



Alde & Ore Estuary Trust

If you live, work or play around the Alde & Ore rivers,
please join our shared campaign to Save Our Suffolk Estuary

Charity Bike Ride with a difference! Saturday 16th September 2017

By taking part you will be directly contributing to the work of the Alde & Ore Estuary Trust (AOET) with the essential rebuilding of our river flood defences, to preserve this beautiful part of Suffolk for generations to come.

The Four Ferries Bike Ride is a charity ride with a difference, taking you along small roads and tracks and potentially using four ferries. Harwich Ferry (you can get there by train) runs across busy shipping lanes with a great view of the port. Next Bawdsey at the mouth of the river Deben, a fast flowing, ever changing river mouth. Then ride on to the peaceful, beautiful Butley Ferry where one is likely to see Avocets, Marsh Harriers and seals and cyclists are rowed across by volunteers. Last but not in anyway least, Warbleswick Ferry crosses the River Blythe, again very tidal and narrow and a real fun experience within easy reach of ice creams and pubs in Southwold. The route can be ridden in either direction.

Registration forms, both online and downloadable are available at www.aldeandore.org/index.php/bike-ride. Use the online form to save postage if you wish to pay the registration fee direct into the Trust's bank account. Use the downloadable form if you wish to send a cheque.

Below are the nuts and bolts of the day, to help cyclists get the most out of this trip.

- The entire ride is on Regional Cycle Route No 41 and is clearly marked on the two maps contained in the Suffolk Coastal Cycle Route Map available from Suffolk Coast and Heaths in Dock Lane, Melton, Woodbridge, IP12 1PE for £2.50. Telephone: 01394 445225. email schaonb@suffolk.gov.uk. P&P to be charged extra. The Route Map is also available in bookshops for £4.99
- 1, 2, 3 or 4 ferries can be included in the ride but the registration fee remains the same and is non-transferable. The fee and how to pay is on the registration form. Book early to avoid disappointment, as a maximum of 100 cyclists can take part.
- Take your food and water. There are no official drinks and food stations on the route, although there are several pubs.

The four ferries are:-

HARWICH-FELIXSTOWE. The ferry takes 20 cyclists and bikes. Always check the times and details, but the first ferry from Harwich leaves at 0910 and the service runs hourly until 1610. From Felixstowe to Harwich service runs from 0930 until 1630. It is advisable to book your time slot - Telephone 01728 666329, email chris@harwichharbourferry.com, website www.harwichharbourferry.com.

A second ferry could be put on the route if demand is there.

FELIXSTOWE-BAWDSEY. Service starts at 1000 and ends at 1800. Small motor ferry, takes maximum of 4 bikes at a time. Telephone 07709 411511 for ferryman or 01394 282173 for boatyard.

BUTLEY-ORFORD. Service starts at 1000 ends at 1700. Small rowing ferry manned by volunteers, taking up to 3 bikes plus 2 riders or vice versa. (There will be four ferrymen on duty here to minimise delays). Does not operate if wind is Force 6 or over.

Telephone 07913 672499

WALBERSWICK-SOUTHWOLD. Service starts 0900 and ends at 1700 Medium sized rowed ferry, maximum of 4 bikes and cyclists. Telephone 07913 672499.

ALL FERRY SERVICES ARE SUBJECT TO WEATHER – IN THE EVENT OF HIGH WINDS, CHECK THE FERRY TELEPHONES.

Entrants will be sent tickets for each ferry they are taking and these should be given to the ferrymen upon boarding. **Cyclists need not pay any of the ferries, the price is included in the registration fee.** Tickets are valid on 16th September only and are non-transferable.

- Cyclists can start from either end or in the middle: see the registration form. It is each person's responsibility to get to the start and return from the end of their ride.
- Cyclists are urged to take due care on the route; abide by the Highway Code and not to take any unnecessary risks. All cyclists should wear helmets and Hi-Viz wear if possible. Children under 16 who are cyclists must each be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Emergency telephone numbers. Only to be used in the case of real emergency

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- Approximate distance Harwich to Walberswick is 42 miles, but on the route between Orford and Walberswick there are a few options. A small map and a GPS route can be downloaded, but the official map, see first bullet point, is recommended.
- If you are unable to take part in this fun ride, the AOET would be grateful for any further donations: see www.aoep.co.uk for more details.

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