

Well Bike Wrap

Quiet country lanes and scenic off - road cycling routes make the Isle of Wight an ideal destination for a UK cycling holiday or short break. With more than 200 miles of bicycle roads, on which you can be challenged and enjoy an incredible nature in a varied terrain. Cycle along the coast all over the island. On the way you will find peace and quiet to discover. Leave the car at home and enjoy a holiday of being close to each other and an interesting destination.



Start at Hillside with a check in between 3 and 5pm and a warm welcome. After settling in, rest and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and explore the maps and guides of different levels of cycling routes around the Island. Enjoy a lovely evening meal in Hillside Bistro.

After a good night's sleep start the day with a continental and cooked breakfast between 8 and 9 or visit the Bistro for a bit later start. Chose your cycling route of the day: Red Squirrel Trail, Chalk Ridge Extreme, Taste round the Island, or Day Rides.

On your return, a nice cup of tea or coffee awaits, before a nice hot shower and ready for a lovely evening meal at Hillside Restaurant.

After continental and cooked breakfast between 8 - 9am or breakfast/brunch at Hillside Bistro between 8-11 am. Check out at 10am.

2 Nights package

Room, breakfast and 2 x two course evening meal included.

1 day bikes rental

Selection of routes from Hillside with maps

Ferry included

Price: £ 290 pp.

3 Nights package

Room, breakfast and 3 x two course evening meal included.

2 days bikes rental

Selection of routes from Hillside with maps

Ferry included

Price: £ 360 pp

Subject to availability and two people sharing a double room.

Find an overview of the different routes below.

The Isle of Wight is a year round cyclist's paradise, with over 500 miles of cycle and bridleways weaving their way through dramatic and contrasting Island landscapes. "**Bicycle Island**" offers something for every cyclist, from multi-day tours to relaxing afternoon rides, and recently scooped top spot in Lonely Planet's "*Top 10 World Cycling Routes*".

Red Squirrel Trail

Length: **23.45 miles**

Difficulty: **Easy**

East Cowes to Shanklin

Mainly Car-free Rail Trail Cycling

Red Squirrel Trail has been tailored for cyclists who prefer car-free cycling on mainly flat, gentle routes. Much of this trail runs along purpose-made tracks along the Isle of Wight's disused railway lines, ensuring a leisurely cycle through the Island's countryside.

The rail trail between Newport and Sandown has been well used and much loved for over a decade, passing the sculptures and picnic area on the popular "Troll Trail" along the way. The route then continues along the popular Isle of Wight "Sunshine Trail" which runs a circuit through Shanklin and the surrounding area.

It is possible to either start or end this route at Hillside.



Red Squirrel Hot Spots

- **Parkhurst Forest** - just off the Red Squirrel route, to the West of Newport, the forest has extensive conifer tree habitats and a Red Squirrel viewing hide.
- **Alverstone Mead Nature Reserve** - turn left off the trail at Alverstone and the entrance to the reserve is 50 metres along the road. There is a bird / red squirrel viewing hide located here.
- **Shanklin Chine** - head to Shanklin Old Village where you will find the entrance to the Island's oldest attraction, Shanklin Chine. You will discover loads of different wildlife in the Chine as you descend through to the seafront.

Chalk Ridge Extreme

Length: **50 miles**

Difficulty: **Hard**

Round the Island

Chalk Ridge Track / Woodland

This 50-mile circular mountain bike route has been called the "off road round the island cycle route". It follows some of the country's most stunning chalk ridge single track and downhills.

There are stunning views and scenery visible from the spine of the Island, between Freshwater and Niton. The route then dips into the Arreton valley before climbing yet another chalk down before you hit the islands wooded Northern claylands.

Not a route for the faint hearted, it is challenging in both its gradient and the trail surface from mud to slippery chalk. Relatively easy sections can be found though, to give you welcome breaks, these are where the route follows public byways across rural farmland.

It is possible to start this route from Hillside.



Taste Round the Island Cycle Route

Length: **64.66 miles**

Difficulty: **Medium**

Round the Island

4 day ride with stops

The Round the Island Cycle route was first created in 1985 using the Island Wayfarer cycle Touring clubs Randonee route. This 100Km course is attempted by over 3000 people on the May bank holiday.

The whole route in a day is a definite challenge, but the Taste Round the Island Cycle route doesn't have to be that rushed.

As you travel along the Taste Round the Island Route, just off it or right on the route, you will find numerous food and drink locations.

It is possible to start this route from Hillside Ventnor.

