

## Big Wheel of Kent cycle ride: Rochester to Canterbury

### ===== Key to route guide information

Sign text is in italics

Road/street names are underlined

Village names are in bold

⚠ Take care. The more symbols, the more care needed.

🚲 Cycle route, with route number

**Directions:** L: left R: right SO: straight on FWD: forward

**Road layout:** J: junction T: T-junction X: crossroads Y: fork  
RBT: roundabout

**Abbreviations:** SP: signpost NSP: no signpost PH: Public house

### Et en Français...

Texte de poteau indicateur est en italiques

Un nom de rue/route est souligné

Un nom de village est en caractères gras

⚠ Attention! Plus symboles – plus d'attention ont eu besoin.

🚲 piste cyclable, avec numero

**Directions:** L: gauche R: droite SO: tout droit  
FWD: allez en avant







**Agencement:** J: jonction T: croisement X: carrefour Y: fourche  
RBT: rond-point

**Abbréviations:** SP: Poteau indicateur (ou panneau)  
NSP: Pas de Poteau indicateur  
PH: Taverne (Pub)  
RH: La main droite

37 miles approx. Start 09:30		
Miles	km	From the Rochester Castle car park...
0.06	0.10	Down from the Castle Grounds and R into the <u>High Street</u> Follow the 🚲 1 signs (National Cycle Route 1 - blue signs with a white "1" on a red background). Straight ahead along the <u>High Street</u> .
0.39	0.62	SO at traffic-lights, SP <i>Chatham</i> and follow 🚲 1 signs
1.01	1.63	L at traffic lights into <u>Medway Street</u> . One way. SP 🚲 1.
1.15	1.85	L at traffic lights into <u>Globe Lane</u> .
1.27	2.04	L at traffic lights into <u>Dock Road</u> . SP <i>Gillingham A231</i> . Cycle path available beside <u>Dock Road</u> .
1.85	2.97	SO at RBT, down <u>Dock Road</u> along cycle path to next RBT
2.23	3.59	SO to the Tunnel RBT.
2.42	3.89	R at third exit on RBT. Follow the new Northern Link along cycle path until the Strand. SP 🚲 1.
3.71	5.97	Through the <u>Strand</u> . SP 🚲 1.
4.69	7.54	Follow the 🚲 1 onto the B2004.
4.78	7.69	For the traffic-free 🚲 1 route turn 1st L down <u>Copperhouse Lane</u> into Riverside Country Park. For the on-road route, follow the B2004 to <u>Berengrave Lane</u> . Refreshments and toilets at Riverside Country Park. Distances in (brackets) below are for the traffic-free route.
6.57 (7.26)	10.57 (11.68)	Across (for traffic-free), or R (for on-road) into <u>Berengrave Lane</u> . Follow 🚲 1 through <b>Rainham</b> .
7.06 (7.75)	11.36 (12.47)	L into <u>Childscroft Road</u> . SP 🚲 1.
7.40 (8.09)	11.91 (13.02)	L at T into <u>Station Road</u> , then immediately R into <u>Henry Street</u> . SP 🚲 1.
7.64 (8.33)	12.29 (13.40)	R into <u>Taswell Road</u> . SP 🚲 1.
7.70	12.39	L into <u>Wakeley Road</u> . SP 🚲 1.









(8.39)	(13.50)	
8.11 (8.80)	13.05 (14.16)	L at T into <u>Otterham Quay Lane</u> . SP  1.
8.28 (8.97)	13.33 (14.44)	R into <u>Canterbury Lane</u> . SP  1.
8.84 (9.53)	14.22 (15.33)	L at T at the end of <u>Canterbury Lane</u> into <u>Oak Lane</u> (NSP). SP  1.
8.98 (9.67)	14.45 (15.56)	R onto cycle track. SP  1 <i>Sittingbourne and Newington</i> . Pass Gore Farm on your right.
9.43 (10.12)	15.17 (16.28)	At T, L onto narrow cycle track. SP  1.
9.86 (10.55)	15.86 (16.97)	At T, R. SP  1 <i>Sittingbourne and Newington</i> .
9.99 (10.68)	16.08 (17.19)	SO at X into <u>Boxted Lane</u> . SP  1 <i>Sittingbourne and Newington</i> .
10.94 (11.63)	17.60 (18.71)	L into <u>Church Lane</u> . SP  1 <i>Sittingbourne and Kemsley</i> . Also SP <i>Iwade</i> .
12.33 (13.02)	19.84 (20.95)	Over the hill and 2nd R into <u>Stickfast Lane</u> . SP  1 <i>Sittingbourne and Kemsley</i> . Also SP <i>Bobbing</i> .
13.50 (14.19)	21.72 (22.83)	R at T, turning off of  1.
13.64 (14.33)	21.95 (23.06)	L into <u>Quinton Road</u> . The on-road cycle lane stops here.  Bridge over A249, then later bridge over railway.
14.53 (15.22)	23.38 (24.49)	SO 1st mini-RBT, then R on 2nd mini-RBT into <u>Milton High Street</u> .  Meet the riders setting off from Sittingbourne at 10:30 at the car park beside <u>Milton High Street</u> , just off of <u>Brewery Road</u> .
14.79 (15.48)	23.80 (24.91)	Bear L into oneway road.
14.93 (15.62)	24.02 (25.13)	L at X onto B2006.
15.00 (15.69)	24.13 (25.24)	SO RBT, turning R onto cycle path beside <u>Mill Way</u> . Follow the temporary (yellow)  1 signs.
15.25 (15.94)	24.54 (25.65)	Follow cycle path SO beside <u>Eurolink Way</u> at next RBT. SP  1.


