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Portsmouth
the waterfront city

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The famous people cycle ride takes you on a tour to uncover some of Portsmouth's famous inhabitants of the past. The ride is 7.5 miles long.

From famous figures from history such as Nelson and Henry VIII to some literary giants, famous engineers and architects – not to mention a 20th century comedian and actor, this ride will open your eyes to some of the many famous people with Portsmouth connections.

This ride gives you just a taste of the many famous names associated with the city. For more details visit one of our Information Centres or join one of our series of guided walks and talks.

At the end of the ride why not visit the City Museum and Records Office, open daily and free of charge the Museum is home to 'A Study in Sherlock' the Arthur Conan Doyle Collection. Bequeathed to the city of Portsmouth by Richard Lancelyn Green, this collection brings together an unparalleled variety of books, documents and objects connected to Holmes and his creator. The exhibition offers visitors the opportunity to encounter many of the collection's extraordinary items.



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Detour A

Highland Road Cemetery – the final resting place for many interesting and distinguished names from Portsmouth's past including many servicemen and women as well as 8 holders of the Victoria Cross, associates of Charles Dickens and even Royalty.

Detour B

Old Portsmouth – this area covers 800 years of history and you will find many more famous connections in its cobbled streets. Also an ideal spot for a drink or bite to eat. The High Street is also the location of the John Pound's memorial Church, his grave and a replica of his house.

Useful Information

Nearest Train Station

Portsmouth Harbour: 1/4 miles from starting point
Portsmouth and Southsea: 3/4 miles from starting point
Fratton: 2 miles from starting point

Rail Enquiries: 08457 484950

What to take with you

Lock, a snack/energy bar and drink, money, spare inner tube, puncture repair kit and pump. Waterproofs and lights dependent on weather and time of day.

Contact the Visitor Information Service for details of local Bike Shops and Bike Hire.

Public Toilets

Public toilets are available at points 1,11,15,17 and at the finish. Opening times vary throughout the year.

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Whether you live in the area or not you may be surprised what the landscape reveals to you.

Cycling lets you explore at your own pace – you can stop and admire the view, watch the birds, have a picnic or take photos.

Regular cycling can help you increase your fitness levels

Increasing motor traffic is the cause of congestion and pollution. Cycling by contrast is quiet, non-polluting and fun. By visiting this area by bike you are helping to reduce the damage caused by cars, as well as having a great day out.

Safety First

- Don't forget to take care and be as safe as possible to enjoy your ride.
- Your bike should be roadworthy
- Pedestrians, horse riders and other cyclists will appreciate a warning when you are approaching from behind.
- You are advised to wear a cycle helmet
- Follow the Highway Code
- Follow the Country Code
- Lock your bike when you leave it
- Where the ride joins the road watch out for traffic.

Portsmouth Healthy Towns project is part of the Change4Life movement. In order to maintain a healthy weight we need to both eat well and move more. Many families are making changes that will help them live healthier and longer lives.

Visit www.nhs.uk/change4life or call 0300 123 4567 for more information.

Portsmouth Visitor Information Service

We have two centres in Portsmouth. One is by the entrance to the Historic Dockyard and the other is on Clarence Parade on the seafront. We offer a range of services including: information on local attractions, events, entertainment and transport; discount tickets and vouchers for local attractions; accommodation bookings; sale of local gifts, maps and publications; local theatre bookings. The Hard centre is open 7 days a week 9:30am-5:15pm. (Closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day), Southsea centre - please contact to confirm.

Why not pop in and see us while you are in Portsmouth or contact us in advance:

