

## summary:route6

This ride is geared more towards the more experienced cyclists given the distances involved. (It will take approximately 5.5 hours for a non long distance rider and is 35 miles long).

The ride starts at Kemble Station, only a few miles from Cirencester, and crosses the County border to join Malmesbury and the Wiltshire Cycleway. It passes through the village of Sherston which is close to Westonbirt - the National Arboretum. The route then takes you through the market town of Tetbury (with an impressive Market Hall) which has plenty of teashops and Public Houses for refreshments. You will then go through some smaller Cotswold villages such as Cherington and Tarlton.

Cycle hire available in Tetbury:

**Thames & Cotswold**  
21 Church Street, Tetbury, Glos  
tel: 01666 503490



## directions:route6

- 1 Leave Kemble Station past the 'The Tavern Inn' and turn left over the bridge. Turn right at the next T-junction. Straight on at the main road cross roads (A429) and straight across next cross roads. Filter right after the primary school. Cycle on for about 0.5 mile and turn right at next T-junction. Shortly after, take the right hand fork where the road splits and, at the memorial in Poole Keynes, follow the road round to the right. After about another mile or so, at another T-junction, follow the road round to the left to Oaksey. After climbing a hill into Oaksey, turn right at the mini roundabout signposted to Culkerton. Go through the village, past the Wheatsheaf and the new village hall; turn left to Eastcourt at the mini roundabout by the Post Office. At the next village cross roads (with red telephone box) go straight over to Hankerton (4 miles).

**\*See Alternative shortcut to Tetbury (6a)**

After about a mile, at the next T-junction, turn left to Hankerton. Continue on straight through the village and continue on straight to Charlton. At Charlton (7.5 miles) turn right at the T-junction towards the bus stop and post box. This is a busy B road into Malmesbury. A footpath exits on the right hand side. **▲** Follow the road past the 'Horse and Groom' and round to the left. After about another 0.5 mile, turn left signposted to 'Garsdon Lea'.

- 3 Cycle on and turn right signposted to Milbourne. In the village the road bends round to the right at a red telephone box, but continue straight ahead, signposted the 'Wiltshire Cycleway'. At the end of this lane is a gate. Dismount and carefully cross the A429 to join the cycleway on the other side. From the other side it is a steep descent to Malmesbury. At the bottom T-junction, turn left up the hill towards the Market Place. Follow the one-way system around the Market Place and at the T-junction turn right towards the Market Cross. Turn left in front of the Market Cross. Follow the road round until the 'Triangle' and take the turning to the left. Almost immediately turn steeply left down Foxley Road. At the top of the hill by some houses, take the right hand fork and continue along the Wiltshire Cycleway. Continue on past the nurseries to Foxley Green and follow straight on signposted to Sherston (the Wiltshire Cycleway turns left here to Norton). Straight on through two sets of cross roads. This road then meets another road from the left. Continue right. Straight on down to the village.

- 4 As you enter the village cross over the bridge and carry on up the steep hill. At the top turn right. After the Church turn left up 'Sandpits Lane' towards Knockdown. At the T-junction turn right along Knockdown Road (17 miles). At the junction with the A433 go straight over to Leighterton **▲**. Continue on to Leighterton. In summer look out for the hundreds of butterflies in the verge as you approach the village. When you reach the village, turn right past the pond towards Tetbury and Boxwell. Follow on through the village past the church and turn right again towards Tetbury.

- 5 Follow on for 2 miles and at T-junction go straight over to Tetbury. Continue on to Tetbury. At the end turn right to the town centre. Continue up hill and follow the road round to the left. At the cross roads turn right following signs for Bath and Bristol. Turn left by the impressive Market Hall built in 1655.

**6** (Alternatively if you want to explore more of Tetbury's shops and coffee houses turn right for the Tourist Information Centre and Cycle parking).

