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CYCLING EXPERIENCES: TRACK AND BARRACKS TRAIL

Isle of
Wight



OVERVIEW:

This circular route takes in the old journey taken by the Island's steam trains, and passes the renovated Golden Hill Fort, an old army barracks that looks out over towards Afton Down.

Start at the old Yarmouth train station, now a welcoming café Off the Rails, fill up on sustenance before hiring some bikes from Wight Cycle Hire, just next door.

From here you can follow the trail South-West, blazed by the steam railway in the late 1800s, now serving as a flat and paved bridleway, all the way to Freshwater. Then, it's onto the Golden Hill Fort Country Park – most easily accessed opposite the School

Green – for a jaunt along the path of the 33 Company Royal Garrison Artillery, who were based at the fort in 1914. Your next stop is at Fort Victoria, another Palmerston fort built in the 1850s and used for various purposes over the First and Second World Wars. Now a country park, pop into one of the many attractions on site, such as the Underwater Archaeology Centre, Planetarium or Model Railway.

Heading back to Yarmouth over the harbour completes your ride, but don't let that stop you; Wight Cycle Hire can advise you of many more rides in West Wight, a new corner of history uncovered on each one!

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