

Tewkesbury & Beckford Silk

Step #		Miles		
		Short	Med	Long
Long, medium & short routes: follow instructions below:				
1	From campsite gate TL towards Gloucester	0	0	0
2	Just beyond Cheltenham Regency Hotel on LHS, TR into Hayden Lane, then follow lane for nearly a mile.	0.7	0.7	0.7
3	At TJ TR SP Cheltenham, then almost imm. TL SP Tewkesbury	1.6	1.6	1.6
4	BUSY ROAD! At TJ with A4019 TR SP Cheltenham	2.7	2.7	2.7
5	TL SP Elmstone Hardwicke	3.2	3.2	3.2
6	Pass church & S bends SP Stoke Orchard & Bishop's Cleeve	4.3	4.3	4.3
7	Cross over motorway, soon followed by sharp RH bend.	4.8	4.8	4.8
8	Sharp LH bend	5.3	5.3	5.3
9	At TJ, TR SP Stoke Orchard & Bishops Cleeve	5.4	5.4	5.4
10	Re-cross over motorway.	6	6	6
11	At TJ, TL SP Tewkesbury & Tredington.	6.1	6.1	6.1
Long & Medium routes: Go to step 23				
Short route: follow instructions below:				
12	Towards far end of Tredington village TR SP Walton Cardiff & Fiddington	7.6		
13	Re-cross motorway again.	8.8		
14	Where road swings right, SO SP Walton Cardiff	9.4		
15	Re-cross motorway yet again.	10		
16	TR (No SP)	10.7		
17	At TJ with main road TL (No SP)	11.2		
18	At traffic lights, SO SP Town Centre	11.4		
19	TR into Nelson Street SP Long Stay Short Stay parking.	11.8		
20	SO into Oldbury Street	11.9		
21	SO at mini RBT	12.1		
22	Just past Tesco Metro, TL into Sun Street and go to TJ at end of Sun Street.	12.2		
Short route: go to step 53				
Long & Medium route: follow instructions below:				
23	In Tredington, TR into Bozard Lane SP Gotherington		7.3	7.3
24	Cross the motorway.		7.9	7.9
25	Cross railway level crossing. Follow lane for nearly 2 miles		8.7	8.7
26	SO at main road (FAST ROAD!) SP Woolstone		10.4	10.4
27	TR SP Gotherington & Bishop's Cleeve		10.9	10.9
28	TL into Malleson Road (No SP). Follow road to village centre.		11.2	11.2
29	SO at war memorial SP Winchcombe & Gretton		11.6	11.6
30	TL SP Dixon. Follow lane over the hill to Alstone.		12.7	12.7
31	In Alstone at TJ, TR SP Alderton		14.6	14.6
32	At TJ with main road TR SP Stow B4077		15.2	15.2
33	Opposite filling station TL SP Alderton.		16	16
34	In Alderton TL SP Beckford		16.4	16.4
DANGEROUS staggered junction ahead! It may be VERY busy!				
35	At TJ with main road, TL then imm. TR SP Beckford & Overbury		18.1	18.1
36	Where road swings left, TR SP Beckford Silk		18.5	18.5
37	TR into Beckford Silk for refreshments and to visit the factory shop. Lovely stuff here but do have your most flexible friend handy.....		18.7	18.7
38	From Beckford Silk TL & return to TJ in village, where TR into Main Street		19.1	19.1
39	Road climbs gradually up to Conderton (Yew Tree is a good PH), Overbury (Pretty church & "chateau") & Kemerton. The high ground on your RHS in the large expanse of Bredon Hill @ 981' (300m). Despite being detached it is geologically part of the Cotswolds.		21	21
40	In Kemerton TL at the war memorial cross into Church Lane SP. Follow Lane past the church & beyond.		21.7	21.7
41	At TJ with grassy triangle TL (No SP)		22.4	22.4
42	At TJ with main road TL onto B4079 (No SP)		23.1	23.1
43	Just before brow of hill TR (Marked No Vehicles > 7.5t except for access). Beware splits in road "tramlines" down this road.		23.8	23.8
44	Cross railway level crossing then at TJ TL into Hardwick Bank Road (no SP).		25	25
45	At TJ TR into Northway Lane (no SP)		25.1	25.1
46	Follow Northway Lane over the motorway & SO at traffic lights.		25.6	25.6
47	TL into Greenway Lane (not Green Lane!)		26	26
48	Where road ends, pass bollard & TR onto cycle track. Like many cycle "facilities" it is far from perfect so take care.		26.1	26.1

