



Tour de la Manche

Rye & Romney Marsh circular off National Cycle Route 2

Starting point: Rye train station

Distance: Full route via Ivychurch - 30 miles / 48 kms
Short route via Walland Marsh - 25 miles / 40 kms

Offroad/rough sections: From close to Lydd all the way back to Rye there is an almost unbroken traffic free cyclepath running parallel with the main road.

Grade: Easy

Climbs: None

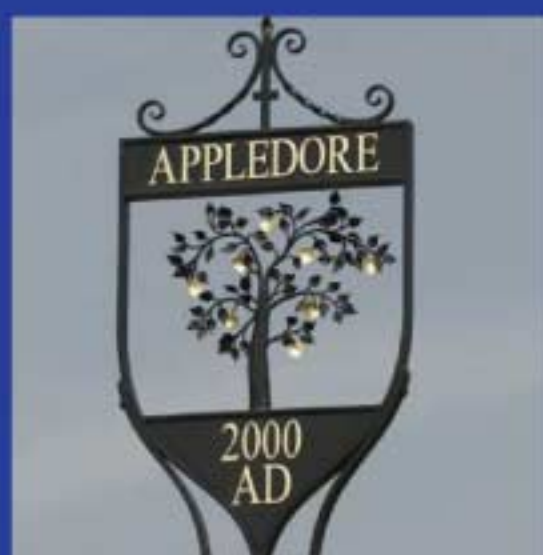
Refreshments: Rye, Appledore, Ivychurch, Old Romney, Lydd, Camber

Tourist Information Centres:

Rye: 01797 226696

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MAP
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At times you'll find it hard to believe you are in the densely populated Southeast of England on this ride as you cross the wide open spaces of Walland Marsh and Romney Marsh under huge skies.

Leave Rye on the road that runs alongside the Royal Military Canal to Appledore, taking in fine views towards Stone in Oxney on the way. Built between 1804 and 1809 as a defence against Napoleon, the Royal Military Canal echoes the turbulent past of the now quiet village of Appledore. The canal runs for 28 miles between Hythe and Cliff End, Pett, enclosing the area of Romney Marsh and Dungeness, thought vulnerable to French invasion.

Short Cut via Walland Marsh

There is a short cut option from Appledore to Lydd using Regional Cycle Route 11. After a mile or so you can be forgiven for thinking you are in the middle of nowhere where you are truly away from it all! After the



level crossing the amazing isolated church of St Thomas Becket comes into view. Care needs to be taken at the junction with the A259 shortly before joining National Cycle Network Route 2.

Full route via Ivychurch

Continue north through Appledore Heath and past a tiny 22ft chapel, all that remains of Horne's Place, a manor house besieged by Wat Tyler's angry peasants protesting against the 14th-century poll tax. Ride over the flat expanse of Romney Marsh on tiny, quiet lanes, taking care at the crossing of the A2070 after Brenzett Green. Push on to Ivychurch, where the pub is located right in the front garden of the church, then continue on to Old Romney and Lydd. A cluster of houses and the Guildhall are set in this strange area of scrub and shingle.

The church in Lydd dates from the 14th century and is known as the 'Cathedral of Romney Marsh'. There is a



superb bird reserve at nearby Dungeness. Shortly after leaving Lydd you pick up the traffic-free path that runs parallel with the main road almost all the way back to Rye. The route is back on road through Camber. You may choose to get off your bikes and climb the sea wall to look out over the vast shingle beaches.

The Camber Sands dunes are formed from the sand that is blown inland where it builds up around plants, debris and fences. The marram grass that you see covering much of the dunes has a deep root system which helps to hold the sand in place. Traditional chestnut fences along the beach help sand to build up more quickly. The combination of plants and fences at Camber prevent the dunes from moving and burying the village.



