

(Saturday) Grafton Underwood, Geddington & Newton Dove Cote (short ride)

Run starts at main gate in Waverley Road. OS Landranger Map 141 required

This is just a short ride (14 miles) to introduce you to the area and the route sheet layout. Abbreviations used: L = left, R = right, SO = straight on, T = T junction, X Rd = cross roads, ROB = roundabout. SP = sign post. Bold print in brackets i.e. **(Weekley)** are towns or villages that you pass through. All distances are in miles. Places of interest on or near the route.

Grafton Underwood. This is a pretty little village with a stream running by the side of the road. It might not be everybody's cup of tea as it has no pub. There is a commemorative window in the church depicting one of the WW2 Flying - Fortresses which flew from the nearby American Air-base. Not far out of the village, on the Geddington Road, is a memorial to the men who flew from this airfield.

Boughton House. The house and gardens are open to the public. House 2 - 5pm. Garden noon - 5pm. House and Garden £10. Garden only £5 (Last entry 4pm.)

Geddington. The Queen Eleanor Cross in the square was built from Weldon stone in 1294 by King Edward 1 When his Queen died, a cross was built in each of the 12 places that the funeral procession stopped on it's way from Harby, in Nottinghamshire, to Westminster. Only three remain. There is a choice of 3 pubs or a Teashop.

Newton Dovecote. This Dovecote is one of the largest in the county. It was made from local stone by Maurice Tresham in the late 16th Century. The only way to it is by foot across the field. Teashop further on, on left.

Weekley. Small village with thatched Teashop (Nice cakes)

Warkton. Another nice little village with more cakes in Teashop on the left just over the bridge.

Note:-Trikes, Tripples & Trailers might not get through the barrier in the lane to the field. Sorry you will have to go along to Pipers Hill Road and go in by the main entrance.

No	Stage	Short	Detail
1	0.00	0.00	Start at main entrance
2	0.12	0.12	R into Pipers Hill Road
3	0.09	0.21	L into Windmill Avenue (Shop, sandwich bar & fish shop on left)
4	0.31	0.52	R at ROB into Deeble Road
5	1.15	1.67	L at service road (Warkton Lane)
6	0.25	1.92	R at end of service road, then L into Warkton Lane
7	0.77	2.69	R at T (SP Grafton Underwood 1 3/4)
8	1.82	4.51	L at X Rd (SP Grafton Underwood 1/4)
9	0.36	4.87	Memorial window in church on L & feed ducks (Grafton Underwood)
10	0.19	5.06	L at end of village (SP Geddington 2 1/2)
11	0.42	5.48	US Airforce Memorial on R
11	1.35	6.83	Gate to Boughton House on L (Visit possible then return to here)
12	0.82	7.65	SO at Queen Eleanor Cross (Geddington)
13	0.18	7.83	SO at X Rd into Newton Road
14	0.45	8.28	The Dovecote is over the gate on L behind wood. Then return to X Rd.
15	0.45	8.73	SO at X Rd into West Sreet
16	0.18	8.91	R at Cross and over the bridge (or the ford if you like a dip)
17	0.17	9.08	Tea room on L
18	0.23	9.31	L onto cycle path along A43 (Busy road)
19	1.12	10.43	Leave the cycle path onto road just before bend into Weekley (Weekley)
20	0.42	10.85	L (SP Warkton) (Or you could go straight on into town) (Warkton)
21	1.02	11.87	R (SP Barton Seagrave 1 1/2)
22	1.04	12.91	R into Deeble Road
23	0.08	12.99	L into St John's Road
24	0.72	13.71	L into Kylesku Crescent
25	0.12	13.83	L into Grantown Close, continue into lane at end
26	0.21	14.04	L at T
27	0.17	14.21	R into Service Road, Windmill Avenue
28	0.12	14.33	L through the hedge opposite Pub, cross road into lane and Rugby Field