

Route Guide

Braintree to Bovinger: Cycling in the 'seventies

Length of route: 23 miles. Cycle or slow car-ride recommended.

Find route on OS Explorer maps, 195 and 183.

Braintree to Rayne

Out of Braintree town centre on Rayne Road, straight on at the roundabout and on to The Street. On entering Rayne, turn left at the crossroads, past the village hall on the left. At the T-junction, turn right into New Road.

Rayne to Felsted

At another T-junction, left into School Road, then follow the road to Felsted, past the turning to Bartholomew Green and the one to Molehill Green and then through Bannister Green. Turn left on to the B1417 (Braintree Road), go past the public school and on into Felsted. Pass the turning to Chelmsford on the left, then take the next left into Mill Road, past the old water mill and go on to the village of North End.

North End to High Easter

Turn right into Bennett's Lane in North End and go up to the A130. Cross the main road into Hounslow Green. Turn left at the next junction (Lofty Green), then right at the next, after Rolfe's Farm. Left, after passing a house called Upper Harveys on the right, to Stagden Cross. At the T-junction, turn right towards High Easter.

High Easter to Leaden Roding

At the end of the village main street, turn left at the junction and left again, down towards the converted windmill. After Lowerhouse Farm on your left, turn right over Brickford Bridge, then right at the T-junction, through the woods, towards Leaden Roding.

Leaden Roding to Bovinger

Go straight on at the cross roads in Leaden Roding, the A1080 (Stortford Road), then left onto the B184 (Dumnow Road towards Ongar). Take the first right onto

a single track road, past Berwick Hall on the left, then left and left again, past the Rectory and into Abbess Roding. Go past the church on the right and carry on past Cobbler's Pieces (farm). Carry on past the turning to Little Laver on the right, then turn left at Red House and White House into Little Laver Road towards Moreton. Past Newhouse Farm, then right at the junction towards Moreton.

In Moreton, turn left, towards Ongar, over the bridge, then right, through Pedlars End. Go round a double-bend and into Moreton Road. The private lane to Bovinger Lodge is on the right.