

cycling routes

ASHRIDGE

getting around

Why not cycle to Ashridge from home ?
You can pick up a map from the visitor centre

this side of the leaflet identifies...

...5 appealing routes suitable for family cycling to see the best parts of the Ashridge Estate. All cycle routes start from the Visitor Centre on Monument Drive where toilets, bike parking, shop and a café can make your day even better.

the reverse side shows...

...Enjoyable routes to the Ashridge Visitor Centre from outlying towns.

The National Trust

The Ashridge Estate is owned by the National Trust, a non governmental charity that conserves countryside, wildlife and historic places for the benefit of the public.

The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

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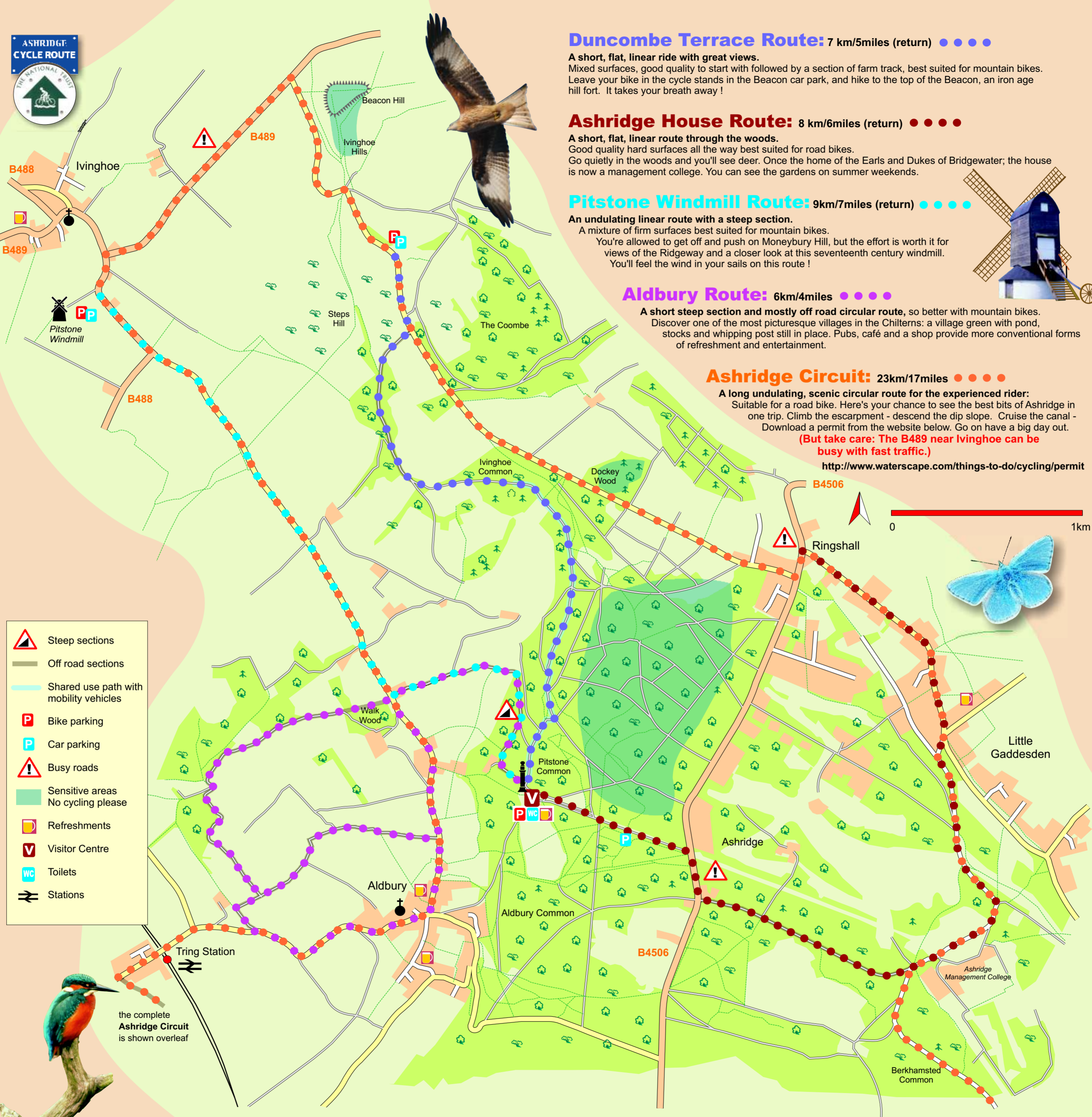
This is some of the finest countryside in England: specially protected because of its beauty and its value for people and wildlife.

