

CYCLING DISCOVERY MAP



Starting point: Stansted Mountfitchet, Hertfordshire/Essex borders

Distance: 30 miles/48 km (or with short cut 14 miles/22 km)

Type of route: Day ride - moderate, circular; on roads



FLINT AND FORGE

This cycle ride starts from the historic village of Stansted Mountfitchet. From here the route heads west, into an attractive landscape of low hills, rich farmland, woods and river valleys - set on the borders of Hertfordshire and Essex. Explore leafy lanes, leading to picturesque villages of plaster, timber, flint and thatch, such as Manuden, Braughing and Much Hadham - the former country seat of the Bishops of London. Look out for the ancient art of pargetting (raised decorative plasterwork). Along this route you can travel back in time to a reconstructed motte and bailey castle, discover a working blacksmith's forge and visit the former home of sculptor Henry Moore.



Much Hadham

Essential information

Starting point:	Stansted Mountfitchet - Lower Street car park.
Alternative starting point:	Much Hadham - High Street. See 'G Much Hadham' for information. Join the route by cycling south along the High Street (B1004) towards Widford. Start from 'direction no. 20'.
Car parking:	Stansted Mountfitchet - Lower Street car park (charge made, free on Sun and Bank Hols). Much Hadham - High Street (free).
Nearest railway station:	Stansted Mountfitchet. Join the route by going SA from the front of the station building (along Station Road). Then at the T-j, turn L onto Chapel Hill, SP 'Bishop's Stortford'. Start from 'direction no. 2'.
Type of route:	Day ride - moderate, circular; on roads.
Summary of route:	Stansted Mountfitchet - Manuden - Furneux Pelham - Braughing - Puckeridge - Standon - Much Hadham - Perry Green - Little Hadham - Albury - Hazel End - Stansted Mountfitchet.
Distance:	30 miles/48 km.
Short cut:	From Furneux Pelham, south along unclassified road (via Patmore Heath) to Upwick Green, 2½ miles (4 km). Total route with short cut, 14 miles (22 km).
Terrain:	Gently rolling. Several easy to moderate climbs. Lowest point - 184 feet (56 metres) at Much Hadham. Highest point - 384 feet (117 metres) between Manuden and Furneux Pelham.
Cycle hire:	None available on this route. Nearest are 2¼ miles south (from Stansted Mountfitchet) at Bishop's Stortford - Planet Bikes, Silver Leys, Hadham Road (01279) 651111.
Cycle repair:	None available on this route. Nearest are 2¼ miles south (from Stansted Mountfitchet) at Bishop's Stortford - Abel Baker Cycles, Unit 11, Southmill Trading Centre, Southmill Road (01279) 758718; Planet Bikes (see cycle hire above).
Ordnance Survey map area:	Landrangers 167 - Chelmsford; and 166 - Luton & Hertford.
National Cycle Network links:	Route 11. This ride follows the NCN from Stansted Mountfitchet to Manuden.

Key to Symbols & Abbreviations

	Cycle Parking
	Places of Interest
	Refreshments
	Children Welcome
	Picnic Site
	Shop
	Toilets
	Tourist Information
	Caution/Take care
L	Left Turn
R	Right Turn
T-j	T-junction
SA	Straight Across/Ahead
X-roads	Cross roads
SP	Sign-posted
NS	Not Sign-posted

Much Hadham



Points of Interest (listed as you would find them along the route)

Please note: within this map there is only room to list basic details regarding opening times. In this respect, if you are planning to visit any of the places of interest on this route, we advise you to telephone in advance to confirm exact opening days and times. Refreshment establishments listed on this map are just a small selection of those available. For further information, please contact the nearest Tourist Information Centre.

This map (no. 8) is one of two (no. 5) cycle routes which start from the historic village of Stansted Mountfitchet on the Hertfordshire/Essex borders.

A Stansted Mountfitchet - dates from Saxon times. 16/17th C. buildings. Under the Normans it passed to the Mountfitchet family who built a timber castle here. 🏰

🏠 **House on the Hill Toy and Rock/Roll Museum** - animated toy museum, with items from Victorian times to the 1990's. Also rock/roll memorabilia. Open all year. Admission charge. (01279) 813237.

Mountfitchet Castle - reconstructed Norman motte and bailey castle, built on its original site. Depicts life 900 years ago. Open Mar-Nov. Admission charge. (01279) 813237. ✂️ 🚰

St. Mary's Church - knight effigy (c.1300), probably Richard de Mountfitchet who built 12th C. castle.

