left of the hedge. At the gate near the road, go through into the next field and then back into the wood at the rotten gate. Follow this path through the wood and turn off at the new vertical wooden sign with orange and blue arrows pointing right, marked High Park Wood. Go to the LEFT of this sign to High Park Corner.	5.0
Rejoin road and proceed northwards towards Ditchling Beacon	
Ditchling Beacon. Descend SLOWLY and CAREFULLY. Check brakes first.	6.0
Bottom of hill, turn LEFT into Underhill Lane	7.0
Continue to Clayton (note: interesting old church here)	8.9
Turn RIGHT into A273 (carefully) then LEFT into New Way Lane; or cross A273 on foot. Good view of Clayton Tunnel mouth here	
After the right hand bend look out for Danny on your left.	
At T junction at the other end of New Way Lane, turn LEFT onto B2116	10.6
Hurstpierpoint. "Children of the Fair" statues on right hand side. Mandatory photo stop!	
Continue SO at roundabout	
Plaque to Alfred Russel Wallace on wall here (on left)	
After bend in road (past Policeman's Lane): Horse Inn, Lunch. 01273 834717 . Booking is for 9 people in the heated covered area at the back.	11.5
After lunch: return to the roundabout & take the third exit (B2117 SP Brighton)	11.5
Go over A23 and take SECOND left (first left is no entry - slip road)	13.1
This is the old London Rd. At end carry on on path	
Just before path joins the A23 - take path on RIGHT (not signed)	13.6
NB Anyone wanting to avoid hills should continue on NCN20 here.	
Newtimber Place	13.9
Continue southwards on tarmacked road	
Newtimber Church on left	
A281 - cross carefully	14.6

Continue on other side (this road is apparently Beggar's Lane).	
This is a good place for a short safety briefing. Saddlescombe Rd is not an A or B road but can be busy, and the uphill leftwards curve can be dangerous for cyclists. Mention the path on the bank (see below).	
Join Saddlescombe Rd, continuing southwards. Ignore Poynings turning on R.	
As the road rises and bends slightly left there is a path up on the right hand bank that can get you off this unpleasant road for a bit. Bit overgrown.	
Viewpoint on right - views of Devil's Dyke	
Rejoin road and go down the hill	
Saddlescombe Farm on left - Wildflour Cafe but closed until March	
Turn RIGHT SP Devil's Dyke (road called Summer Down)	15.8
Top of road, past golf club, road bends round to left (Emu here)	
Continue to bus stop. Dyke Railway path on RIGHT here. Sign "No Unauthorised Vehicles"	17.3
End of first straight section of Dyke Railway path - by golf club (?) turn R.	
End of Dyke Railway path. Cross Hangleton Way into Poplar Avenue.	18.9
End of Poplar Avenue - LEFT into West Way	19.5
At roundabout LEFT then right turn lane, turn RIGHT into Nevill Avenue	
Corner of Holmes Ave on left. Turn LEFT here if visiting windmill	19.8
West Blatchington Windmill (optional - opens in May)	
From Windmill continue northwards to Court Farm Road, turn RIGHT and continue along Nevill Road, then SO into The Drove way to Hove Park	
If not visiting windmill continue along Nevill Ave, turn RIGHT at roundabout at end, then LEFT into Orchard Rd	20.3
End of Orchard Rd - SO into Hove Park	20.5
Abbreviations:	
L,R,SO: left, right, straight on	
SP Signposted	