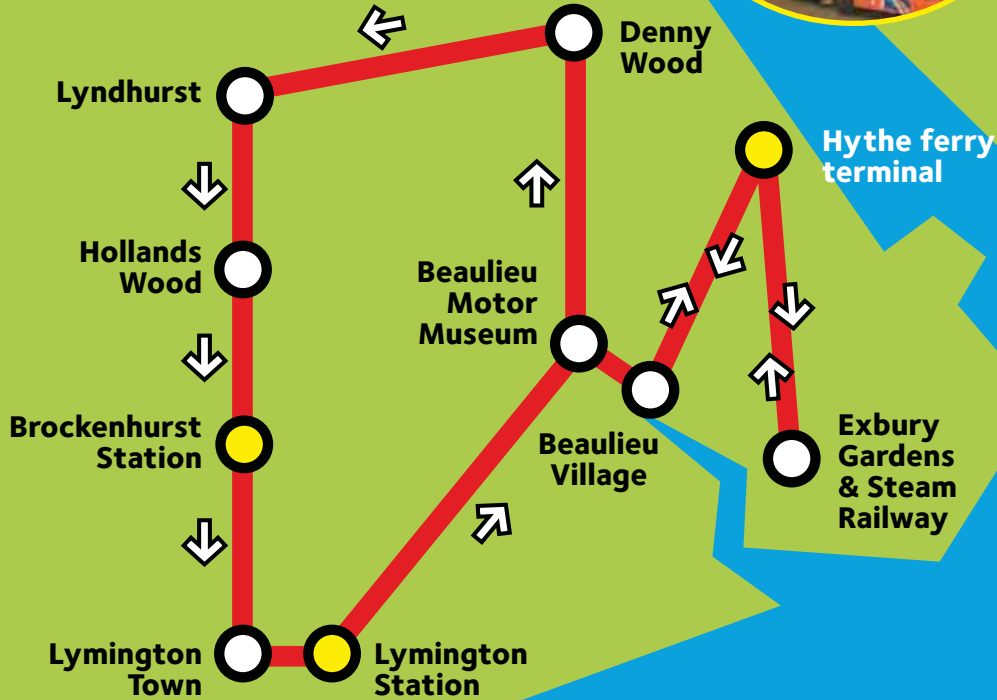


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Bay Tour

Ride 5 5a

Lymington to the Isle of Wight

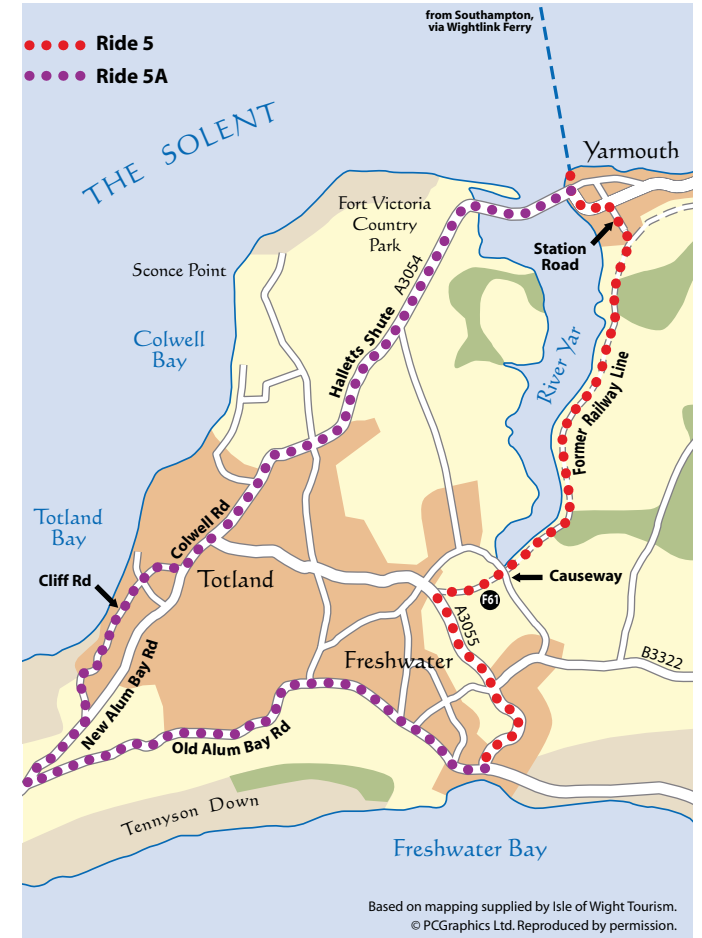
Off road/on road
Both

Distance
5 6 miles (10km)
5a 9 miles (15km)