15.60 (16.29)	25.10 (26.21)	Follow cycle path SO beside <u>Eurolink Way</u> at next RBT as well. SP  1. Also SP <i>Central Park</i> .			
15.89 (16.58)	25.57 (26.68)	Join road and bear L, where the road becomes <u>Castle Road</u> .			
16.21 (16.90)	26.08 (27.19)	3rd right into Dolphin Road (NSP), opposite Swale Heating.			
16.33 (17.02)	26.28 (27.39)	Bear R into <u>Church Road</u> at the top.			
16.58 (17.27)	26.68 (27.79)	2nd L into Tonge Road (Road name after 30m). SP  1. Also SP <i>Children's Centre</i> .			
17.57 (18.26)	28.27 (29.38)	At T with <u>Church Road</u> there are two options:			
		Via road:  Turn R. SP <i>Bapchild</i> .	A <b>traffic-free</b> route via a <b>grit cycle track</b> (a few turns away):  Turn L. SP <i>Tonge Corner and Blacketts</i> .	Miles	km
17.71	28.49	L at yellow SP  1. Also SP <i>Teynham</i> .	R into <u>Blacketts Road</u> . SP  1 <i>Faversham and Conyer</i> .	(18.89)	(30.39)
			R onto cycle track. SP  1 <i>Faversham and Conyer</i> .	(19.57)	(31.49)
			SO into <u>Conyer Road</u> . SP  1.	(21.11)	(33.96)
			L (SO) into <u>Teynham Street</u> . SP  1 <i>Faversham and Deerton Street</i> . Continue following  1 through <b>Deerton Street</b> .	(21.80)	(35.07)
20.09	32.33	After passing through <b>Teynham</b> the	L after passing beneath railway bridge. Both route options combine	(23.14)	(37.23)

		traffic-free option will rejoin onto this road via <u>Deerton Street</u> . Continue FWD.	again here.		
21.33 (24.38)	34.32 (39.22)	SO level crossing, then immediately L. SP  1. Also SP <i>Luddenham</i> .			
23.00 (26.04)	37.00 (41.90)	R at T. SP  1 <i>Faversham</i> . Also SP <i>Oare</i> and <i>Harty Ferry</i> .			
23.10 (26.15)	37.17 (42.07)	SO (L-R) at X into <u>Tin Shop Hill</u> . SP  1 <i>Faversham</i> .			
23.47 (26.51)	37.76 (42.66)	L into <u>Bysing Wood Road</u> . SP  1 <i>Faversham</i> and <i>Town Centre</i> .			
23.71 (26.76)	38.15 (43.05)	Cross B2045 <u>Western Link</u> to <u>Bysing Wood Road</u> via cycle path.			
24.25 (27.30)	39.02 (43.92)	Ignore  1 into <u>Priory Road</u> . Instead SO over brow of hill into <u>Dark Hill</u> .			
24.46 (27.50)	39.35 (44.25)	Pass Stonebridge Pond on your L, then bear L into <u>West Street</u> at The Bull PH.  Refreshments shortly on L at Morrison's supermarket.			
24.63 (27.68)	39.63 (44.53)	L at T into <u>North Lane</u> .  Pass Shepherd Neame brewery.			
24.82 (27.86)	39.93 (44.83)	Follow to R into <u>Quay Lane</u> and climb hill.			
24.86 (27.91)	40.00 (44.90)	R at top into <u>Court Street</u> SP <i>All Routes B2040</i> . Ignore the  1 sign into <u>Abbey Street</u> .			
Optional diversion		To visit historic <b>Faversham</b> , turn R at the pedestrian crossing and follow the cobbled street into the town centre. To rejoin the route, go back down the Market Place and turn R			
24.93	40.11	Over zebra crossing passing Tesco's on your left			

