

## Linking Coast to Downs Route 1 (Cycling)

6.5 miles (10.5km) for linear route

This ride runs from the coast at Faversham Creek to the hilltops at Perry Wood Local Wildlife Site. It links National Cycle Route 1 to the Perry Wood Multi User Route (then on to the North Downs Way and Stour Valley Way at Chilham). You can start this route at coast or downs.



This cycle ride is quite a hilly adventure, from the low-lying marshes at Faversham Creek, to the prominent hills at Perry Wood, Selling. Do make sure you're well prepared. The ride is best suited to hybrid and mountain bikes, as there are some rough tracks and a small section of bridleway at Perry Wood. If you'd rather not complete the whole route you could travel by train to Selling Station (see OS map) and find your way to Perry Wood, via the country lanes.



### How to get there

From M2 take exit and Faversham and cross A2 directly into the Heritage Town.

Parking. There is a roadside parking throughout the town and other public car parks, as shown on the map.

Train: There is a station in Faversham, directly on the route.

National Rail Enquiries: 08457484950

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Terrain	Terrain	Moderate to hilly
Warning	Warning	Take care
Views	Views	Panoramic views at Perry Wood
Refreshments	Refreshments	Shops, cafes, pubs



Faversham Marshes (can be accessed via National Cycle Route



Faversham Creek and Town Centre

1. Starting at the junction of Abbey Place and Abbey Street, on National Cycle Route 1, continue along Abbey Street until its junction with the B2040, where you either continue along the road or dismount and walk through the town, before rejoining the route at Faversham Railway station.

2. Choosing to stay on the road, follow the road as it bears round to the left past the adjacent superstore until you reach some lights at the junction with East Street. Continue through the lights, up past the town library on your left, before reaching the top of the hill and turning right at the mini roundabout, into Station Road.

3. Follow the road round past Faversham station, bearing left under the railway bridge, left again at the next rise and then right towards the A2. At the junction with the A2, carefully turn left, past the junction with the A251 and continue down the hill heading out of the town.

4. Just before the traffic island (which you can use to cross the A2 if necessary) about half a mile along the road, take the next right into Salters Lane, signed to the Household Waste Centre and continue along the lane until you reach the bridge over the M2 motorway.



Track alongside M2, lined with shelter belt of poplar trees

5. Just over the bridge turn left, taking the rough track alongside the motorway. Continue along the track until you reach the junction with Selling Road (where you can turn left to stock up on supplies at Macknade Fine Foods). Cross carefully and continue on the unmade track, taking you past orchards and soft fruit, until you reach Clockhouse Lane.



Please take care crossing Selling Road, consider dismounting here

6. At Clockhouse Lane, turn right, taking care to avoid the many potholes and continue along the lane until you reach the next junction. Turn right here and then almost immediately left into the next Owen's Court Road.



Heading along the gently undulating road, there are views across the landscape to Perry Wood, to the South East (your left).



7. Upon reaching the next junction, turn left into Winding Hill. As the name suggests, there are steep downhill and uphill stretches. Bear right at the junction with Featherbed Lane, as the road becomes Selling Road, through Hogben's Hill.

The incline is quite steep here, so you may wish to get off and walk for a while.

8. At the next junction turn right (signed to Shottenden and Molash) and continue uphill through the trees, looking out for the occasional view across to the Sheldwich Lees Court Estate, on your right.



9. At the next junction turn left onto Grove Road and once beyond the trees on your left, views open up briefly back down toward the coast on your left and ahead of you just to your right, the Scots Pines on the hilltops at Perry Wood.



View toward the hilltops of Perry Wood, from Grove Road

10. As you reach the houses, look out for the fingerpost showing the bridleway on the right hand side.



Turning onto bridleway from Grove Road

Take the path and you will find yourself amid coppice woodland and an area of planted beech trees. This area can be muddy, especially in winter, so you may need to dismount in places.

At the end of the path, you will reach a lane passing through Perry Wood. Turn left then immediately right and you will be at the Rose and Crown pub.

Follow the sign to car park at rear of the pub, where you find a cycle rack, just inside to your left. There is also further cycle parking in the main Perry Wood car park, which you can find by continuing on the road up past the pub and cottages, then turning right at the crossroads in the centre of the wood.