by bike to ASHRIDGE

A place for Nature and People



Attractive routes suitable for family cycling to Monument Drive in Ashridge from Tring and Berkhamsted stations, from Hemel Hempstead, Dudswell and from the Dunstable Chiltern Gateway



Duncombe Terrace Route: 7 km/5miles (return)

A short, flat, linear ride with great views. Mixed surfaces, good quality to start with followed by a section of farm track, best suited for mountain bikes. Leave your bike in the cycle stands in the Beacon car park, and hike to the top of the Beacon, an iron age hill fort. It takes your breath away!

Ashridge House Route: 8 km/6miles (return)

A short, flat, linear route through the woods. Good quality hard surfaces all the way best suited for road bikes. Go quietly in the woods and you'll see deer. Once the home of the Earls and Dukes of Bridgewater; the house is now a management college. You can see the gardens on summer weekends.

Pitstone Windmill Route: 9km/7miles (return)

An undulating linear route with a steep section. A mixture of firm surfaces best suited for mountain bikes. You're allowed to get off and push on Moneybury Hill, but the effort is worth it for views of the Ridgeway and a closer look at this seventeenth century windmill. You'll feel the wind in your sails on this route!

Aldbury Route: 6km/4miles

A short steep section and mostly off road circular route, so better with mountain bikes. Discover one of the most picturesque villages in the Chilterns: a village green with pond, stocks and whipping post still in place. Pubs, café and a shop provide more conventional forms of refreshment and entertainment.

Ashridge Circuit: 23km/17miles

A long undulating, scenic circular route for the experienced rider: Suitable for a road bike. Here's your chance to see the best bits of Ashridge in one trip. Climb the escarpment - descend the dip slope. Cruise the canal - Download a permit from the website below. Go on have a big day out. (But take care: The B489 near Ivinghoe can be busy with fast traffic.)

<http://www.waterscape.com/things-to-do/cycling/permit>

Responsible cycling

- Give cycling a good name by being a considerate and responsible cyclist.
- Please keep to the marked paths and bridleways, and avoid the sensitive areas.



Follow this sign for one of the waymarked routes on permissive paths.

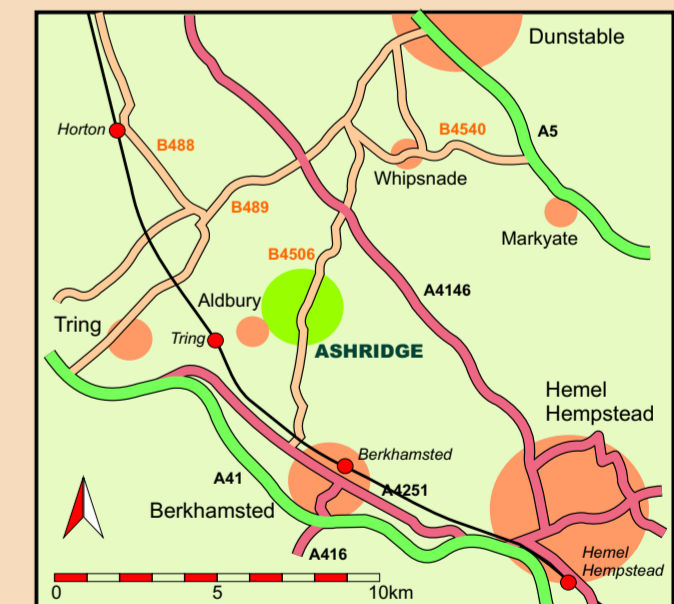
Or these signs for a bridleway: On bridleways, cyclists are required to give way to other users; mobility vehicles, walkers and horses. Especially on shared use paths, please slow down, give people plenty of room and use your bell.

