

ASPARAGUS & STRAWBERRIES 414km Permanent

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Starting from Manningtree Station CO11 2LH or any other control

GPS route downloadable from - <https://ridewithgps.com/routes/34227982> or <https://ridewithgps.com/events/156034-asparagus-strawberries-400km>

1] Manningtree to Ixworth 50kms

L @ T A137 [from Station approach rd] under bridge & L

1st exit RBT \$ HADLEIGH B1070

In Hadleigh – **CARE!** Narrow streets, heavy traffic,

L [eff SO] @ T [**STOP \$**]

SO mrbt

L@T & R to cross A1071 onto A1141 \$

Lavenham @ Semer, rd becomes B1115, thru' Bildeston

L on RH bend in Hitcham \$ BRETtenham [@ White Horse PH]

1st R \$ Buxhall

L @ X \$ BRETtenham

R @ T \$ FELSHAM

1st L \$ FELSHAM

1st R \$ Rattlesden Gliding Club, FELSHAM

L & L@T @ green in Felsham \$ Bury St Edmunds

& soon R after church \$ Bury St Edmunds

2nd R \$ HESSETT

SO at **STOP** sign in Beyton \$ Stowmarket [1-way]

L @ T & pass under A14 to THURSTON

R @ T \$ PAKENHAM

2nd exit mrbt \$ IXWORTH

SO @ X \$ IXWORTH

R @ T & L to cross busy A143 **CARE!**

IXWORTH CONTROL [50kms]

Shops in High St.

Toilet behind library/village hall to R

2] Ixworth to Halesworth 57kms

Cont. up High St to R @ T \$ Ipswich A1088

2nd exit RBT \$ WALSHAM-LE-WILLOWS

L & L @ T [grass tri] B1113 \$ Rickinghall

Ignore 1st R \$ Gislingham

Soon 2nd R \$ GISLINGHAM where L@ T \$ EYE

Soon L opp church \$ MELLIS

In Mellis, cross common then R \$ YAXLEY

L after RH bend at end of Yaxley village \$ EYE

L @ T & R @ A140 staggered X **CARE!** \$ EYE

R@T B1077 \$ Debenham, into Eye town centre....

Soon L onto B1117 \$ STRADBROKE

After Stradbroke, take 2nd of 2 L turns on RH bend \$ HALESWORTH still B1117

In Halesworth, road becomes A144

1st exit RBT, pass church...

...then L @ 'Angel' PH [good lunch menu] into pedestrianised area 'Cyclists Dismount' – **traffic is one way against you here – proceed with caution!!**

HALESWORTH CONTROL [107kms]

Several pubs/cafes/shops/bakers/ATMs along High St.

3] Halesworth to Acle 43kms

From High Street cont north up High St to R opp Library

2nd exit RBT B1123 \$ Southwold

In Holton [1.5km] L [eff SO] on RH bend \$ BECCLES B1124

L@T A145 \$ BECCLES

SO @ RBT \$ BECCLES

SO TLS \$ TOWN CENTRE

L eff SO \$ Town Centre to join 1-way system

SO TLS

Bear L into Market Place and keep R to...

R@T \$ The Quay

L@X \$ GILLINGHAM

L@T onto A146 \$ Norwich **[CARE – BUSY] To RH lane for...**

R @ RBT \$ Yarmouth A143 **[CARE!!]**

Shortly L \$ Raveningham

R&L to cross B1136 \$ REEDHAM FERRY

Take the Reedham Ferry
[£1 each, groups arriving together please collect fares to pay for the group]

Cont thru Freethorpe, Moulton St Mary

SO mrbt

R @ T opp church in Acle, [Budgens on L here] soon.....

Control at: Co-Op, tea rooms, shops, Barclays ATM [toilets on L just before....]

ACLE CONTROL [150kms]

4] Acle to Wells 67kms

Continue L from control \$ UPTON, soon L @ T

R in Panxworth \$ SALHOUSE B1140

3rd exit @mrbt \$ WROXHAM

2nd exit @ mrbt \$ WROXHAM A1151

Over bridge & soon L \$ Village Centre

L @ T \$ Long Stay Parking & Coaches B1354

In Coltishall bear L & L @ T B1150 \$ Norwich

Soon R @ mrbt B1354 \$ AYLISHAM

[Ignore 1st L \$ Aylsham]

L @ T A140

3rd exit @ RBT & AYLISHAM

SO mrbt [Tesco], cont thru Aylsham \$ Blickling Hall

In Saxthorpe, 2nd exit RBT \$ Holt

Soon L on RH bend \$ MELTON CONSTABLE
[In Melton Constable: Indian Takeaway & bus shelter at top of village for al fresco dining, Co-Op to 10pm if running late for getting food at Wells]

2nd R after B1110 [x] \$ Thursford, Brick Kiln Rd

SO @ X A148 \$ Thursford Green

Shortly L \$ Walsingham after 2 [x] roads

L @ T \$ WIGHTON

SO @ X \$ WIGHTON

In Wighton, SO [R & L] @ Green & R @ T \$ WELLS

L @ T & 1st R Polka Rd both \$ TOWN CENTRE
Co-Op on R for control [open until 22:00] or:
Follow \$ L to Town Centre or cont to Quay – distant views of **THE SEA** [if you're lucky!]
2x Fish n' Chip Restaurants on L at Quay close at 21:00, Golden Fleece pub, other options in town centre