Stansted Mountfitchet Windmill - fine example of brick tower mill, built in 1787, and last worked in 1910. Open selected dates Mar-Oct. Admission charge. (01279) 647213. 🚰

✂️ Wide selection throughout town.

🚰 Lower Street car park (automatic).

B Manuden - pretty riverside village with timbered and plastered houses.

🏠 **St. Mary's Church** - 13th C. but restored. Superb screen. Monument to Sir William Waad, a former Lieutenant of the Tower of London.

✂️ **The Yew Tree Inn** (01279) 812888. 🚰

C Furneux Pelham - largest of three Pelham villages, once owned by 13th C. family. Thatched/pargetted houses.

🏠 **The Hall** - home of Lord Monteagle who helped foil the Gunpowder Plot (1605). *Not open to the public.*

St. Mary's Church - 15th C. but restored. Windows by Morris and Burne-Jones. Unusual inscription on tower clock "Time flies. Mind your business".

✂️ **The Brewery Tap** (01279) 777280. 🚰

D Braughing - once important Roman centre. 16/17th C. buildings and ford. Noted for its sausages. 🏰

🏠 **St. Mary's Church** - mainly 15th C. with imposing spire. Tower contains the county's oldest bell (c.1562).

✂️ **The Brown Bear** (01920) 821600. 🚰

E Puckeridge - former coaching stop. Diarist Samuel Pepys stayed here in 1662. Medieval/Georgian buildings. 🏰

✂️ **Crown and Falcon** (01920) 821561. 🚰

The White Hart (01920) 821309. 🚰

F Standon - former market town, with a wide main street. Set on a flint base (opposite the church) is a large piece of puddingstone, a rare natural rock (made up of rounded flint pebbles) found in Hertfordshire. 🏰

🏠 **St. Mary's Church** - 13th C. built by the Knights of St. John. Detached tower. Monument to Sir Ralph Sadleir, custodian of Mary Queen of Scots.

✂️ **The Bell** (01920) 821639. 🚰

The Star (01920) 821258. 🚰

G Much Hadham - long High Street with well-preserved timber/brick houses. Former country seat of the Bishops of London. Edmund Tudor, father of Henry VII was born here in 1430. 🏰

🏠 **The Forge Museum and Victorian Cottage Garden** - former blacksmith's workshop (1811-1983). Displays and working forge. Garden with early 19th C. bee shelter. Open all year. Admission charge. (01279) 843301. 🚰

Hopleys - 3½ acre garden. Trees, shrubs, island beds and pond. Open Mar-Oct. Admission charge. (01279) 842509. ✂️

St. Andrew's Church - mainly 15th C. Two carved head stops (a king and queen) by sculptor Henry Moore.

✂️ **The Bull Inn** (01279) 842668. 🚰

The Jolly Waggoners (01279) 842102. 🚰

The Old Crown (01279) 842753. 🚰

H Perry Green - set around a green. Sculptor Henry Moore is buried at St. Thomas' Church.

🏠 **The Henry Moore Foundation** - sculptor Henry Moore (1898-1986) moved here from London in 1940, creating a sculpture area and studio. Permanent exhibition of his work. Open Apr-Sept, by appointment only. Admission charge. (01279) 843333. 🚰



The Henry Moore Foundation, Perry Green

I Little Hadham - straddles A120 beside River Ash.

Timber-framed cottages and farmhouses. Ruined windmill.

🏠 **Hadham Hall** - dates from 1575. Former home of Capel family. Queen Elizabeth I stayed in 1578.

Not open to the public.

St. Cecilia's Church - memorials to Lord Arthur Capel, a royalist in the Civil War, who was hanged for treason in 1649; and William Harvey who accompanied Captain James Cook on three of his expeditions around the world.

✂️ **Kick and Dicky** (Wellpond Green) (01920) 821424. 🚰

J Albury - scattered village. The former hall (demolished 1950) was a top secret wartime military installation.

🏠 **Patmore Heath** - outstanding and scarce example of grass heathland. Rich in flora and insects. Open all year. Admission free. (01727) 858901.

St. Mary's Church - 13th C. Altar tomb with knight and his lady effigies.

K Just off the route - Bishop's Stortford (2¼ miles south of route). Set on the River Stort, this market town grew wealthy as a centre for malting, then as a coaching stop. Fine 16/17th C. buildings. Visit the historic market held on Thurs and Sat. 🏰

🏠 Council Offices (The Causeway); Opposite Railway Station (off Station Road); Library (The Causeway).

Cecil Rhodes (1853-1902) - statesman and empire builder born in the town. He found his fortune in the South Africa diamond industry, and also founded Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) in 1893.