(29.97)	(45.01)	
25.06 (28.10)	40.32 (45.22)	L at traffic lights into B2040 <u>East Street</u> .
25.20 (28.25)	40.55 (45.45)	R into <u>Park Road</u> for public toilets and to join riders starting from Faversham. (Or ignore this if you want to continue the ride yourself)
25.33 (28.37)	40.75 (45.65)	Join riders setting off from the Faversham start at 11:30.
25.45 (28.50)	40.95 (45.85)	R back into B2040, which is called <u>Whitstable Road</u> from this point.
25.91 (28.96)	41.69 (46.59)	Over railway bridge and immediately L into <u>Graveney Road</u> at mini-RBT. SP <i>Graveney</i> .
27.06 (30.11)	43.54 (48.44)	2nd R opposite <u>Head Hill Road</u> . SP <i>Farming World</i> and <i>Mount Ephraim</i> . Cross bridge over A299.
27.37 (30.42)	44.04 (48.94)	R at T. SP <i>Staplestreet</i> , <i>Hernhill</i> , <i>Farming World</i> , and <i>Mt. Ephraim Gardens</i> .
28.87 (31.91)	46.45 (51.35)	Pass Ephraim House then 1st L into <u>Dawes Road</u> SP <i>Dargate</i> . Climb shortly with great views to your left.
30.04 (33.09)	48.34 (53.24)	L at T(Y). SP <i>Dargate</i> and <i>Whitstable</i> .
30.68 (33.72)	49.36 (54.26)	Bear R at Y. SP <i>Blean</i> and <i>Whitstable</i> . Short climb then long descent to Denstroude Farm on your left.

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31.12 (34.16)	50.07 (54.97)	At Denstroude Farm there is a choice of route:			
		Via <b>road</b> (  busy road at next turn):  Continue FWD.	A <b>traffic-free</b> track through the woods:  R onto bridleway opposite the farm.  Follow well-used route through the wildlife and bird sanctuary until reaching tarmac	Miles	km
32.67	52.57	 R uphill onto A290 into <b>Blean</b> . Descent and climb after village.	L at X into <u>Rough Common Road</u> .		(54.33)
34.21	55.05	The riders on the traffic-free option will merge from your right at the mini-RBT.  Continue SO on A290, SP <i>City Centre</i> .	The riders on the road option will merge from your left at the mini-RBT.  R on A290, SP <i>City Centre</i> .		(54.81)
34.31 (34.16)	55.20 (54.96)	Use the segregated cycle path when it appears opposite Kent College.  1.			
34.43 (34.28)	55.39 (55.15)	Cross using the toucan crossing to the segregated cycle path on the other side. SP  1.			
34.52 (34.38)	55.55 (55.31)	R into <u>Neals Place Road</u> , passing water tower. (Magnificent view of the cathedral to your left not long afterwards)			
34.80 (34.66)	56.00 (55.76)	SO onto cycle path SP <i>City Centre</i>  1			
35.20 (35.05)	56.63 (56.39)	L at T on path after cycling round entire edge of Dukes Meadow. SP  1			
35.23 (35.08)	56.69 (56.45)	FWD on <u>Westgate Court Avenue</u>			
35.44 (35.29)	57.02 (56.78)	L into <u>Fisher Road</u> SP <i>Canterbury</i>  1			
35.50 (35.35)	57.12 (56.88)	SO (R) onto cycle path SP  1			

35.57 (35.43)	57.24 (57.00)	L onto <u>London Road</u> outside Victoria Hotel. SP  1 Join cycle path shortly thereafter.			
35.62 (35.47)	57.31 (57.07)	Cross London Road using toucan crossing. SP <i>City Centre</i>  1			
35.63 (35.48)	57.33 (57.09)	L on cycle path leading to <u>Queens Avenue</u> avoiding underpass.			
35.69 (35.54)	57.43 (57.19)	SO (R) into <u>Queens Avenue</u>			
35.92 (35.77)	57.79 (57.55)	SO (L-R) into <u>Whitehall Bridge Road</u> . SP  1 SO past bollards over railway bridge			
36.02 (35.87)	57.95 (57.71)	Almost straight away, R into <u>Whitehall Road</u> . Pass under <u>Rheims Way</u> .			
36.17 (36.02)	58.19 (57.95)	L onto cycle path around edge of Toddlers Cove Car Park.			
36.25 (36.10)	58.33 (58.09)	At Y, sharp L, then bridge over river.			
36.40 (36.25)	58.56 (58.32)	FWD following path beside river under Rheims Way			
36.49 (36.35)	58.72 (58.48)	L at T. St. Mildred's Church visible on L.			
36.51 (36.36)	58.75 (58.51)	R into <u>Gas Street</u> . SP  18			
36.58 (36.43)	58.85 (58.61)	At junction with <u>Castle Street</u> , SO onto cycle path, passing Castle Row car park on L. SP  18			
36.62 (36.47)	58.92 (58.68)	SO over <u>Castle Row</u> into Dane John Gardens. SP  18			
36.70 (36.55)	59.05 (58.81)	Finish at Big Wheel of Kent cycling celebration.			



