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CYCLING IN THE

HAVANT AREA



**Nestled between the South Downs** and the Solent, there is a wealth of great cycling routes throughout the borough...



Covering an area of around 75 kilometres, this guide will provide you with the definitive map of cycle paths and routes through the borough of Havant and the southern parishes of East Hampshire.

Internationally-important coastlines provide magnificent cycling views. There are also beautiful woodlands as you head north, as well as the South Downs. From sea level to an elevation of 230 metres as you reach the South Downs National Park, there is a variety of country lanes and tracks for you to enjoy.

Racing bike or mountain bike, young or old, there are great cycling opportunities for all in the borough.

These national charities have worked tirelessly to help improve cycling opportunities and safety here and throughout the country

PROMOTING CYCLING



www.cyclinguk.org

A charity dedicated to sustainable transport, Sustrans is responsible for the National Cycle Network, which has created more than 14,000 miles of signed cycle outes throughout the UK. With a volunteer workforce Cycle Network, enhancing biodiversity along its routes www.sustrans.org.uk

ABOUT WATERLOOVILLE





If you want to explore cycling further, why not take a peek at the following websites?

Cycle Hayling - Promoting cycling on Hayling Island www.cyclehayling.org.uk

Cyclestreets - the UK-wide cycle journey planner www.cyclestreets.net

Cycling in Hampshire - A county-wide guide to cycling www.visit-hampshire.co.uk/cycling

Cycling UK – Championing cycling in the UK www.cyclinguk.org

Sustrans - The charity that makes it easier to cycle www.sustrans.org.uk



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Once famous for its parchment making, Havant is now a bustling town offering great places to eat, shop and explore.



## CYCLE SHOPS

Whether preparing in advance - or dealing with a mishap mid-ride - knowing where your local bike shop is always makes sense! Listed below are some of the local bike shops at your disposal... Call if you can to check they are open!

## **Sivyer Cycles**

10 North Street, Havant, PO9 1PX

## **Emsworth Cycles**

41-43 North Street, Emsworth,

Unit 2f, Catherington Business Park,

Waterlooville, PO8 0AQ

023 9307 9937



Named after the soldiers who

has lots to offer...

stopped there after returning from

the Battle of Waterloo, Waterlooville



Havant takes its name from Haman Funta (Hama's Spring), a local spring believed to be the one at Homewell. Havant grew up at the crossing point of two ancient roads, the Langstone Harbour to Rowlands Castle track and the Roman coast road from Chichester to Wickham.

Today, Havant has a lot to offer a cyclist passing through. With plenty of places to rest and eat, secure bicycle racks and three bicycle shops in the town, Havant is well worth a visit!

Why not visit St Faith's Church (parts of which date back to the early 13th century), Havant Park or follow the Havant Heritage Trail, marked by blue plaques throughout the town?

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| 023 9245 5644                                    | 5 | 01243 210844                              |
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|  |   |   |
| Evans Cycles                                     |   | Hayling Cycles                            |
| Unit 12a, Solent Road, Havant<br><b>PO9 1ND</b>  |   | 100 Elm Grove, Hayling Island<br>PO11 9EH |
| 023 9297 0070                                    |   | 023 9246 5882                             |
|  |   |   |
| Total Sport Cycle Repair Centre                  |   | South Coast Cycling                       |
| Unit 10h, Solent Road, Havant,<br><b>PO9 1JH</b> | 5 | 69 London Road, Horndean, Wate<br>PO8 0BW |
| 023 9247 2381                                    |   | 023 9217 5080                             |
|  |   |   |
| Halfords   |   | Bikefixers                                |

Unit 3, Solent Retail Park, 1 Selbourne Road, Havant PO9 1ND

023 9245 9820

PLEASE NOTE: This leaflet is a not endorsement for any of the cycle shops listed - please use at your discretion.

Waterlooville initially developed around a road running through the Forest of Bere. A simple track - only usable in fair weather - led through the forest from Horndean to Portsmouth. In 1711, a much better road was constructed joining London to Portsmouth recognisable today as London Road.

Growing significantly in size following World War II (at one stage, it was recognised as the fastest growing town in Britain), Waterlooville is home to a wide range of shops, pubs and cafés - ideal for a break on your bike ride!

# HAVANT AND LEIGH PARK TOWN CENTRES

# WATERLOOVILLE TOWN CENTRE

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A Saxon village with strong fishing and sailing ties, Emsworth has a lovely town centre offering fine places to eat and shop...