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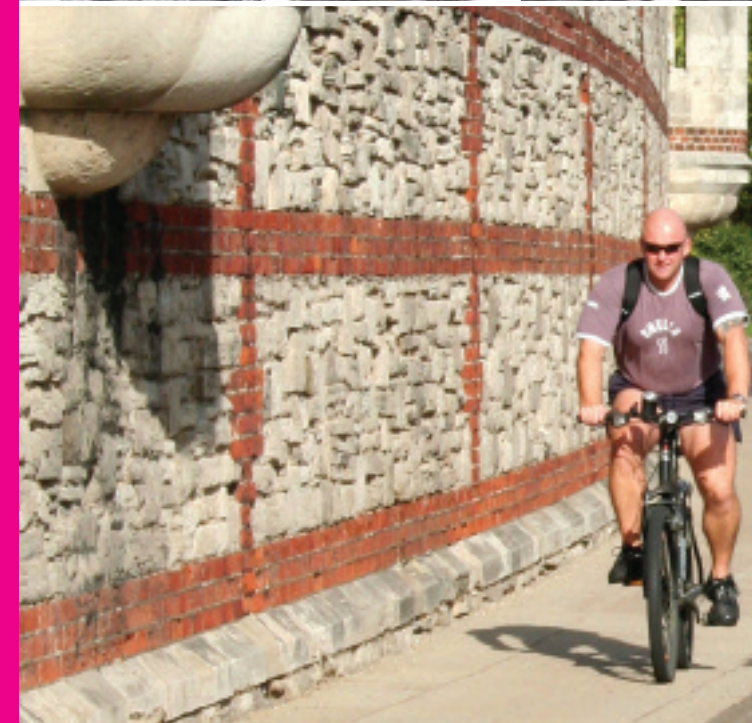


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If you enjoyed this cycle ride, why not try the Southsea seafront or Langstone Harbour cycle rides. Pick up a leaflet from the Portsmouth Visitor Information Centres.

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1 Start at the Visitors Centre at The Hard. **A**



2 Cycle along The Hard until you reach the Isambard Kingdom Monument near St Georges Church. **B**

3 Go down Butcher Street, at junction turn right into Kent Street, then left into Aylward Street to the John Pounds Centre. **C**

4 Continue along Aylward Street, turning right when you reach Queens Street.

5 At the junction move into the right hand lane and cross straight on into Edinburgh Road.

6 After the Cathedral and just before the roundabout turn left onto a cycle path in an underpass. ! Be careful at the top of the underpass where you will need to give way to traffic entering the dockyard.

7 Cross carefully and then follow the cycle path next to the Dockyard Wall until you reach a junction where you follow the road around to the left.

8 Shortly after the No Entry sign (for cars) turn right into Herbert Street to use the underpass.

9 Just before the underpass ends and sweeps to the right watch out for another exit on your right – you might miss it if you are going too fast. From here follow the signs to Dickens' Birthplace. **D**



10 Retrace the route until you come to Edinburgh Road (near the cathedral).

11 Turn right at the next two roundabouts. As soon as you have gone under the railway bridge you will need to cross the traffic to get to Guildhall Square where you must dismount. **E**

12 Push your bike across the square to Guildhall Walk and stop outside the New Theatre Royal. **F**

13 Continue to the crossing to get to the other side of Winston Churchill Avenue and then use the cycle path (heading in the direction of the hotel / East). Turn right into Middle Street and continue until you reach a t-junction.

14 Turn left and then first right into Castle Road. Turn left into St Edward's Road follow the road into The Retreat and turn right at the t-junction. Turn left into Nelson Road, left into Albany Road and where Albany Road bears left, turn right. At the t-junction go straight over into a short road and then right into Albert Road where you will find the Kings Theatre on your right. **G**



15 Cycle along Albert Grove (opposite the theatre) until you reach Campbell Road. Turn right and stop outside the 2nd house on the right. **H**

16 Continue along Campbell Road, turn right into Wilson Grove and then down Chelsea Road. Take the 2nd right. At the junction cross into Marmion Road

You could follow Optional Detour A to Highland Road Cemetery.

Take the 2nd right at the junction cross into Marmion Road. **I**



Detour A Either turn left onto Albert Road until the road bends to the left and turns into Highland Road where you will find the entrance to Highland Road cemetery. If you prefer a quieter route cross Albert Road into Duncan Road, turn left into Wimbledon Park Road. At the end cross to Herbert Road, bear right and turn left into St Ronan's Road, then right into Old Bridge Road, left and then first right into Craneswater Park - here you can go either way to reach Festing Road where you turn left and then 2nd right into Festing Grove. Turn left into Bristol Road follow to junction where you will find the entrance to the Cemetery on your right.

