

Route 4

Village and Lakeside Trail

12.0 miles
(4.8 miles on road/7.2 miles off road)

Free parking is available at Roadford Lake. To access the ride, use the Forest or Gaddacombe car parks, both of which are near the route. From Gaddacombe Cross you can access a permissive brideway which runs northwards and around the perimeter of the lake, courtesy of the South West Lakes Trust. You can also ride on the cycleway here in dry weather. These routes are shown in green on the route map. Alternatively, paid parking is available at the main visitor centre. If parking with a horse-box or trailer, please use the top two (unsurfaced) tiers of the car park.

From the Forest car park access track, turn right along the road to Headson Cross.

At Headson Cross, turn left and follow the road for 1¾ miles to Bratton Clovelly.

Turn right at the junction near the Clovelly Inn, and then turn left along the road signed "Boasley" and "South Reed Fisheries".

Continue straight on for ½ mile then take the public brideway on the left hand side.

Follow this brideway for 2 miles passing Voaden and Blackbroom.

Take the brideway on the left where the two brideways split (if you get to the A3079 you have gone too far)!

Follow this brideway for 1 mile passing

Black Bangworthy Cottage to the road. Turn left along the road passing West Grindhill.

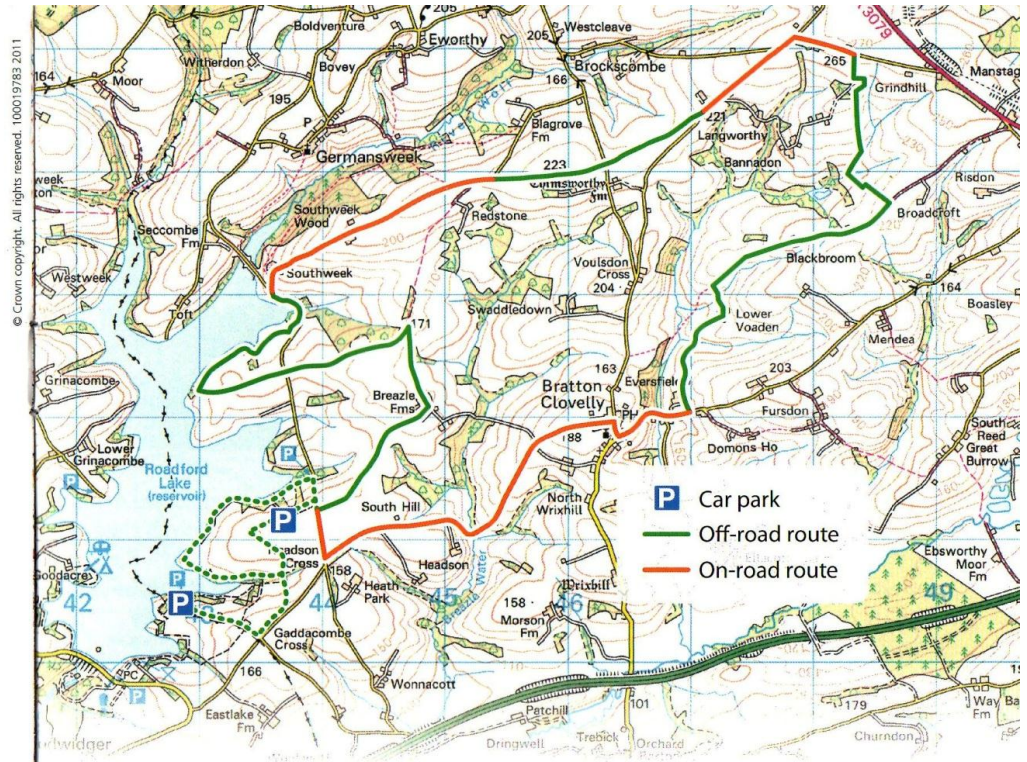
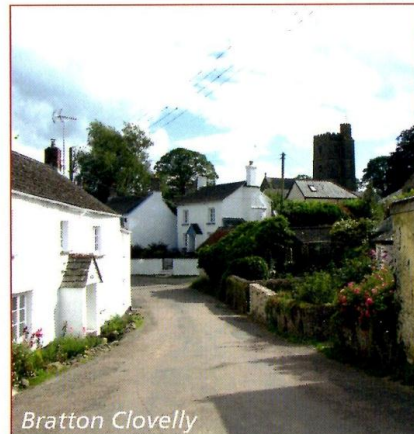
At the end of this road, turn left (signed "Bratton Clovelly") and continue straight on for ⅔ mile.

Take the public brideway on the right hand side and cross Brock's Moor Field.

Cross straight over the lane and follow the public brideway straight ahead.

Where the brideway meets a road, follow the road straight on. Do not follow the public brideway that runs off to the left, but continue straight on along the road for 1¼ miles, passing Southwek and ending at a road.

Enjoy the excellent views over Roadford Lake on this part of the route. Roadford Lake, also known as Roadford Reservoir, is a man-made reservoir fed by the River Wolf. It is the largest area of fresh water in the South West of England. Operated by South West Water, it directly supplies water for North Devon. It also supplies Plymouth and south west Devon via releases into the River Tamar for abstraction at Gunnislake.



With over 730 acres of water, Roadford Lake is a spectacular lake with ample parking. On the southern bank you will find the Lakeside Cafe and Function Suite which includes a Visitor Centre, giving information on the history of the valley, with interactive exhibits. The Lakeside cafe and gift shop and Visitor Centre are open daily. Visitors to this side of the lake can enjoy miles of footpaths and a cycleway which winds its way through a maturing planted forest overlooking the Lake. Alternatively you can take a rowing boat or the seasonal ferry to explore the scenery from a different perspective from the water.

Visit www.swlakestrust.org.uk for more information.

At the road junction, turn left and then take the public brideway

immediately on the right hand side.

Follow this brideway along the edge of Roadford Lake for ¾ mile and then return to the road along the brideway, where it turns to the left runs along a lane.

Cross straight over the road and continue along the public brideway for ⅔ mile. At its junction with another public brideway, turn right and follow the brideway through the yard of North Breazle Farm.

Continue to follow the brideway along the farm access track back to the road.

Turn right along the road and then immediately left to return to the Forest car park.

Refreshments are available from "The Clovelly Inn" in Bratton Clovelly or from the Lakeside Café at Roadford Lake.