This sign indicates a footpath: Cycling is not allowed on footpaths.

Off road sections can be muddy, especially during the winter, and are best attempted on a mountain bike.



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For other cycle routes, maps and information contact: Countryside Management Service 01727 848168 visit: hertsdirect.org/cms
The Chilterns Conservation Board 01844 355500 visit: www.chilternsaonb.org

or visit: www.ctc-maps.org.uk

For bus & train times 0871 2002233 www.intalink.org.uk

See National Trust website for information about the Estate www.nationaltrust.org.uk

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getting there

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The Ashridge Estate is a special place:

- Internationally recognised and protected because of its wildlife, landscape and archaeology.
- Beechwoods carpeted by bluebells in the spring and home to a herd of fallow deer.
- Rare butterflies and an impressive collection of wildflowers flourish on the chalk grassland.
- Ancient hill forts, earthworks and trackways reveal how people have shaped the land since prehistoric times.
- It's in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Wildlife and archaeology are sensitive and vulnerable to damage and disturbance. To protect this special place please keep to the marked paths and bridleways and avoid the sensitive areas

Help us keep this place special

If it's challenging, technical, singletrack descents you're after, why not try Aston Hill? It's on the way to Wendover Woods.

getting there

5 routes to the Ashridge Visitor Centre on Monument Drive and the Ashridge Circuit

All routes to the visitor centre involve uphill sections, but just think what fun you'll have coasting down the hill on the way back home.



Leave the car at home. Cycle and Walk. It's healthy and it's good for the environment, too. Ride the bus. Take the train. Change the World.

- Please be a considerate and responsible cyclist:
- Keep to the marked paths and bridleways.
 - Avoid the sensitive areas.
 - Look out for other people
 - Give way to mobility vehicles, walkers and horses.



from Dunstable Gateway to Monument Drive

Dunstable Gateway to the Ashridge Visitor Centre is 14km/10miles.

Undulating terrain but with good hard surfaces which make this a road bike friendly route. Take care as you make the exhilarating descent of Pedley Hill, and find out why even road bikes have so many gears as you climb towards Hudnall. With a cafe at both ends, this should prove to be a popular route.



from Berkhamsted Station to Monument Drive

Berkhamsted station to the Ashridge Visitor Centre is 7km/5miles.

Good hard surfaces through the Estate and quiet roads all the way means this route is suitable for all kinds of bike. OK, the pull up New Road seems to go on forever, but the ride along the toll road and through to Thunderdell on the newly surfaced cycle route is a real delight. And just think how quick and easy the ride home will be.



from Hemel Hempstead Station to Monument Drive

Hemel Hempstead station to the Ashridge Visitor Centre is 11km/9miles.

Quiet lanes, towpaths and surfaced cycleways provide a comfortable ride on any sort of bike. There's always something interesting to see as you leave the town behind, follow the canal, climb up Bullbeggars Lane, swing by Potten End and Frithsden, and join up with the route from Berkhamsted



from Tring Station to Monument Drive

Tring station to the Ashridge Visitor Centre is 6km/4miles.

You can ride to the visitor centre on the roads: Station Road, Toms Hill Road and the B4506 which can be busy with fast traffic. The off road route is more direct, quieter and prettier, but it definitely requires a mountain bike. Either way there's a short but steep hill to negotiate. Depending on your point of view, the escarpment is either:

- a) an interesting geological feature which requires a closer examination on foot;
- or b) a chance to test your fitness and feel the burn in your legs.

from Northchurch to Monument Drive

Northchurch to the Ashridge Visitor Centre is 6km/4miles.

A direct and interesting route for the seasoned pedal pusher but, especially through the woods and where the surface has not been improved, the mud can fly thick and not so fast. So knobbly tyres, a mountain bike and a good washing machine are essential, even in the summer.

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