🏠 **Rhodes Arts Complex and Bishop's Stortford Museum** (South Road) - birthplace of Cecil Rhodes. Local history, archaeology and Southern Africa displays. Open all year. Admission free. (01279) 651746.

Castle Mound (Castle Gardens) - mound of former castle, built by William the Conqueror. Key to gate from Tourist Information Centre. Open all year. Admission free. (01279) 655831. 🚰

St. Michael's Church (Windhill) - 15th C. with tall spire and Norman font. Memorial to Cecil Rhodes.

✂️ Wide selection throughout town.

🚰 Castle Gardens; Jackson Square; Market Square; Riverside Walk.

🚰 The Old Monastery, Windhill (01279) 655831. Open all year.

L Hazel End - tiny hamlet. Scattering of buildings and pub.

✂️ **The Three Horseshoes** (01279) 813429.

ROUTE DIRECTIONS

STARTING POINT: Stansted Mountfitchet (Lower Street car park).

A Stansted Mountfitchet - historic village, dating from Saxon times. 🏠 ✂ 🚰 🚽

1 At the car park entrance/exit, turn L, and then immediately R at the T-j, to go up Chapel Hill, SP 'Bishop's Stortford 3 B1051'. ⚠

2 At the X-roads with the B1383, go SA onto Bentfield Road (NS). ⚠

3 Turn L onto Bentfield End Causeway, SP 'Manuden'.

4 The road passes through the hamlet of Bentfield Green. Bear L around the corner, SP 'Manuden'.

5 At the T-j, turn R, SP 'Manuden 1/2, Clavering 4 1/4'.

B Manuden - pretty riverside village. 🏠 ✂

6 Bear L around the church, SP 'Berden, Clavering'. Then after a short distance (just after the railings of the big houses), turn L onto Butt Lane (NS).

7 At the T-j, turn R (NS).

8 At the T-j, turn L (NS). This lane passes through the hamlets of Maggots End and East End.

9 Turn R, SP 'Stocking Pelham, Berden'.

Short cut (2 1/2 miles). Total route with short cut - 14 miles. Turn L, SP 'Albury, Little Hadham'. Then after 2 1/2 miles, turn L again, SP 'Upwick Grn 1/2'. Please now continue from 'direction no. 30'.

10 Turn L, SP 'Furneux Pelham, Great Hormead'.

C Furneux Pelham - thatched/pargetted houses. 🏠 ✂

11 Just after passing the church, turn L (NS).

12 At the T-j, turn R, SP 'Braughing'.

D Braughing - once important Roman centre. 🏠 ✂ 🚰

13 At the T-j with Station Road (B1368), turn L, SP 'Puckeridge A10'. ⚠

14 Turn L, SP 'Puckeridge'.

E Puckeridge - medieval/Georgian buildings. ✂ 🚰

15 Turn L, beside the Crown and Falcon onto Station Road (NS).

F Standon - former market town. 🏠 ✂ 🚰

16 Turn R onto South Road (NS).

17 At the T-j with the A120, go SA, SP 'Barwick - light vehicles only'. Please take extra care at this point. ⚠

18 At the T-j in the tiny hamlet of Barwick, turn L (passing through the ford), SP 'Much Hadham, Bishop's Stortford'.

19 Turn R (NS). ⚠

G Much Hadham - long High Street with timber/brick houses. 🏠 ✂ 🚰

20 Turn L onto Bourne Lane, SP 'St. Elizabeths School and Home, Perry Green, Green Tye'.

H Perry Green - former home of sculptor Henry Moore. 🏠



Standon

21 As the road bears R around the corner (beside the cemetery), bear L onto the little lane (NS).

22 Bear L around the corner (NS).

23 After passing through the ford, turn R (NS).

24 At the T-j with the B1004, turn R (NS). ⚠

25 Just after passing the Ash Valley Golf Course, bear L onto a small uphill lane (NS).

26 Turn R, SP 'Little Hadham'.

27 Turn L, SP 'Bishop's Stortford 4 1/2, Puckeridge 4 3/4'. ⚠

I Little Hadham - timber-framed cottages and farmhouses. 🏠 ✂

28 At the staggered X-roads with the A120, turn R at the traffic lights, then immediately L (NS). ⚠

J Albury - scattered village. 🏠

29 Turn R, SP 'Upwick Grn 1/2'.

30 Turn R at the large triangle of grass (NS), then immediately R again, SP 'Bishop's Stortford'.

31 As the road bears around to the R, turn L, SP 'Farnham Green'.

K Just off the route - Bishop's Stortford (go SA, SP 'Bishop's Stortford'. After crossing over the A120, you reach a T-j where you turn R onto the B1004, SP 'Town Centre'). ⚠ Market town, birthplace of Cecil Rhodes. 🚲 🏠 ✂ 🚰 🚽 🚏

