

## Heritage Loop

The 2nd circular route of Lauren's Ride, ideal for horse riders with friends or family on bicycles

Grade	Long distance
Distance	28 km / 16 miles
Time	4-6 hours
Start	Plough and Flail pub in Mobberley, WA16 7DB. Please ring first on 01565 873537
Map	OS Explorer 268
Terrain	Country lanes, bridleways and tracks, some major road crossings
Barriers	Various bridlegates
Toilets	For patrons of pubs en route
Contact	Cheshire East Public Rights of Way Tel. 01270 686029, Email: <a href="mailto:pro@cheshireeast.gov.uk">pro@cheshireeast.gov.uk</a>



## Route Details

The Heritage Loop circular horse ride runs through the old centre of Mobberley, one of the oldest parishes in England and mentioned in the Domesday book, before passing right next to Manchester International Airport where Concorde is now housed. It returns past the National Trust's Quarry Bank Mill and along a prehistoric track on Lindow Moss where the remains of Iron Age 'Lindow Pete' were found.

The Heritage Loop, together with the Cheshire Cheese Loop, are the two circular routes which together form Laureen's Ride, a 53 km / 33 mile ride in the green heart of Cheshire East, ideal for horse riders with friends or family on bicycles. The route can be ridden as two separate loops, or as a long distance ride over two or three days using local accommodation for horse and rider. There are few hills to climb and lush scenery to enjoy. Signposting, plus maps and route guides mean you don't have to worry about losing your way. Of course walkers will love the route too.

Here are some comments from riders who have ridden the route:

*"Lovely country lanes and plenty of canter opportunities"*

Terry Hobin

*"Very enjoyable, easy to follow ride, through pretty countryside over a variety of terrain providing interest for both horse and rider"*

Emma Davies

## Safety

Please ride safely; tell someone where you are going and take a mobile phone. Leave gates as you find them and respect livestock and other path users. Please follow the Countryside Code. Note that the route crosses a number of major roads and includes some road riding. It is recommended that before undertaking any part of this route, both horse and rider should be adequately insured against public liability. Membership of The British Horse Society can provide this (terms and conditions apply). Please call 024768 40506 or visit <http://www.bhs.org.uk/> to become a member.

Laureen's Ride was developed by North Cheshire Riders in partnership with Cheshire East Council, with funding from the British Equestrian Federation, British Horse Society and local riding groups.

## Visitor information

### Bed and breakfast

Trafford House Farm, Row of Trees, Beswicks Lane 01625 582160, [www.traffordhousefarm.co.uk](http://www.traffordhousefarm.co.uk) including horses.

Rylands, Wilmslow, contact 01625 535646 [www.rylandsfarm.com](http://www.rylandsfarm.com), horse accommodation is available next door at Holly Bank Stables, contact Ruth Meehan

07921 099657.

### Horsebox camping

Mobberley Riding School, Newton Hall Lane, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 7LQ, 01565 873123  
[www.mobberleyridingschool.co.uk](http://www.mobberleyridingschool.co.uk)

### Pubs with horsebox parking

Plough and Flail, Paddock Hill, Mobberley, Cheshire WA16 7DB 015650 873537

Stag's Head, Mill Lane, Great Warford, Cheshire SK9 7TY 01565 872350

### Other parking

Manor Farm, Seven Sisters Lane, Ollerton, Knutsford, Cheshire WA16 8RL, contact Andrew Callwood 07768 110275  
[www.manorfarmhorseshow.co.uk/index.html](http://www.manorfarmhorseshow.co.uk/index.html)

Layby on Blackden Lane see Cheshire Cheese Loop map.

### Saddlers and feed merchant

Chelford Farm Supply, Knutsford Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire SK11 9AS, 01625 861588

### Farrier

Paul Randles 07831 384414

## Vets

Wright and Morten 08458 330034

## Horsebox repair

Horsebox Hospital [www.horseboxhospital.co.uk](http://www.horseboxhospital.co.uk) 01565 722806

You'll find more listings on [www.northcheshireriders.webs.com](http://www.northcheshireriders.webs.com). This ride is part of the BHS National Bridleroute Network; see [www.emagin.org](http://www.emagin.org) for more ride ideas.