WELLS CONTROL [218kms]

5] Wells to Barton Mills 79kms

From Quay L \$ Methodist Church opp phone box

R@T & IMM L@T \$ Fakenham A149, soon becomes B1105

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2nd exit RBT A1065 \$ SWAFFHAM [24 hour garage here]

SO mrbts & TLS in Swaffham \$ Thetford A 1065

SO at Mundford RBT still A1065

CARE! At level crossing into Brandon

[Before 01:00, takeaways open in Brandon]

In Brandon, R @ TLS A1065 \$ Mildenhall & SO TLS

Cont to R into services and McDonalds just before the large Five Ways RBT [A11/A1101/A1065]

BARTON MILLS CONTROL [297kms]

ABBREVIATIONS:

R-Right

L-Left

SO-Straight on

@-At

Thru-Through

IMM-Immediately

opp-Opposite

TLS-Traffic Lights

RBT-Roundabout

mrbt-Mini Roundabout

\$ Lavenham-Sign to

**\$ DEDHAM-Sign to-
and go to/through**

X-Crossroads (give way)

[x]-Crossroads (in your favour)

R/LH Right/Left Hand

Grass tri-grass triangle

6] Barton Mills to Saffron Walden 47kms

Follow exit \$ to L from car park & L to continue to RBT, where R [4th Exit] \$ A11 Newmarket

Soon 1st L \$ Tuddenham

2nd R \$ Herringswell, after LH bend

SO @ X \$ KENNETT

1st L \$ KENTFORD

L @ T \$ KENTFORD

R @ X \$ NEWMARKET B1506

L eff SO TLS

24 hour BP garage just before:

2nd exit at Clock Tower RBT \$ Haverhill

Along High Street then **L opp Shell Garage \$ Haverhill** B1061, becomes B1052 later

CARE at oblique level crossing!!

Cont to Balsham, where downhill, [bus shelters on L] look out for.....

L NO \$ Linton Road - wide junction, but easily missed, still B1052

[If you soon come to L \$ Hildersham at end of village you overshot!]

In Linton, R @ T [one-way] keep L [SO] where becomes 2 way \$ Hadstock

L @ T \$ Haverhill A1307 **CARE!**

IMM R \$ HADSTOCK B1052

In Saffron Walden, SO 3 mrbts to mrbt at Common, where R [3rd exit] Church St \$ Swan Meadow Car Park

1st L @ [x] [narrow – well hidden! - 'King's Arms' \$ to L] or *cont to L @ T: Costcutter on R near TLS opens 06:00*

Into Market Place for ATMs

SAFFRON WALDEN CONTROL [344kms]

7] Saffron Walden to Manningtree 70kms

From Mkt PI leave at bottom L corner to L @ T...

From Costcutter, L @ TLS....

2nd exit mrbt

Fork L in 1-way system \$ Thaxsted, SO TLS x2

...Cont on Radwinter Rd B1053

Shortly after Radwinter, R @ [x] B1053
\$ FINCHINGFIELD

L opp Sampford Church \$ FINCHINGFIELD

L @ T, over bridge & bear R up hill past church
B1053 \$ WETHERSFIELD, cont. to Sible
Hedingham

R@T \$ Braintree

R@T \$ Braintree A1071 [Corner Café in Sible
Hedingham on R opp Total garage, opens 08:00]
Garage may be open earlier - has toilets

Soon L no \$ into Alderford Street - in dip in village
street, just after speed camera \$ on L

Fork L on climb no \$ [Avoid R fork - shorter, but
'agricultural' surface!]

R@T \$ Gt Maplestead

1st L \$ Gt Maplestead [Purls Hill]

Soon 1st R \$ LT MAPLESTEAD on fast, twisting
descent!

R@T & IMM L, no \$

L@T & IMM R at A131 \$ PEBMARSH **[CARE!]**

After Pebmarsh, follow BURES \$s, keeping R

L@T \$ BURES

R@T in Bures Hamlet, at foot of hill

L@T \$ Sudbury

7 [cont.] Over River Stour, soon R on LH bend
[CARE! – blind to L] @ Church \$ Car Park

R @ T \$ Colchester A134
cross back over river

2nd L \$ BOXTED, ascend Burnt Dick Hill....

L@T \$ BOXTED

CARE down Parsonage Hill, T junction at foot
L @ this T \$ DEDHAM [\$ missing 27.05.17] &
climb Cooks Hill....

L@T \$ DEDHAM

L@T \$ Ipswich

Soon 1st R half-way down hill on LH bend
[CARE!]

L@T & thru Dedham

L after RH bend in Dedham \$ LAWFORD
Manningtree Rd & climb Jupes Hill

L @ T no \$, descend with care under bridge and
climb
Mill Hill

L @ T onto A137 \$ MANNINGTREE

L @ mrbt [Lawford Garage on R – can control
here...]

Descend Cox's Hill to...

L [1st exit] @ RBT and IMM L to Station.

Buffet café receipt or platform ticket for PoP
ATM in Manningtree centre – 2nd exit RBT

ARRIVEE CONTROL

Post brevet card with all 'proof of passage' to:

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or email GPS track to grant@huggys.co.uk