1. **South Lytchett Manor to Wareham and RSPB Arne**

Difficulty rating: 3/5
Bike Type: Hybrid, Mountain bike, road bike
Terrain: Mostly road or tarmac
Profile: Mostly flat with very few undulations
Distance: 8-9miles
Estimated Time: 1hr
Must See: Wareham
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This route is predominantly narrow cycle paths on pavement near a busy road, fine for confident cyclists and those looking to see nature and a lovely riverside town.

Exit the gates of South Lytchett Manor and turn right onto the cycle lane. Follow the road past St Peter's Finger and past Baker's Arms to the Roundabout. Go straight over at the roundabout by the pavement, the turning signposts Wareham and Swanage. Follow the Cycle Path straight past Holton Heath through the traffic lights, past the Co-op Petrol station, through Sandford over the very small roundabout until you hit the second roundabout. Go straight over the roundabout and over the flyover above the train track for Wareham Train Station. Take the right at the next roundabout into Wareham.

This takes you into the main high street of Wareham. Continue straight to the other end of town for the riverside. To continue on, go straight over the bridge towards Stoborough and past the Kings Arms. You will need to turn a sharp left down a small lane called "Nutcracker Lane" directly opposite Purbeck Motors, beware of cars and **take this corner very slowly** as it blind in both directions. Follow this road straight until the very end ignoring the turn for the car park and you will come to RSPB Arne Information Centre.

Extensions: If you're looking for a slightly longer ride, you could always continue on to Swanage, or Studland.

SLMCCP Top Tips: A few recommendations for this route:

Wareham: Park up by the river and enjoy some wonderful fresh fish and chips or indulge in a locally made ice cream!

RSPB Arne Café: Cycle friendly and with lovely forest views, this is a good place to stop for your mid-way cycling reward!