

MONKS AND MONARCHS

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Location	Quarr to Osborne House
Distance	5.3 miles/8.3 km
Duration	1 hour (without breaks)
Terrain	Mostly on cycle track, with some road riding too.
Facilities	Toilets at Quarr and Wootton
Refreshments	Pubs on route and a few cafes

From Quarr the cycle track continues to Fishbourne. Detour right to the village green and watch the ferries. Head back inland to Wootton to the coastal path.

You'll join the National Cycle Network for the climb away from Wootton Bridge. Can you spot an egret on the pretty mill pond? At the top of the hill you'll be cycling on roads for a while but most of these weave through moderately quiet estates. On a regular bicycle these hills might be a challenge but on your e-bike you'll enjoy the assisted cycling for sure!

Once at Whippingham Heights head to St Mildred's Church. The redesign of this attractive building was overseen by Queen Victoria's husband Prince Albert. There is a tea room at the church (open seasonably).

Fortified with tea and cake, continue along Beatrice Avenue, turn right into Crossways. Osborne House is on the main road. Queen Victoria said, of her Isle of Wight home, "It is impossible to imagine a prettier spot." We're sure you'll agree! (Charges apply to house and garden).

