



FAIRLANDS VALLEY CHALLENGE – July 2022

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	WP - waymarker post	X - cross
BL - bear left	junc - junction	opp - opposite	SLOT - same line of travel
BR - bear right	yds - yards	thru - through	
Imm - immediately	KG - Kissing Gate	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 Aston

At school gates TR down Telford Ave to end, ignoring side turnings. X over Faraday Rd and take right hand main path thru wood to left of bin. At end TL on concrete path to X grass to left of Phoenix Nursery. Along road to pass concrete bollards and trees to cycle track by main road. TL down cycle track passing bus stop to road.(Chells Way) **X with great care**. AH keeping R on cycle track up hill to reach small road. X road and AH up grassy track to road (Blackwell Close). TR and take enclosed path and follow to footbridge. **(1 mile)**

X footbridge and ahead to reach road where TR and follow road. TL at T junction (Tatlers lane) and follow to TR into small road on R, (just before No 15 with green garage doors) signposted No Through Road and Public Footpath/Aston. Follow to end at decorated horse gate signed Peachys Brook. Go thru KG to L of horse gate then thru further 3 KG's and over footbridge.

Follow WMP on fenced path uphill. Thrugap, X lane and ahead on encl path to road. X road and T on path (Footpath 22, Brookfield Lane). Stay outside wooden fence. TL at corner. At end, T thru gap and along path. AT WMP, ahead on encl path to sports field. Ahead to path, where TL tr at corner to village hall.

Exit carpark by 30mph sign, X road and take path ahead down by hedge. Follow field edge down hill to finger post. TL (public footpath 17 – Walkern Mill) along by stream to road by wooden footbridge. X road to CP.

Checkpoint 1 GR - TL 2804 2336 3 Miles (Opening times 10:15-11:00)

Ahead (public footpath 17 – Walkern Mill) between dog field and stream to wooden gate at corner. Cont ahead along field edge to WMP. Cont ahead to next WMP near to bench and wooden

footbridge. TL up field edge uphill to metal farm gates. Thru barrier to L of gates. Then TR thru second barrier to R of metal gate and along fp by hedge to metal gates.

Thru LH gate and ahead along field edge . Just before corner of field TL thru meta gate on fpath. At WP TR to go thru metal gate into field. AH SLOT on faint path downhill to metal kissing gate. Down steps to TL at WP and follow field egde , passing to L of radio mast until crosstracks. TL on to encl path. **(4.25 miles)**

Follow path, hedge on R, metal fence on L to gate onto road (Gresley Way - **VERY BUSY ROAD - CROSS WITH EXTREME CARE**)

Take path directly opp between houses, over road and cont ahead, then thru barrier to duck pond on L and Chells Manor House on R. Take second rd on left opp front of Manor and down to main road (White Way).

X with care to fpath imm opp to go downhill towards wooded area, ignoring side paths. Where path bears L go thru barrier ahead into wooded area. At cross track in wood before barrier, TR along track and follow to BR at Y junc. TL up tarmac path to road (Mobbsbury Way). **(5.25 miles)**

TL on pavement and follow past 2 schools, church and community shops. At end of road at junc, X road ahead (Zebra Crossing) to pavement on other side and TR. Follow pavement to Newton Road. TL on Newton Road and ahead on pavement to end, ignoring all side roads, to reach Telford Avenue where TL to reach school gates. Thru to finish.

Finish GR 255 247 - 6 miles

WELL DONE!