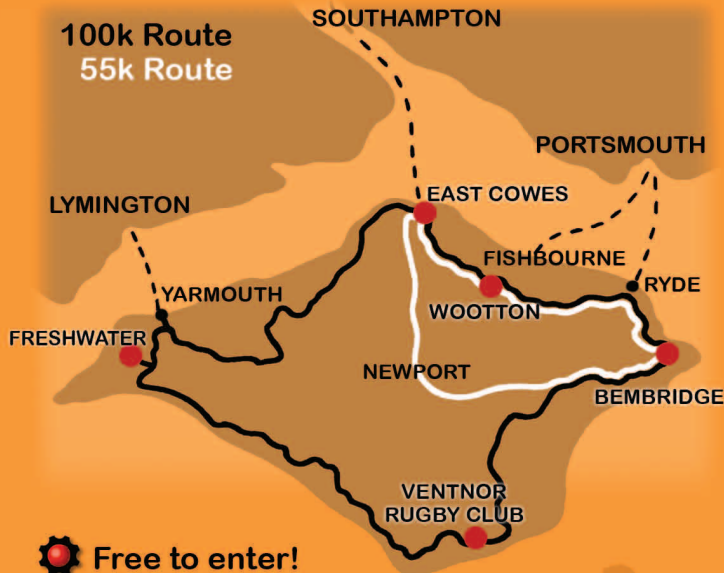


RANDONNEE

An annual free-to-enter bicycle ride around the Island, 100km or 55km

www.cycleisland.co.uk



- Free to enter!
- Early May bank holiday.
- See website for exact dates.
- 5 checkpoints, open 9am-6pm.
- Start and finish at any checkpoint.
- The route mostly follows the waymarked Round the Island route (see map).



Welcome to the Randonnee

The IoW Randonnee was established by the Wayfarers in 1985, and uniquely follows a route around the whole of the Isle of Wight taking minor roads and lanes where possible, enabling the rider to see and enjoy the best of the Island's scenery. The event attracts around 2000 participants each year. Most of the route follows the permanently signed 'Round The Island Route', look out for the blue and white signs, pictured below and right. Some of the Randonnee checkpoints are positioned slightly off this route so please use this map to make sure you visit them (there will also be Randonnee specific signs on the day).

The ride direction is clockwise, please follow the signs showing a blue island on a white background. Start the event at any of the 5 checkpoints (open from 9am, closed at 6pm). The Mini-Randonnee has 3 checkpoints. Below are notes that may help with some of the more complex areas of the course.

Notes on the Randonnee Route



Clockwise sign

RTIR = Round The Island Route

- From the checkpoint at **East Cowes** follow the RTIR to **Wootton**. At the big road junction (Cedars Pub opposite) turn left down the High Street, over the bridge and turn right into Firestone Copse Rd. The checkpoint is soon on your right.
- Continue on the RTIR through **St Helens** and into **Bembridge**. Just past the windmill turn left at the roundabout to the checkpoint, 400m. Retrace to roundabout and turn left to continue on RTIR.
- At **Yarbridge** go straight up the hill after the traffic lights and take the 2nd turning left, Lower Adgestone Road.
- When you reach **Wroxall** climb the hill though the village and at the bottom of the descent look out for a right turn near the village stores, onto Rew Lane.
- Go though **Upper Ventnor**, and as you begin to descend a steep hill bending to the right, look out for a right turn (signposted to Blackgang). Descend and take the next right (signposted Whitwell).
- At **Ventnor Rugby Club** look out for the checkpoint on your right. From the checkpoint take the next left to Niton.
- At **Niton** turn Left at the T junction (the stores on your right) and next right then straight up on the Blackgang Road.
- There is a big descent at **Blackgang** with a roundabout near the bottom. Take GREAT CARE here.
- 800m after **Chale** turn right off the A3055.
- At **Freshwater Bay** continue down the hill with the bay on your left, and soon after the thatched church turn right, Victoria Rd. Follow this road and at the next roundabout turn left into School Green Road, after about 350 metres turn right into the Primary School Checkpoint.

On leaving the Checkpoint retrace to the roundabout and turn left up Hooke Hill, follow the road for another 350 metres and at a sharp left hand turn into Copse Lane you have an option. *If you want to avoid the gravel cycle track to Yarmouth continue turning left into Copse Road, however, if you don't mind riding on gravel then turn right into Church Place, down the hill, over the bridge and turn left onto the gravel Cycle Track. As you approach **Yarmouth** on the gravel track look out for the old station and platform. Those finishing and returning to the Yarmouth - Lymington ferry should turn left here along Victoria Road turning left again at the main road to the ferry terminal (800m). Riders heading to Cowes should continue past the old station to the end of the track at Thorley road (820m) and turn right on to the RTI route.

Those opting for the on road route from Freshwater should continue on the main road through Yarmouth before turning right into Thorley Road (800m).

• Follow the RTIR through **Gurnard** and along the seafront as you climb up from the seafront towards **Cowes**, at the next T junction turn right (signed) and right again following the RTIR signs.

• From the floating bridge follow the one way system to the left, turn right at the roundabout into Well Road, the **East Cowes** checkpoint soon your left.

* We will host a small "popup" checkpoint at **Yarmouth** for the **first 3 ferries** into Yarmouth but otherwise all further activity including the feed station will be at Yarmouth Primary School's new premises in School Green Road, Freshwater. Please see map of the Freshwater area on the overall map download.