

Only Craig & Rich out on this exploration of local off-road woods, ideal for nite rides. The route started at the bottom of Common Lane on the B653 in Harpenden heading north past Sauncy Wood. A slight detour (not recommended thru the top end of Batford) can be missed. The route took us around the Woodland route (1) used by novice horse riders, so be extra careful when following the arrow signs around the perimeter. We then head towards Bishey Wood (3). This area is surrounded by wire fence and barbed wire so take care when following the route. There is some great single track for the next 1/2mile. Follow Plummers Lane and turn right at the bottom of hill (signed as a dead end). Much of the next part of the route (4) has recently been surfaced with a shingle for the equestrian users. Heading towards Rounds Wood (5) the route then joins the Chiltern Way (6). This part of the route is rarely used and is hard work (slight gradient) on the suspension and the rider. The last descent (7) is another 1/2 mile towards East Hyde (8), take care as a few hidden rocks lie beneath the grass and mud. The final pathway takes you alongside the River Lea on a recently built Sustrans route .

**Distance – 10 miles**

**Grade – Medium 2 (some heavy off-road when wet)**

**Family Friendly – No**

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