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Princess Mary Avenue

Puser Way

Key Drive

Quadrant Road

Edgar Road

Ernough Road

Medway Road

Stacy Road

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Clifton Road

Strover Street

Trinity Road

Saunders Street

St George's Road

St Mary's Road

Richmond Road

Corwall Road

Burnt Oak Terrace

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Lower Rainham

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Map showing street names and landmarks in Lower Rainham, Kent. Key roads include Gads Hill, Lower Rainham Road, Sovereign Boulevard, and various residential streets. The River Rainham is visible on the right side of the map.

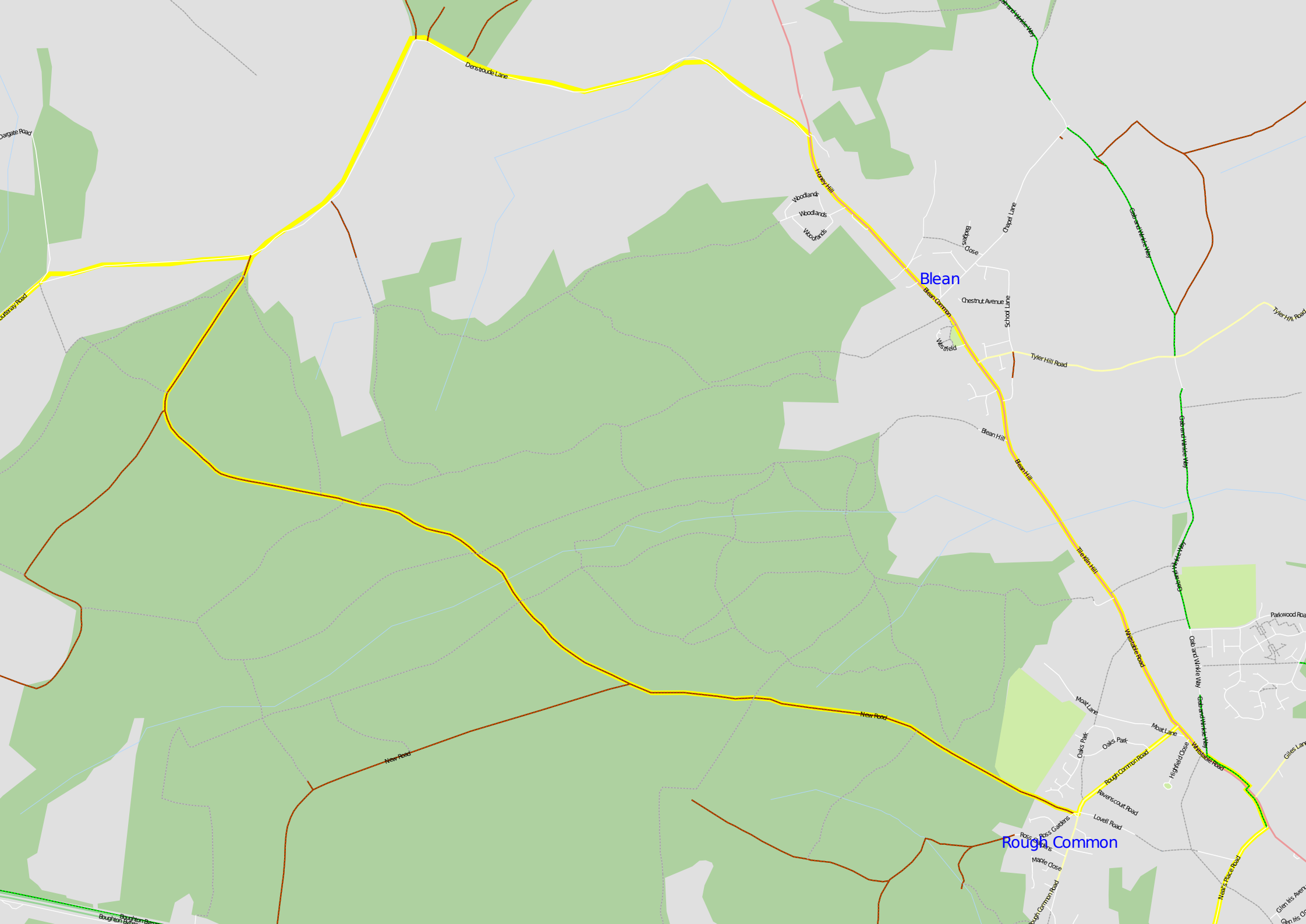












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New Road

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Moat Lane

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Reverscourt Road

Lovell Road

Ross Close

Maple Close

Blean Common Road

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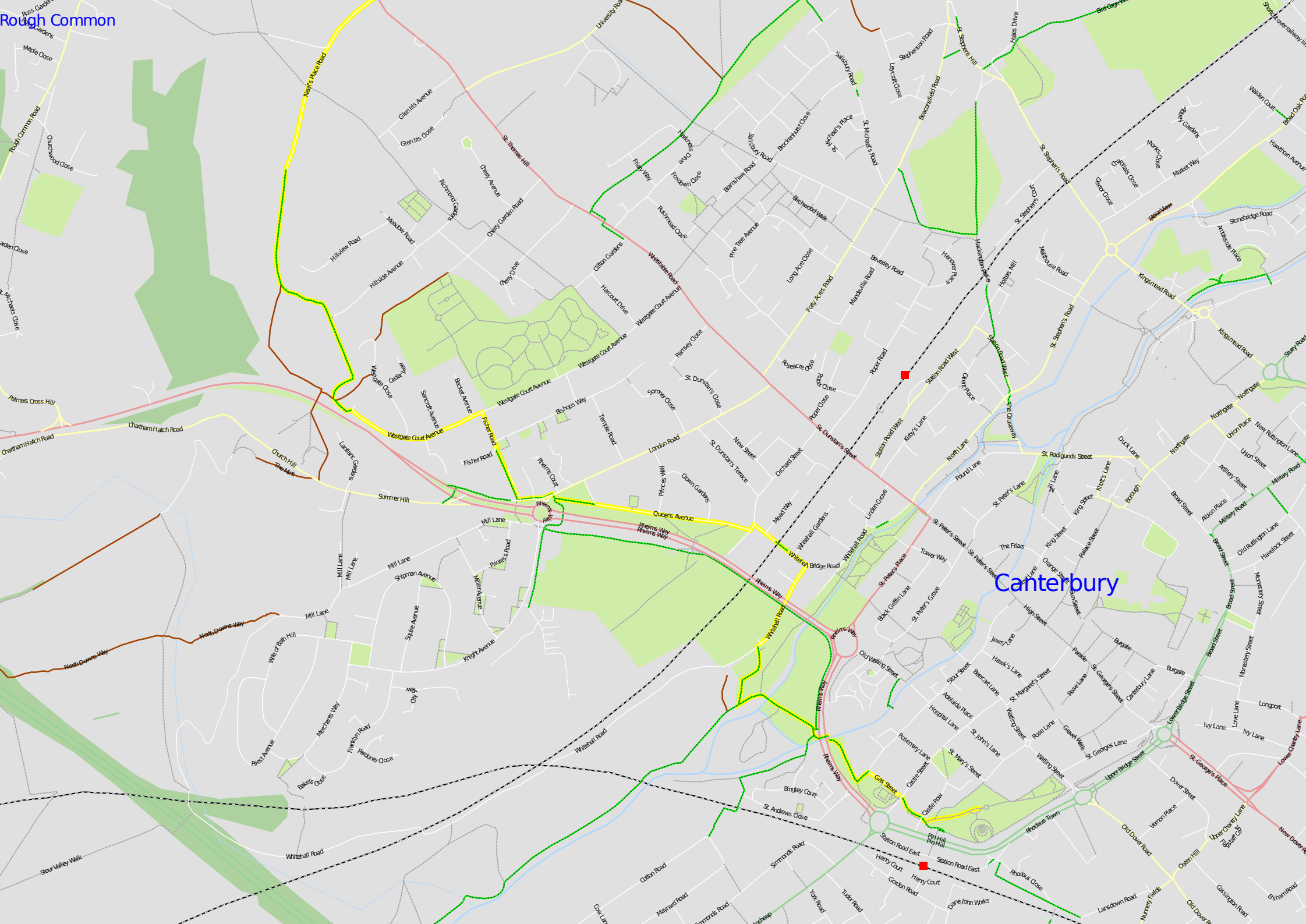
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