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49	Stay on cycle path until the Morrisons Supermarket then pass to the RHS (the rear of) of the supermarket into Station Road		26.9	26.9
50	At end of Station Road (Baptist Church on LHS) dogleg left then right into Station Street.		27	27
51	At end of Station Street TR.		27.1	27.1
52	Just past Tesco Metro, TL into Sun Street and go to TJ at end of Sun Street.		27.2	27.2
All routes:				
53	You may now prefer to explore on foot for a while. The town is quite compact with several narrow alleys to explore, lots of tea shops, etc. The medium & short routes will leave from outside Tewkesbury Abbey (step 93). The long route route now follows a short detour around the town via Tewkesbury Abbey before returning to this point to continue the ride.			
Med & Short route: go to step 85				
Long route:				
54	From Sun Street TL into High Street			27.3
55	At roundabout (The Cross) TR (over zebra crossing)			27.5
56	At the Abbey on LHS stop to have a look around.			27.7
57	From outside the Abbey TR into Mill Street (Past front of Bell Hotel). Follow round clockwise into St Mary's Road			27.7
58	TL into St Mary's lane. Follow round to the main street again just up from the Abbey.			27.9
59	At main street TL			28
60	At The Cross TL SP Worcester & The Motorway			28.1
61	TL @ The Anchor PH into Quay Street			28.3
62	At the riverside TR (It is a flour mill here on the river).			28.35
63	Follow riverside then BR away from river back up to main street again.			28.4
64	At main street TL & continue past (don't turn right) Sun Street where you stopped earlier.			28.4
65	TL at Black Bear PH TL SP Worcester, Motorway & Ledbury			28.5
66	TL SP Ledbury to cross River Severn over the Mythe Bridge.			28.8
67	At crossroads TR SP Bushley. Follow road & ignore side turns as it climbs gradually.			29.4
68	Cricket pitch on RHS with convenient bench on LHS			31.1
69	Follow road sharp left 150m beyond cricket pitch.			31.2
70	At TJ with main road TL SP Tewkesbury			32.3
71	TR SP Forthampton			32.4
72	At crossroads TL SP Lowe Lode, Chaceley & Tirley			32.8
73	At crossroads TR SP Chaceley & Gloucester			33.7
74	SO at next crossroads, then past church & TL SP Tirley, Ashleworth & Chaceley Stock			34.7
75	At grassy triangle TR (No SP). Follow lane for about 1.5 miles. Ignore turns off.			34.8
76	BL around farm buildings SP Cheltenham & Ashleworth			36.2
77	At crossroads with main road TL SP Haw Bridge & Cheltenham			36.7
78	Re-cross River Severn over the Haw Bridge			37.1
79	After nearly one mile, TL SP Deerhurst & Upper Apperley			38
80	In Upper Apperley SO SP Deerhurst			38.8
81	Follow lane downhill through Deerhurst hamlet. Note as you pass steel flood defence gates. Small Saxon church Odda's Chapel lies just off route on LHS (only 5 mins needed to visit)			39.8
82	Follow lane as it swings sharply right past the turn to parish church.			39.9
83	Re-join main road where TL SP Tewkesbury & Cheltenham			40.7
84	At traffic lights TR SP Gloucester & Cheltenham.			41.4
Long route: go to step 97				
Medium & Short route: follow instructions below:				
85	From Sun Street TL then imm. TR into Red Lane. Follow lane to river, where TL.	12.2	27.3	
86	TL away from river into Quay Street	12.2	27.3	
87	TR into High Street	12.3	27.4	
88	At roundabout (The Cross) TR (over zebra crossing)	12.5	27.6	
89	TR into St Mary's Lane.	12.6	27.7	
90	TR into St Mary's Road, follow to the river where TL.	12.7	27.8	
91	TL away from river into Mill Street	12.8	27.9	
92	Arrive at TJ. Opposite you is Tewkesbury Abbey. It's worth exploring.	12.8	27.9	

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93	Leave Tewkesbury past Abbey on you LHS, follow main road (A38) out of town towards Gloucester.	12.9	28	
94	At RBT, follow A38 south. i.e. TR SP Gloucester & Ledbury. An on road cycle lane starts shortly.	14	29.1	
95	At 1st traffic lights, SO to follow A38 SP Gloucester & Ledbury	14.8	29.9	
96	At 2nd traffic lights, SO SP Gloucester & Cheltenham	15.4	30.5	
ALL routes: follow instructions below				
97	TL SP Elmstone Hardwicke.	15.7	30.8	41.7
98	After 0.5 miles beware dogs from travellers site on RHS	16.2	31.3	42.2
99	At TJ TR SP Elmstone Hardwicke & Cheltenham. You past this point earlier on your way out. This road can be quite a fast road so take care.	17	32.1	43
100	SO SP Cheltenham.	17.3	32.4	43.3
101	AT TJ (with Gloucester Old Spot PH on your right, good food and beer), TR SP Tewkesbury	18.4	33.5	44.4
102	TL SP Boddington	18.5	33.6	44.5
103	TR SP Barrow	19.2	34.3	45.2
104	TR (No SP)	20.7	35.8	46.7
105	At TJ TR SP Gloucester and Churchdown.	21.6	36.7	47.6
106	At traffic lights SO SP Bamfurlong & Glos Airport	22.1	37.2	48.1
107	Nearly home now, but Dundry Garden Centre on LHS with small coffee shop and bird/pet centre (ideal for kids?). The owner does lots with local schools.	23.1	38.2	49.1
108	TL at TJ with main road.	23.6	38.7	49.6
109	Arrive back at campsite.	23.7	38.8	49.7