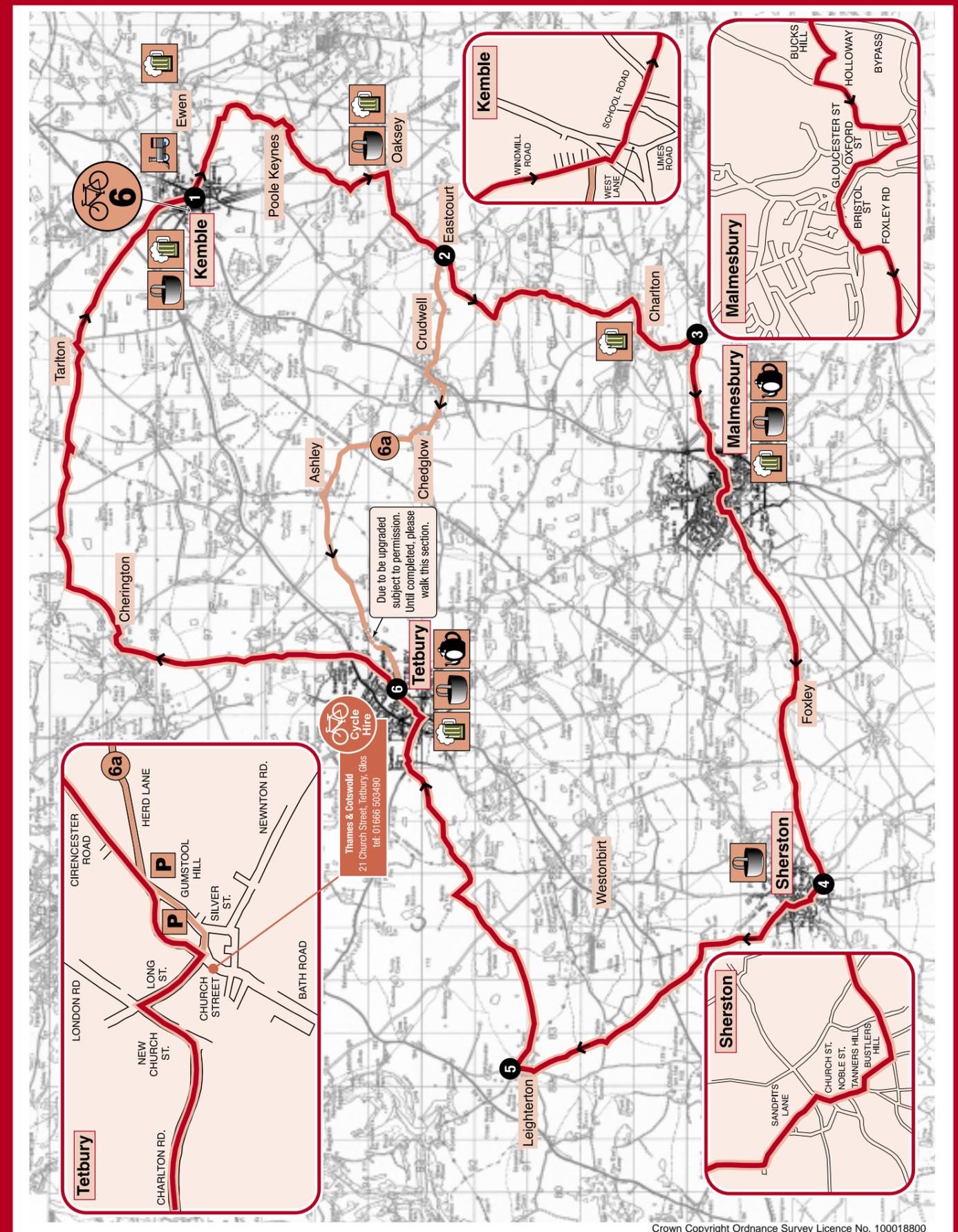
Turning left at the Market Hall mini roundabout, continue down hill past the Old Goods yard and follow the road out of town to a T-junction with the A433. Go straight over to Cherington Lane. About a mile or so on another road joins from the right, continue straight on. Then bear right to Cherington. At the electricity substation go straight on. In Cherington itself, at the village hall turn right out of the village. As you leave the village turn left to Sapperton.

At Lowesmoor Farm turn right through gate and along the track in front of the farmhouse. At the end of the track bear right. Then almost immediately bear left to Tarlton and Kemble. Follow the road round some sharp bends to Tarlton. By the Water Tower turn left signposted 'Coates'. Do not go straight on! Follow the road round to right and then bear left signposted towards Kemble by the sign for Tarlton Xmas Trees. Continue to junction with the A433 and go straight over **▲**. Go under the railway bridge and shortly after turn right into the railway station.

### \*ALTERNATIVE SHORTCUT

#### 6a Eastcourt to Tetbury (5.3 miles) via Crudwell, Chedglow and Ashley

At the red telephone box in Eastcourt take the right turning to Crudwell. In Crudwell, take the left fork just after the Church and then turn left again along the A429 signed Malmesbury/Chippenham opposite the Plough Inn. **▲** Just past the Village shop turn right along 'Tetbury Lane' signposted Chedglow/Ashley. Follow this lane for about 0.5 mile and turn right at the signpost marked Chedglow/Ashley. Just past the farm the road bends sharply round to the right as it meets a brideway. Follow the road to the right. At the next corner the road bends sharp left and again follow the road. You are heading towards a cluster of converted barns on a hillside. By the village phone box in Ashley turn left to Tetbury/Long Newnton. The road forks by a couple of farm buildings but isn't signposted. Take the right hand fork and cycle until you reach a crossroads. Head straight over to Little Larkhill Cottage following the public footpath signs. Continue between the buildings on foot, until the footpath joins a gate. Turn left and cycle into Tetbury along the old railway line, converted to a footpath/cycleway as part of the Tetbury Rail lands project. At the car park, keep to the right of the main building, go through a gate and go up Gumstool Hill to the Market Place. Turn right by the Snooty Fox and continue along the remainder of the main circular route.



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| Starting point    | Main route         | Take extra care!   | Teashop      | Railway Station | Parking |
| Orientation point | Alternative routes | Directional arrows | Public House | Shops           |         |