Once you've locked up your bike (and had a drink at the pub), why not take a walk to the tops of the hills, to enjoy the wildlife and the panoramic views at this special place? Find out more at [www.perrywood.org.uk](http://www.perrywood.org.uk)



Artist's impression of Perry Wood (Sally Barton)

From here, you can find the Perry Wood Multi User Route [www.explorekent.org/activities/perry-woods-multi-user-route-cycle-route-not-walk/](http://www.explorekent.org/activities/perry-woods-multi-user-route-cycle-route-not-walk/), try the suggested circular shown on the map, or head back to your starting point the way you came.

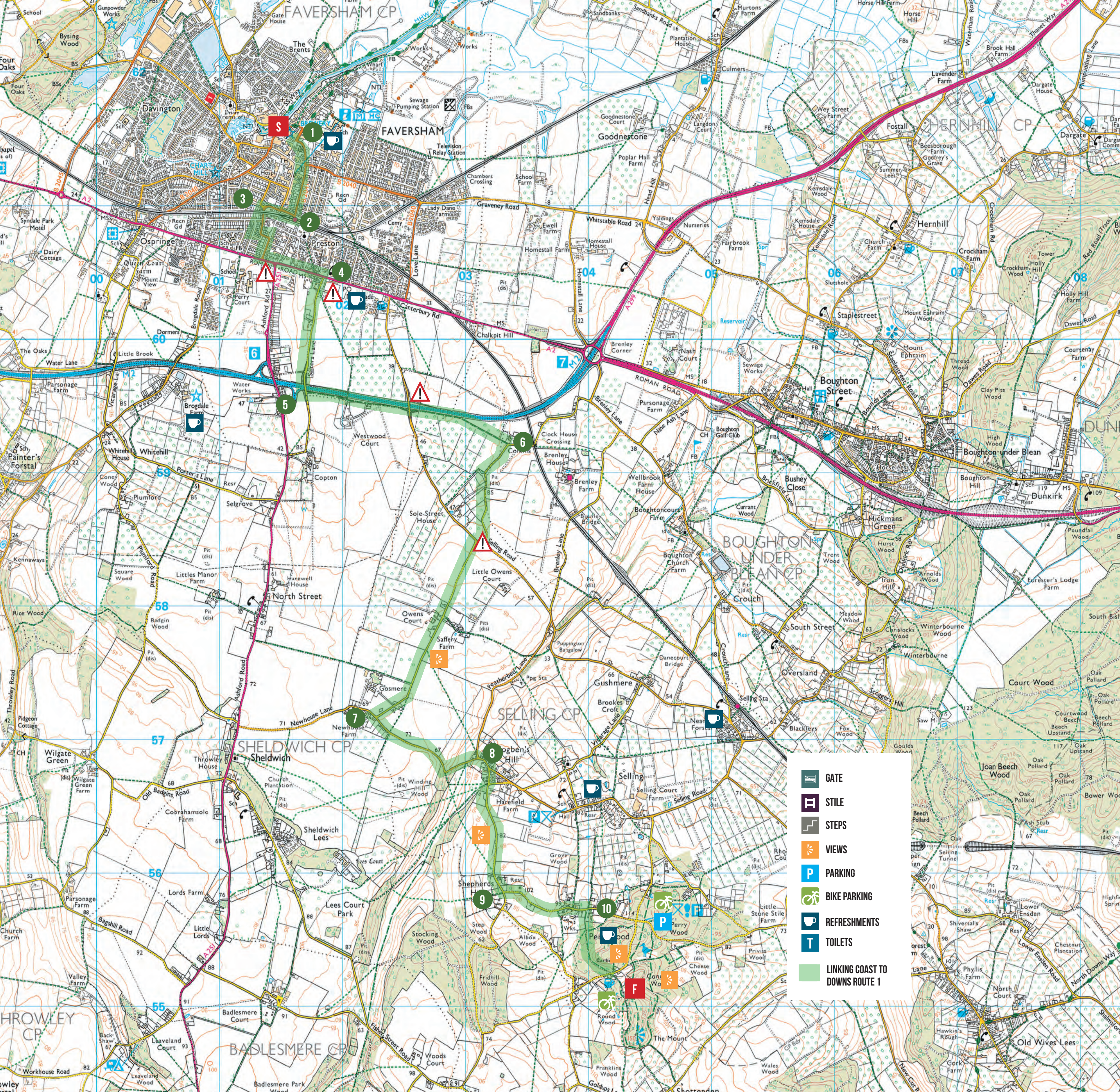
Please remember the countryside code, when walking in rural areas:

- The Countryside Code
- RESPECT- PROTECT- ENJOY
- Be safe, plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people
- Remember to always follow the Highway Code Further information: [www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk](http://www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk)

Artist's impression of The Faversham Fruit Belt area (Sally Barton)







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