

Cycling

in Windsor Great Park



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The great expanse of Windsor Great Park makes it an ideal location to explore on bicycle. Motor vehicles and motor cycles are restricted, so apart from the occasional Estate or Park resident vehicle, you will often enjoy generally vehicle-free roads.

Please note that parts of the Park can become extremely busy at times. On major event days, especially those focussed on Smiths Lawn and Guards Polo Club, there can be considerable vehicle movements, especially between Blacknest Gate and Smiths Lawn. Please take special care in these areas, especially if cycling with children.

The National Cycle Route 4 passes through Windsor Great Park, and there is an extensive network of roads along which cycling is permitted.

This leaflet is intended to make your cycling experience in Windsor Great Park as enjoyable as it possibly can be, and to advise you of certain restrictions put in place to safeguard you, and others. Please take the time to read this leaflet carefully.

Happy cycling.

Rules of the road

You must always adhere to the Highway Code when cycling in the Park, and show care and consideration for other road users. You must also conform to the Park Bylaws, displayed at every entry gate.

When cycling in Windsor Great Park, please slow down for and, where necessary, give way to:

- Pedestrians
- Motor vehicles
- Horse riders
- Animals

Please keep to the left when cycling, do not ride more than 6 to a group and 2 abreast, and in all other respects follow the rules as if you were cycling on a public road.

Please take special care near children or dogs, and if necessary dismount to pass by safely.

Cyclists must not, at any time, exercise dogs whilst cycling. There have been serious accidents within the Park as a result of this activity.

Racing or cycling at excessive speed is both dangerous and anti-social to other Park users. If you or your group are found cycling at excessive speed, you will be asked to leave the Park.

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The Park Wardens can be contacted on 07833 543025 for any urgent concerns requiring immediate attention whilst in the Park.

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Where can I cycle?

This map shows exactly where cycling is permitted. The Park closes at dusk and cycling is only allowed during daylight hours. Please note that all cyclists must keep to the permitted roads and paths, and that off-road cycling is not permitted.

If you wish to cycle off-road, Swinley Forest, part of the Windsor Estate, offers a specific expert mountain bike area. Full details can be found at: www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/leis-mountain-biking-and-leisure-cycling.

- Cycling is not permitted at any time on The Long Walk.
- The Savill and Valley Gardens are pedestrian only areas, and cyclists should plan their routes through Windsor Great Park to avoid cycling through these Gardens, the boundaries of which are clearly delineated by signs.
- The South side of Virginia Water Lake is extremely popular with walkers and joggers, and the roadway is narrow. Please take extra care if cycling here.

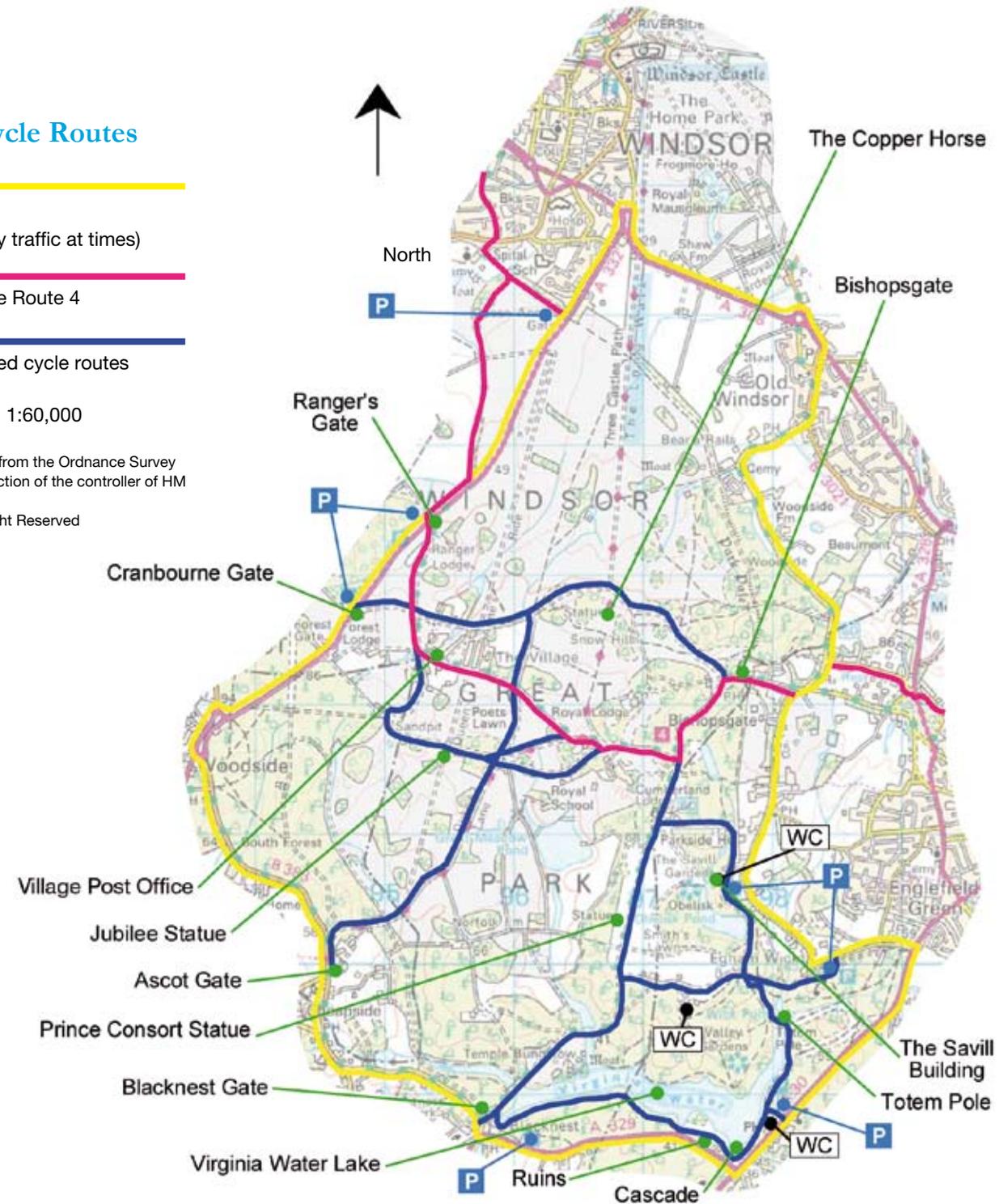
All Crown Estate staff are tasked with working with cyclists to make sure that these reasonable requests are adhered to. Please help them in their job. The Crown Estate will not tolerate any form of abuse towards its staff whilst they are engaged in their duties, and will deal firmly with visitors to the Park who do not respect its employees and their reasonable requests.

Key to Cycle Routes

- Public Road
(beware heavy traffic at times)
- National Cycle Route 4
- Other permitted cycle routes

Scale approx: 1:60,000

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Refreshments

A full range of refreshments are available from The Savill Building, which is open daily from 10am - 6pm (March - October) and 10am - 4pm (November-February).

Bicycles are not permitted in The Savill Building or on the Terrace. Please use the cycle racks provided at the front of the Building.

The Windsor Great Park Post Office and Village Store, situated in the heart of the Park, is open daily and offers a range of hot and cold drinks and refreshments. Picnic tables and chairs make this a wonderful stopping off point as you cycle through the Park.

There are also kiosks on Obelisk lawn (seasonal), at Blacknest Gate and the Totem Pole (weekends), and at Virginia Water car park (year round).