32 Turn sharply R (NS). ⚠

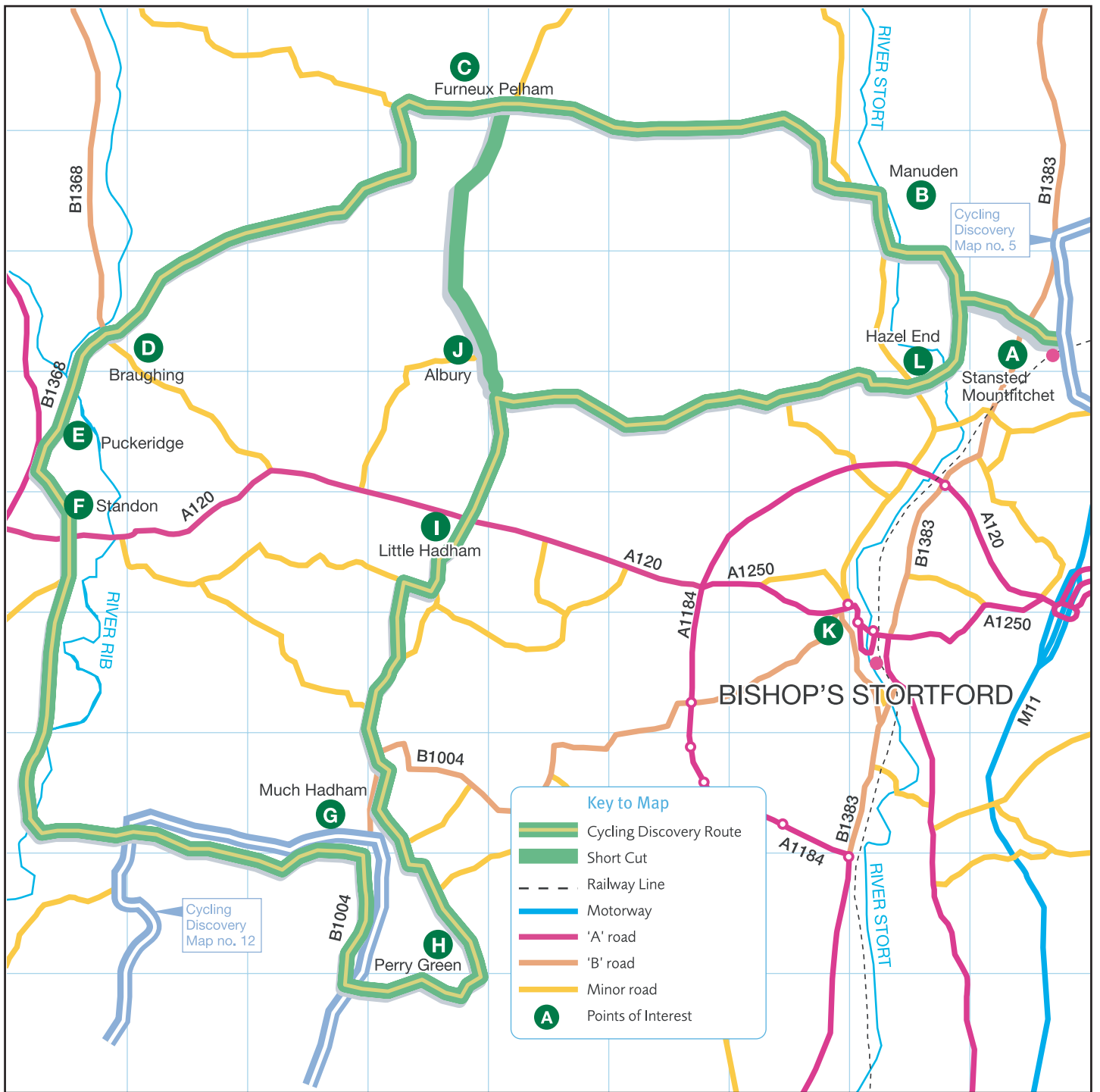
33 Turn R, SP 'Bishop's Stortford', then immediately L onto Watermill Lane, SP 'Stansted - light traffic only'.

L Hazel End - tiny hamlet. ✂

34 Turn R, SP 'Stansted'.

35 Turn R onto Bentfield Road, SP 'Stansted'.

36 At the X-roads with the B1383, go SA onto Chapel Hill, SP 'Elsenham 2, Thaxted 9 B1051'. Follow the road back down the hill to the car park. ⚠



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