Grade
5 Easy
5a Challenging due to
road sections and
inclines

**New Forest
Tour stop**
Lymington (ask driver
to drop you near to the
ferry terminal)

Hop on the **New Forest
Tour** anywhere on its
route and get off at
Lymington to cycle the
short distance to the
IOW ferry terminal.



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Lymington to the Isle of Wight

Route Information

These rides take you to the beautiful Isle of Wight via the Wightlink ferry at Lymington. Explore the west of the island by taking either route 5 to Freshwater Bay, and back or Route 5a that gives you the option of continuing onto Alum Bay, Totland Bay and Colwell Bay before the downhill stretch back to Yarmouth for the ferry.

Yarmouth Town

The first thing you see when arriving via the ferry is the impressive 700ft long timber pier dating from 1876. This grade two listed building has the names of the people that funded its restoration in the 1990's, recorded on the deck of the pier.

Freshwater Bay

This Victorian village has many shops and a beautiful beach, but its main claim to fame is being the home to, poet laureate, Alfred Lord Tennyson. The cliff top views are breathtaking and worth a short trip off route to experience them.

Cycle Hire facilities that serve this ride

Brockenhurst

Cyclexperience

The Island Shop, Brookley Road

Tel 01590 624204

Open 9.30am–5.00pm 7 days a week

You can take your bike on the ferry for free

Country Lanes

Mountain bikes, touring bikes, tandems, children's bikes, trailer bikes and trailers

The Railway Carriage, Brockenhurst Station, Brockenhurst, Hants, SO42 7TW

Tel: 01590 622627

Open 9.30am–5.00pm, 6 days a week, closed Mondays

Visitor Information Centre

Yarmouth, The Quay

General Information Tel 01983 813818

'Bay Tour'

Ride 5

starts with a short on road section picking up the cycle track by the River Yar with its beautiful scenery. The last half mile joins the A3055 into Freshwater with its superb beach. To return to Yarmouth and the ferry crossing just retrace your steps via the track by the river Yar. Approximately 6 Miles (10km)

Route 5a

For those wishing to undertake the full IOW cycling experience continue west along the front on road towards Alum Bay, for the trip back to Yarmouth. Please note, this route includes hills and is on road. Approximately 9 Miles (15 km)

(Rides 5 and 5A have been reproduced with kind permission from Isle of Wight Tourism. Find out more at www.islandbreaks.co.uk. More cycle routes on the Isle of Wight can be found in the booklet 'A guide to Cycling Trails on the Isle of Wight' which is available at all the seven Tourist Information Centres on the Island.)

Ride 5

- 1 Get off the New Forest Tour in Lymington and cycle to the ferry terminal to buy your ticket to Yarmouth.
- 2 Once off the ferry make your way to the roundabout at the end of the entrance to the terminal. Take the first exit (A3054) and follow the Isle Of Wight cycle route signs (see photo) to the Yar Estuary.
- 3 Continue down this off road track with the estuary on your right. Keep going straight crossing a minor road next to a bridge with a church (ducks in flight picture) until you meet up with the A3055.

- 4 Turn left onto this road and follow it down to Freshwater Bay.
- 5 To see the wonderful views of the cliffs continue through the village, east and take the path next to the public conveniences. Please take care with children as the cliffs don't have fences!
- 6 Now you can either follow the directions back to the ferry as set out in 5a or return to Yarmouth and the ferry the same you have just come. 5a is more demanding mainly on road with a few hills to tire you out.
- 7 **Route 5a** Continue towards Alum Bay on road keeping the sea on your left. Keep going until you join up with the B3322 and turn right toward Totland.
- 8 At the top of the hill turn left towards Totland Bay and follow the road along the sea front.
- 9 Re-join the main road by turning left onto the A3054 towards Yarmouth. You will see the ferry terminal over the bridge on entering the village.
- 10 Return to Lymington via the ferry and link up with the New Forest Tour again to take you back to your destination.

