

Cycle Route ① - The West

This itinerary has been developed by a local cycle guide to direct visitors slightly off the 96 mile waymarked cycle network to discover even more of our beautiful coast and countryside and in particular this specific part of Jersey – just follow the directions.

This route passes through the parishes of **St Brelade**, **St Peter** and **St Ouen**. The countryside of the west of the Island provides magnificent views and varied riding.

Start:

Begin this route at the Parish Hall in St Aubin (see Cycle Network Map for routes out of town with directions from Liberation Square). St Aubin, with its **18th century harbour**, has fine merchants' houses along the Bulwarks. Look out for the **Old Court House**, where privateers shared out the spoils from plundered French shipping.

Proceed from the Parish Hall up the **Corbiere Walk**, until you reach the point where the walk passes above a lane (past a small farm on the right). Wheel your bike down the steps onto the lane. Leaving the farm to your right, turn left at the top of the lane and ride up the hill. Notice the unusual direction stone on the corner.

At the next T-junction, turn left and immediately right into Rue des Fosses a Mortier, then turn right by the farm walk. Take the first left, Rue des Landes, sign-posted to St Peter (B42). Cross the main road by the Rugby Club, and into the road marked 'No Through Road' which leads to a track passing behind the Airport runway. Jersey Airport is one of the busiest in the world.

At the end of the track carry straight on. Turn left at, but not onto, the main road. At St Peter's Church turn left and first right into Rue du Bocage. Cross over the first crossroads into Rue des Niemes, then turn left into Rue de la Presse (a '**green lane**' with a 15 mph speed limit) and straight down the long hill (Mont de la Mare) with marvellous views of the whole of **St Ouen's Bay**. Known locally as the Five Mile Road (from the Norman-French 'Mielles', meaning sand dunes), this is a surfers' paradise.

At the bottom of the hill, turn right, past Bethesda Methodist Chapel and Sunset Nurseries on the left. There are no turnings now for nearly 2 miles (3 km); just follow the Chemin du Moulin until you reach the next main road. Short detours at this point, both to the left and right, lead to various attractions.



Distance: 18 miles
(28.8 km)



Area: St Aubin, St Peter, St Ouen's Bay, Grosnez, Grantez, St Ouen's Manor, La Hague Manor, Beaumont Perquage.



Refreshments: Various cafes, pubs and restaurants in St Aubin and St Peter, St Peter's Garden Centre, and the North Point Bistro.



Main attractions: St Aubin's Harbour, Grosnez Castle and St Ouen's Manor.



The Corbiere Walk





Cross over the main road and take the last turning on the right before the beach, La Verte Rue, then left past Le Relais des Mielles site and fork right up Mont du Vallet. Climbing the steep hill, take a brief rest to savour the breath-taking views back across the bay.

Turn sharp left at the bend at the top of the hill into Rue du Ouest. There are tracks off to the left along this road, leading to **Le Pinnacle**, one of Jersey's best known Neolithic sites. Please leave bicycles in the car park and continue on foot to avoid disturbing the local flora and fauna.

Continue to the very end of this road until you see the signs to the race course and Grosnez. Turn off here, visit **Grosnez Castle** and enjoy the views of Guernsey, Herm and Sark.

Return to the main road. Turn right and then first left just after the house called Highview Lodge. At the end of Rue de la Pointe, turn left into Les Pallieres turn right. Pass Portinfer Farm on the right and take the second left into Rue de la Croute (which becomes Rue de la Gabourllerie). Turn right at the T-junction (a short detour to the left leads to the Dolmen des Geonnais), right at the main road and immediately left (Les Doubles Caches) past Vinchelez Manor.

Turn left at the end of this lane and immediately right into Rue Platte Raie, bearing right at the next yellow line. There are now no turnings for over a mile. Cross over the main road into Rue de Mahaut, then Rue de Grantez, which becomes Rue du Couvent, until you reach St Ouen's Mill. Near the large greenhouses after a mile or so, watch out for a sign on the wall pointing to Les Monts Grantez Dolmen.

After the old St Ouen's Mill, turn left, keeping the church on your left. Just before the main road you will find the entrance to **St Ouen's Manor**, which was



given in perpetuity to the **de Carteret** family by **King Charles II** and is one of Jersey's few surviving Seigneunes.

The main St Ouen's road is next; a fast road, so take care. Cross over into Rue du Douet, then first right into Rue de la Mare des Cauchez (becomes Rue d'Elysee), right again at the next T-junction and straight over the crossroads by the 'St Pierre' pump. Turn right at the next T-junction. At the main road cross into Rue des Sapins, and then fork immediately left into Rue de la Hague.

The route has no further turnings until you reach the bottom of the steep hill. Cross over Mont Fallu into Rue de la Fontaine and pass **Wheatlands Golf Course** on your left. At the bottom of the hill look out for the track to the right by the telephone kiosk immediately opposite the shops. This is the Beaumont Perquage, a path leading to the sea Eom St Lawrence Church.

Cross the main road at the pedestrian lights onto the seafront cycle track, and turn right to return to St Aubin. Alternatively, you can turn left and return to St Helier town centre.

