

Hampshire BDS Carriage Driving Route 5: Ocknell, Mogshade, Sandy Ridge and Sluffers.

Start :	Ocknell car park (SU 232119). This may be closed in the winter, in which case use Cadman's Pool car park.
Distance :	Approx 9 miles.
Terrain :	Less commonly used tracks that take you through two underpasses under the A31 and some varied scenery. Mostly good gravel tracks but rough in a few places.
Instructions :	<p>On the way out of Ocknell car park turn back through a bar gate on your right. Past Ocknell pond which dries up in summer, the track turns right. Keep straight on across the plain to Winding Stonard. Swing right and skirt the wood towards your first underpass. Most ponies will happily go through ignoring the traffic.</p> <p>On emerging turn right on a rough track and follow this to Mogshade Hill where you reach the road at a bar-gate. A short distance to your left is the Canadian Memorial and here you should cross over into the cycle track on the right (Post 105). A gentle downhill trot leads you past the deer sanctuary to a stream with a seat where we often stop for coffee.</p> <p>About 1 mile from the road, turn right off the cycle route to Blackensford Hill and right again up the hill to Sandy Ridge and Bratley Wood. This pretty track leads you back up to the A31, where you have to take a detour to your left to reach the second underpass at Upper Lazy Bushes. Cross under and turn right onto the cycle route (Post 89).</p> <p>A right turn (at Post 61) brings you back to the A31 and round the edge of the wood where you enter a gate into Sluffers Enclosure (Post 60). Follow the cycle route all the way from here, crossing the road (at Posts 59 and 58) until you reach the Fritham road (at Post 56). A short way to the right is the entrance to Ocknell car park.</p>

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