

Cycle Route ② – West Central

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.

Start:

From the **Mont Felard**, a pub at Millbrook in the Parish of St Lawrence (see Cycle Network Map for routes out of town with directions from Liberation Square), head east towards St Helier. Turn first left into Chemin des Moulins (sign-posted **Waterworks Valley** Cl 16). At one time the water-mills in this valley provided the flour for the Island's bread.

The route passes alongside Jersey's first (1895) and second (1911) reservoirs. Follow the main road for two miles (3.2 km) to Hamptonne. After Hamptonne, continue along Chemin des Moulins to the T-junction. Turn left (sign-posted to St Lawrence Church) into Rue des Corvées. Turn first right and right again onto the main road. Then turn first left, then left again into Route de l'Eglise and right into Mont l'Evesque.

At the bottom of the hill you cannot miss the charming **Le Rât Cottage**. Try the water from La Fontaine St Martin on the opposite side of the road. Turn right after Le Rât, up the hill past the abreuvoir and first right up Mont Isaac; notice the date stone at the house at the top (1760). Cross over into the narrow '**green lane**', a typical Jersey lane – 'un chemin A quatre pieds' – which leads to Avranches, a beautiful country home set in magnificent gardens.

At the next junction cross into the 'green lane' opposite (La Ruelle) and then turn right and immediately left. There is now an easy, long lane (Rue du Douet de Rue), passing another example of a country home on the right. Just before this house is the turning off left to **Jersey Goldsmiths**.

The route continues to a crossroads at the end of Rue du Douer de Rue. Turn right here (Rue de Bel Air). The rear entrance to **St John's Manor** will be on your right very shortly. Turn next left (Rue des Buttes). Cross over the main road into St John's Village.

To leave St John's Village keep the church on your left and the shops on your right. Turn right at the main road and first left (Rue de l'Etocquet).

Follow Rue de l'Etocquet and fork left at the next yellow line into Le Canibur. Ignore all turnings from now until you reach Mont de la Barcelone. Be careful down the steep hill: holiday traffic including coaches uses this route.



Distance: 17 miles
(27.2 km)



Area: Waterworks Valley, Hamptonne



Refreshments: There are a number of stop-off points on this route, including most of the visitor attractions and some of the National Trusts properties, also several pubs and cafés.



Main attractions: Jersey Goldsmiths, La Mare Wine Estate, Greve de Lecq Barracks, The Living Legend, Jersey War Tunnels, Le Moulin de Quétiel.



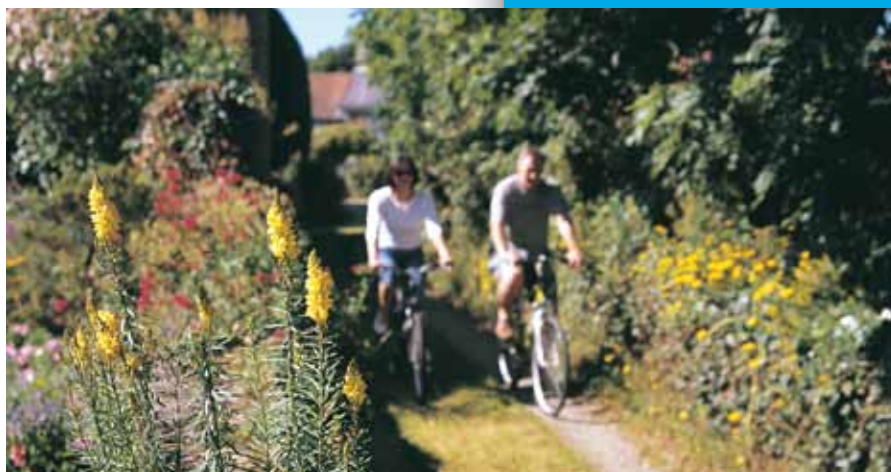
At the bottom of the hill is Mourier Valley; turn sharp right into Chemin des Hougues and up the hill to the high ground overlooking the seil, where fine views can be had from the headland, a short walk off the road. As this is a **conservation** area, do not cycle on the headland.

Immediately after the Priory Inn, turn right, then right again at **La Mare Wine Estate**, into Rue de La Hougue Mauger, which becomes Route des Touertes. Turn right at the T-junction at the end of Route des Touertes into Rue de Crabbè, then left into Chemin du Côrel and down the steep hill into **Grève de Lecq**. At the bottom of the hill turn sharp right.

Leave the bay by the B65 with the Jersey Round Tower (1780) on your left. Halfway up the hill turn right at the 'No entry' sign and walk your bike up the narrow lane. At the top, fork left along Rue de la Ville Bagot. There is a 1714 date stone on the cottage on the left.

At the end of this lane, turn briefly onto the main road, then fork left into Rue de la Capelle (which becomes Rue du Creux Baillot). After about half a mile, turn left into the main road and first left into Rue de la Ville au Neveux. ignore all turnings to left and right; at the yellow line crossing the route, fork left into Rue Mahier and at the main road continue straight across into La Charrière. Watch out for a pretty thatched cottage on the right-hand side (Le Ronvillais). Turn right here and cycle down to St Mary's School.

Turn left at the school and first right into Route de l'Eglise, bringing you to **St Mary's Country Inn** and St Mary's Church. Cross over the main road into Rue de la Vallée opposite the pub, Join the main road sign-posted **St Peter's Valley** B26, and continue until you reach La Chèvre Rue on the left.



Follow this lane to **The Living Legend** (very short detour to the right), then rejoin the route towards the Jersey War Tunnels. Ignore the turning on the right and proceed along Le Pissot until you reach the T-junction. Turn right here and first left into Rue de la Fontaine St Martin, bringing you to **Morel Farm**, a Hugotenot house from the 16th century.

At the crossroads at Morel Farm turn right along Les Charrières Malorey, until you reach the **Jersey War Tunnels**. From here descend Meadow Bank, passing the HQ of the Battle of Flowers Association, and turn right at Tesson Chapel, then left at Tesson Mill into Rue du Moulin. This follows the stream that forms the boundary of St Lawrence and St Peter.

Turn left at the shop, then right following the Beaumont Perqotage by the stream. Cross the main road onto the cycle track to end this tour; turn left towards St Helier or right to St Aubin.



The Living Legend