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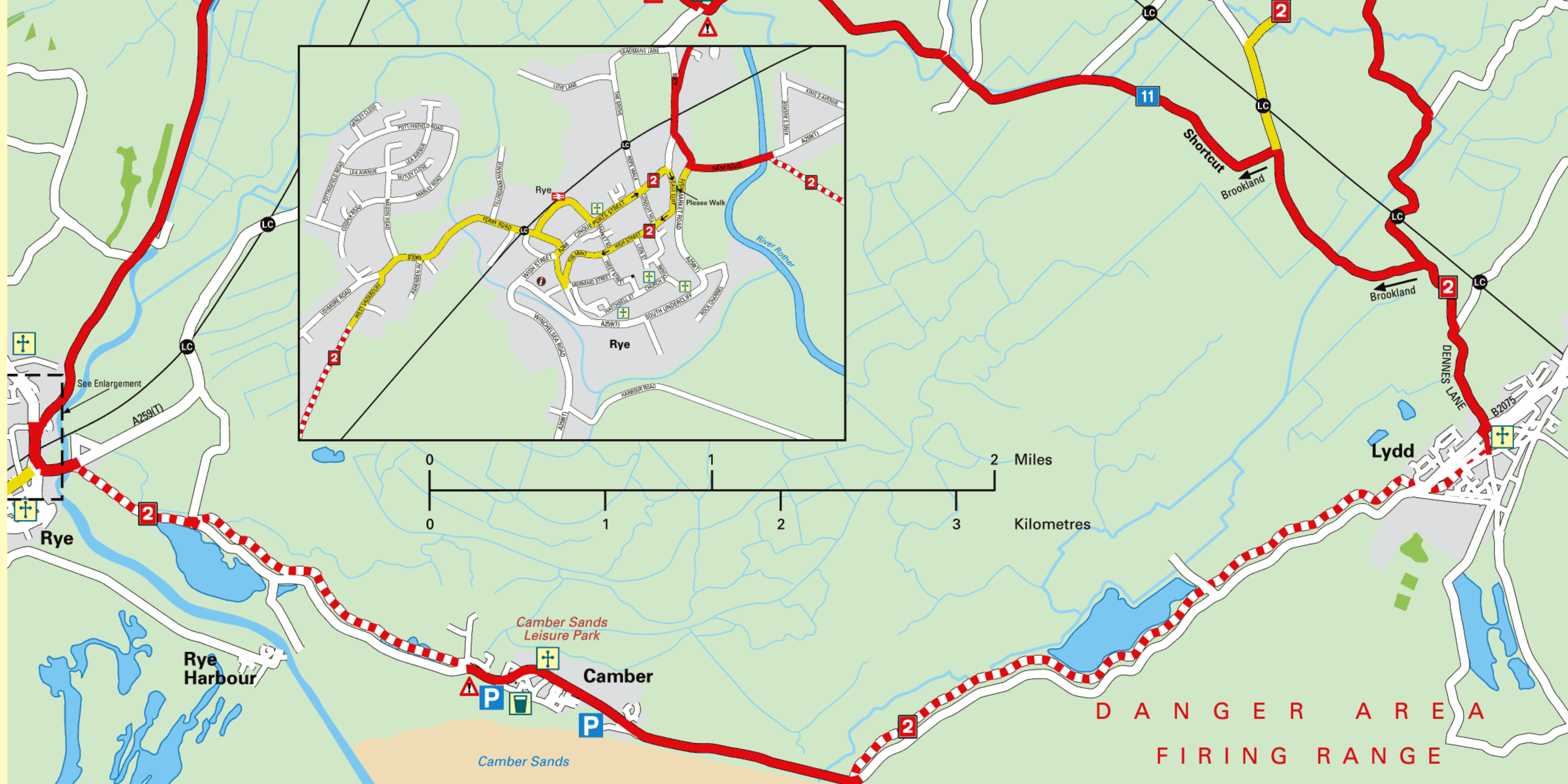





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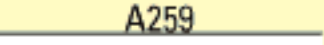
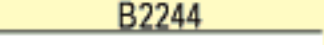


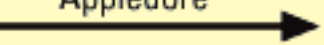






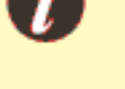

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-  Circular Route (On Road)
-  Traffic Free Sections
-  National Cycle Network (On Road)

-  A Road
-  B Road
-  Minor Road (arrow indicates steep hill pointing downhill)
-  Railway (with Level Crossing)
-  Follow Road Sign as Marked

-  Church
-  Pub
-  Railway Station (with name)
-  Take Care!
-  Tourist Information Centre
-  Car Parking

