

RANMORE TO POLESDEN LACEY CIRCULAR TRAIL 9.5K TRAIL 2 HRS RH5 6SR

The countryside here is simply beautiful with woods, open farmland and magnificent parkland criss-crossed with National Trust permissive paths for the adventurous. The bridleway itself goes past Polesden Lacey where there is space for horses to rest and riders to enjoy a picnic from the cafe. The paths are well marked and in good condition, so it is a lovely ride. The challenges: several field gates, feisty livery ponies at grass and one very steep hill!



Park at the Ranmore Common National Trust Car Park, Ranmore Road, RH5 6SR. **1** This is a pay and display car park but if you are a National Trust member you just tap your membership card and it is free. Facing the road, head off left along the wide verge until you come to the Dorking Scout Council Ranmore Camp sign on the left. **2**



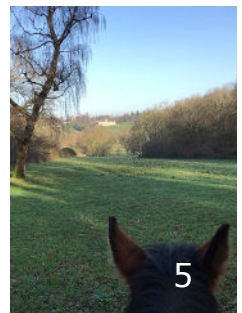
Cross the road, go between the posts and take the bridlepath heading north down through the woods. **3**



This path take you down through woodland glades. When the path forks, keep left and continue down. It becomes a more formal track with CCTV camera alerts. **4**



About 1.75k from Ranmore Road, just beyond Yewtree Farm on your right, stop at the corner of the field on the right where there is a wonderful viewing point which looks down the valley towards Polesden Lacey. **5**



Continue along the track, keeping left on the bridleway when you meet the farm drive forking to the right. **6**



Carry on. This interesting path becomes a narrow yew tree-lined causeway before turning into a wide carriage drive heading up towards Polesden Lacey car park beneath fairytale bridges. **7**



As you emerge out into fields at the top, go through the gate into the car park on your right. This is not the easiest gate to open but it is worth it as you then ride through the car park

to the entrance to Polesden Lacey where there are seats and trees where you can hitch your horse. (Don't forget to bring a piece of baler twine!) **8**



After your break, head off back out of the car park the same way, through the tricky gate, and turn right along the field edge and continue along the wide verge beside the main drive to the house. **9**



At the end of the drive the road bends sharply left at a junction. Directly opposite is the entrance to a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT). Take care how you cross as it is a blind bend though a fairly quiet road.



Turn up this broad chalk byway and keep an eye open for the livery yard ponies in the fields

next to the track! **10**

After about 800m you come to a crossroads. Turn right. **11**



Ride between the fields and then continue with Bookham Wood on your right. **12** At the edge of the wood take a right fork to carry on skirting the wood. This is a lovely open stretch with good visibility where you can choose your pace for a run of more than 1k.



The path then crosses a junction of tracks and goes into woodland. Keep straight and ignore the path forking on the right. Carry on into the plantation. **13**



The track quickly becomes very steep threading downhill through Chapelhill Wood towards Chapel Lane. There are a couple of easy gates to go through as you cross the field and enter the lane. **14**



Cross the lane and go up the track past Bagden Farm and between fields. About 250m from the road, the bridleway bears sharp round to the left. You need to take the bridleway that goes through a gate into a field at the corner and follow the track diagonally across the grass up to another gate and into the woods. [15](#)



Dorking Wood is on your left, and Bagden Wood on your right. Follow the bridleway all the way now back to Ranmore Road. [16](#) Ignore National Trust permissive paths and keep heading up through the woods



for about 1.6k. You will eventually emerge on the top of Ranmore directly opposite the National Trust Car Park!