## Directions

Park at the Plough and Flail Mobberley. Ring first on 01565 873537 and afterwards make sure you clear up after your horse before you leave. Reach the Plough and Flail from the B5085 Knutsford to Alderley Edge Road postcode WA16 7DB. Turn up Paddock Hill Lane and turn first right. For other parking see [www.northcheshireriders.webs.com](http://www.northcheshireriders.webs.com).

1. Turn left from the pub car park and, 100 yards past the pub, left again to a restricted byway. From the restricted byway turn left on Moor Lane with a caravan site on your right, passing a garden centre then left again on Rotherwood Road, a restricted byway. Go straight on for about a mile and bear right on Eccups Lane with another caravan site on your left.
2. At the end of Eccups Lane turn right then immediately left at Morley Green, riding to the T junction with the A538, then left where there is a wide verge. Cross over the A538 into the old road by the bus shelter and ride straight ahead, across the car park, with the kind permission of the of the Holiday Inn, until you see a public bridleway on the right.
3. Turn down here and follow the track beside Manchester Airport for about a mile to a T junction. Turn left on Moss Lane, then after half a mile, right on restricted byway, Wilkins Lane. From Wilkins Lane turn right into Holly Lane and left at the next junction, still on Holly Lane, passing the Ship pub, and then turn right at a T junction onto Hollin Lane.
4. From Hollin Lane turn right in a few yards into Holt's Lane, a restricted byway, through Styal Mill Country Park, passing the Apprentice House before turning right with the Historic Mill itself on your left. Caution; the cobbles are very worn; dismount here and remount on the far side of the bridge, using the mounting blocks kindly provided by the National Trust.
5. Climb the hill and keep straight on, passing to the left of a farm building and, half a mile beyond the Mill, turn left, crossing the A638 again to the wide verge on the far side. Turn right on Nan's Moss Lane and right again at the T junction on Mobberley Road.
6. At Morley Green retrace your steps, turning left onto Eccups Lane and on to Rotherwood Road. At Moor Lane turn left this time, then immediately right into Cumber Lane to pass tennis courts. Turn right on Gravel Lane, right on Knutsford Road, immediately right again and finally left on Upcast Lane.
7. On Upcast Lane turn right on the bridleway by a house opposite the cricket club. At the T junction of tracks turn left, and follow this round several bends. Keep straight on over a cross roads where the track becomes tarmac. After the third bend the track takes you down to the road. Turn right on this B road (it is a 30mph zone with Ridden Horse warning signs) and shortly left again into Warford Lane.
8. Take the first right, Noah's Ark Lane, and at the staggered 4 way junction take the second left,

Pedley House Lane. \*After ¼ mile turn right onto a bridleway and go straight on.

9. Where the tarmac goes left\* take the gate half right in front of you to the right of the fishing pond. Go between the barn and the hedge and follow the hedge around the side of the field to a gate under trees. Go through this gate and keep to the left hand field edge round two sides of the field to a double set of gates onto a hedged green lane. This leads you to the Bull's Head and Roebuck pubs.

10. Turn right in front of the Bull's Head and at the T junction turn right in front of the Victory Hall on the far side then immediately left on Church Lane. Pass Mobberley Church and after ¾ mile turn right on Lady Lane. At the far end of Lady Lane take the bridleway on the right just before the airport gate.

11. At the end ride straight ahead on Ostler's Lane, then right at the T junction into Blakeley Lane. Pass Davenport Lane on your right keeping straight on but shortly turn right into Newton Hall Lane, crossing a small stream. At the T junction turn right, which is still Newton Hall Lane but carries more traffic.

12. After a few yards, take the bridleway on the left, Graveyard Lane. At the end turn right on Moss Lane, passing Egerton's Recovery, and then left on Paddock Hill. Keep straight on at the junction to reach the Plough and Flail.

\*join the southern Cheshire Cheese Loop here