For those feeling a little more adventurous, the borough is home to BMX and skate parks for practising their moves... Do wear the right kit!





It's important to enjoy your bike ride - just not at the expense of others. Here are a few pointers to consider for a ride everyone will enjoy...





Home to an Iron Age shrine, a **Roman temple and 12th Century** monks, Hayling is also the home of windsurfing, invented here in 1958.



Emsworth derives from the Anglo Saxon Æmeles worb = "a man called Æmele's enclosure". Divided from the nearby manor of Warblington in the early 13th Century, Emsworth began to thrive with the need to supply the Royal Navy during the rise of the British Empire. With a strong focus on fishing - and once famed for its oysters which were considered the best in the country -Emsworth is now home to a bustling town centre offering the very best of local shops, restaurants, cafés and more.

For cyclists, Emsworth is accessible by a variety of coastal paths and tracks, and is without doubt well provisioned. With a local bike shop, many places to secure bicycles and great coastal views, what more could you ask for?

| STREET NAME                       | Post code |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Bartons Triangle                  | PO9 5TE   |
| Beachland West                    | PO11 0AG  |
| College Road                      | PO7 8AA   |
| Diamond Jubilee Recreation Ground | PO10 7PT  |
| Havant Park                       | PO9 1QF   |
| St. Clare's Avenue                | PO9 4JF   |
| Waterlooville Recreation Ground   | PO7 6AN   |
| Wecock Open Space                 | PO8 9AY   |

• Use paths shared with others considerately, and always consider your speed around them.

• Do not assume people have seen or heard you.

• Take care around horse riders, leaving them plenty of room - especially when approaching from behind.

• Cycle at a speed safe for you and those around you. Don't let personal challenges place you or others at risk.

· Slow down where space is limited, there are crossings or junctions, or you cannot see clearly ahead.

• Have a bell on your bike - and use it to avoid surprise.

• Don't ride in dull or dark weather without lights.

A true island, connected to the north by Hayling Bridge and to the west by the Hayling Ferry, the island has been in continuous use since the Iron Age.

Steeped in history, half of the island was granted to the French abbey of Jumièges by William the Conqueror. Salt production was a major industry on the island. It was recorded in the Domesday Book and continued into the late 19th Century.

Today, the island's fine beaches prove popular with paddlers and watersports enthusiasts alike, and the Hayling Billy Trail – following the line of a disused railway - travels the length of the island, providing cyclists with a safe and beautiful route to explore.



## MAP OF THE BOROUGH





The Highway Code can be seen at www.gov.uk/highwaycode, but some key signs for cyclists are as follows:



Route recomended for cyclists on main road



Route to be used by cyclists ONLY



| WC      | Public toilets               |
|---------|------------------------------|
| •       | Church                       |
| Ŗ       | Caravan site                 |
| $\star$ | Other places of interest     |
| ¥       | Mainline railway station     |
|         | Narrow gauge railway station |

The network is a 14,000 mile network of safe, traffic-free paths and quiet on-road cycling and walking routes.

The Havant area is fortunate enough to have three main routes from the National Cycle Network running through it. These are marked on the maps in this leaflet as light blue routes with their corresponding route number. The routes are:



Shared pedestrain and cycle route



Segregated cycle and pedestrian route



Contra-flow cycle route



With - flow cycle land ahead (a solid line prohibits all other vehicles)



Warning (for motorists) Cycle route ahead



No cycling

By-way open to all traffic (BOAT) or bridleway or other track available for cyclist ----use (typically loose sufaced) By-way open to all traffic (BOAT) or bridleway or other track available for cyclist ........ use (typically improved sufaced)

Suggested link route (not signposted)

One way traffic INCLUDING CYCLISTS

Controlled crossing

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Cyclists beware - Difficult junction, barriers or step



Cycle shop

Bus interchange

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Ferry terminal

South Downs National Park boundary

Woods and forests

Parks and other open spaces

Countryside and arable land

School or college

Shopping area / retail park



Route 2 - Dover to Cornwall 🛽 Via Brighton, Chichester, Havant, Portsmouth and Exeter

Route 22 - South London to New Forest 22 Via Guildford, Farnham, Petersfield, Havant, Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight

Route 222 - A link between routes 2 and 22 222 Connecting route 22 at Chalton to route 2 in Southsea via Horndean, Waterlooville and Farlington

If you've enjoyed riding along these lovely routes, why not consider becoming a volunteer and help maintain them? For more information on the network and volunteering, visit www.sustrans.org.uk

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