



Half Marathon
(Green)

13
Miles

FAIRLANDS VALLEY CHALLENGE – July 2021

Please show your Route Card to the officials at each check point.

Should you be forced to retire from the event, please do so at the next check point, where we will arrange for transport back to the start as soon as possible. If you become hopelessly lost or are in difficulty, you can contact the organisers on the emergency number: **07753 581541**

Key:

AH - ahead	TL - turn left	fpath - footpath	CP - checkpoint
L - left	TR - turn right	bway - bridleway	GR - grid reference
R - right	cont - continue	KG - Kissing Gate	X - cross
BL - bear left	junc - junction	opp - opposite	Imm - immediately
BR - bear right	yds - yards	thru - through	WP - waymarker post
SLOT - same line of travel		STOOP - Stevenage Outer Orbital Path	

Please note that the tarmac cycleways are sometimes quite wide, but do not confuse them with roads

Start: GR 255 247

Section A - Marriotts School to Watton

At school gates TR down Telford Ave to end, ignoring side turnings. X over Faraday Rd and take RH main path thru wood, to L of bin. At gap TL on concrete path to X grass to L of Phoenix Nursery. Down road to end, pass concrete bollards and trees to main road. TL down cycle track passing bus shelter to Chells Way. **X with great care.** AH keeping L on cycle track up hill to reach small road. X road and AH up grassy track to new development where TR and take enclosed path and follow to footbridge. **(1 Mile)**

Over footbridge and cont AH to road thru black posts. **(Routes divide here).** TR into Long Lane to junc where TL along Tatlers Lane and follow to small road on R (before No 15 with green garage doors) signposted No Through Road and Public Footpath / Aston, opp white house and large fir tree. Follow to end to decorated horse gate signed Peachys Brook. Go thru KG to L of gate then thru 3 further KG's and over footbridge.

AH on FP up hill, thru gap X drive to enclosed path opp. Cont to road, X and up steps, BR and follow by side of fence, round L corner. TR, opp KG on L, thru hedge & cont on path between fields then enclosed path to pass to R of play area on grass. At corner of play area fence, by bin, cont AH thru trees thru barrier along path to reach road. Cont SLOT, into enclosed FP, cont to road. TR to road junc. X and take road opp signed Bragbury End. After approx 50yds TL into FP, immed after at House 1A, then thru barrier, down to exit into field. Cont SLOT up hill and down to WMP (STOOP). Cont SLOT and at WP bear R up hill, cont past gardens to reach road. **(3.7 miles)**

TL and cont on road to reach junc where TL signed Whitehall. At T junc TR signed Watton and cont on road 1 mile to X bridge over bypass. X to LH side of road and TL at bway sign (Mill Lane) down narrow path and cont AH ignoring side turnings to exit from wood.

Straight AH down hill and BL at corner of fence. Follow track, fence on L, ignoring side turnings to emerge on tarmac path. TR to checkpoint at Watton Scout Hut.

Checkpoint 1 - GR 300 194 - 5.35 miles (opening times 10.00 - 11.30)

Section B Watton to Finish

TL out of checkpoint up to road junc. X road (**with great care**) and TL on pavement. At mini roundabout TR up Station Road and cont to reach bridge over railway. Just after bridge TR thru gap by Sub Station, TL and follow hedge line to corner, where BL to emerge on gravel track. TR and cont to pass farm buildings to WP where TR on grass path to reach road. TL and cont onto track, down hill then up to enter wood. Cont to main path and TL, ignore path on R. AH thru wood then between 2 fields to WP at gravel track where TR to reach road. **(8.2 miles)**

TL and cont to T junc where TR. Cont, passing Church (**where courses rejoin**). Cont 0.5 miles on road, ignoring side turnings, to house on RH bend where cont AH onto track (bway 24) SLOT. Down and up track to just before road, where TR on grass verge. Before crematorium X road to Bway opp and cont to barrier at railway bridge. TL up narrow path to top, then TR and follow metal fence R to corner at path junc. TR down path to barrier and railway bridge. Thru and at corner of fence TL.

Follow fence for approx 800yds with railway line on L to wooden fence at end. TR between houses then BL to road. Cont down road (Carisbrooke Close) to main road. X (**with great care**) and TL on FP, crossing Ashburnam Walk to reach Roebuck Gate. X to cycle track opp and cont on main cycle track up to X road leading into football ground. Ahead to junc TL under underpass, then imm TR under further underpass, then imm TR up cycle track bearing L at top past car park. **(11.4 miles)**

Cont on path ignoring side turnings until green post on corner where bear slightly R over grass SLOT, aiming for gate in far corner passing to L of round copse of trees. Thru gate and cont under underpass. X cycle track & cont, bearing R, up narrow path into trees. When path emerges from trees, continue to lake.

TR along path, lake to left. T "Water Rescue" pillar, turn ½R up path into small car park. Exit top of car park, and TL. Stay on main path, passing barriers to "Fairlands Valley Park" sign, where keep R on path. Stay on path, passing brick building (Stevenage Cycle Hub) and smaller lake and wooden bridge with 3 "no cycling" bollards on left. Pass bin and bench on right. As path swings left, continue straight up slope to go thru gap in hedges in corner by bin to path. Do not go up steps opp. TR up path and at road TR to go thru school gates to finish.

Finish GR 255 247 13 miles

WELL DONE!