17 Continue along Marmion Road, turning left into Kent Road at the junction. **J** Turn right into Queen's Crescent and then left into Sussex Terrace.

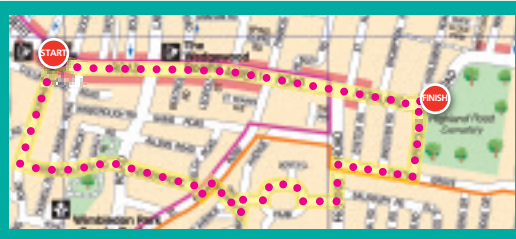
18 At the end turn right onto Kent Road, at the end turn right into Castle Road where you will stop. **K**

19 Continue up Castle Road and along Great Southsea Street until you reach Kings Road. Turn left. **L**

20 At the end of Kings Road go straight over the roundabout into Museum Road. **M**

You could follow Optional Detour B High Street / Old Portsmouth.

Detour B Continue along Museum Road and turn left into High Street, stopping at the Square (Grand Parade) and along Broad Street into Old Portsmouth.



A Portsmouth Historic Dockyard – home to HMS Victory, the world's oldest commissioned ship and a proud memorial to Vice Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson (1758-1805), Britain's greatest Naval hero. The Dockyard is also home to the Mary Rose, a favourite of Henry VIII.



B Monument to Isambard Kingdom Brunel (1806-1859) born in Portsmouth. Brunel was one of the most versatile and audacious engineers of the 19th century, responsible for the design of tunnels, bridges, railway lines and ships.



C John Pounds (1766-1839) was born in Portsmouth and his work in connection with the education, feeding and clothing of hundreds of poor children of the district led, after his death, to the founding of the 'Ragged Schools'.



D Charles Dickens (1812 –1870). Born in Portsmouth Dickens is much loved for his great contribution to classical English literature. He is the quintessential Victorian author: his epic stories, vivid characters and exhaustive depiction of contemporary life are unforgettable. The Dickens Birthplace Museum is open from April to September.



E Walking through the square you will pass the statue of Queen Victoria (1819-1901). Queen Victoria was the longest reigning British monarch and the figurehead of a vast empire. She oversaw vast changes in British society and gave her name to an age.



F The City of Portsmouth is distinguished by two surviving Frank Matcham (1854-1920) theatres. The New Theatre Royal has received many professional and amateur companies through its doors and continues to provide wonderful theatre for Portsmouth. Also home to Othello's Café.

G The second of Portsmouth's Matcham theatres, the Kings. This dignified and beautiful theatre - with its Italian Renaissance style of decor - has most original features intact. Pre- booked tours of both theatres available.

H The author Rudyard Kipling (1865-1936) lived at Lorne Lodge for 6 years from the age of 6. Rudyard is best known for his works of fiction including The Jungle Book, many short stories and his poems including Mandalay, Gunga Din and If.

I Thomas Ellis Owen (1805-1862) the renowned architect lived in Portsmouth. Examples of his work include The Friary and St Jude's Church, others can also be seen as you cycle along Queen's Crescent, Sussex Terrace and Sussex Road. He created charming vistas of Classical and Gothic architecture.



J Fred T Jane (1865-1916) lived in Elphinstone Road, Portsmouth. He was the founding editor of reference books on warships (All the World's Fighting Ships) and aircraft (All the World's Air-ships).



K Peter Sellers CBE (1925-1980) was born on the corner of Castle Road and Southsea Terrace. A British comedian and actor best known for his roles in Dr. Strangelove and as Chief Inspector Clouseau in The Pink Panther film series. Sellers rose to fame on the BBC Home Service radio series The Goon Show.



L H G Wells (1866-1946) was an English author best known for his work in the science fiction genre. As a young man he lived in Southsea and was apprenticed for two years in the drapery trade at 'Edwin Hide'. The building stood on the corner of Kings Road and St Paul's Road.



M Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (1859-1930) worked as a G.P. at 1 Bush Villas, Southsea where he created his iconic characters Sherlock Holmes and Doctor Watson. As well as being a physician and author he was also a sportsman, political pamphleteer and Spiritualist campaigner.

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