



FAIRLANDS VALLEY CHALLENGE – July 2023

Should you be forced to retire from the event, please do so at a 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 58151**.

You may wish to install OS Maps on your phone to use the GPX files.

You may wish to install What3Words on your phone to help you to the next checkpoint should you get lost.

Key:	AH – ahead	FP - footpath	CP – checkpoint
	L- left	bway – bridleway	GR – grid reference
	R – right	cont – continue	WP- waymarker post
	BL – bear left	junc – junction	X – cross
	BR – bear right	yds – yards	SLOT – same line of travel
	TL – turn left	imm – immediately	thru - through
	TR –turn right	KG – kissing gate	opp – opposite
	W3W- What3Words	encl - enclosed	

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

Start: Marriotts School - GR 255244 - W3W . ///rings.cotton.park

Section A - Marriotts School to Aston Ford

At school gates TR down Telford Ave to end, ignoring side turnings. X over Faraday R and enter woods to L of bin, and take right hand path thru wood. At end TL on concrete path, then AH to X grass in front of Phoenix Nursery. AH down 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 opp uphill to reach small road. X road and AH up grassy track to just before road (Blackwell Close). TR and take enclosed path and follow to footbridge.

X footbridge and cont AH on FP to black posts at road. **(Routes split here)**

TR on road. TL at T junc (Tatlers Lane). TR by house No 15, with green garage doors, into small lane, signposted No Through Road and Public Footpath/Aston. Follow to end at tall metal gate. Go thru KG to L of tall gate then thru further 3 KGs and over footbridge.

Follow fenced path uphill. Thru gap, X lane and AH on encl path to road. X road and TR on path (Footpath 22, New Park Lane). Stay outside wooden fence. TL at corner. At end, TR thru gap and along path. At WP, AH on encl path to sports field. Pass to right of play area and on to path.
(Routes split here)

TL on path. TR at corner to village hall and car park. Exit car park by 30mph sign, X road and take path AH down by hedge. Follow field edge downhill to finger post. TL (public footpath 17 – Walkern Mill) along by stream to road by wooden footbridge. X road to CP.

CHECKPOINT 1 - ASTON FORD - 3.1 miles

GR 280233 - W3W: ///stags.major.plausible

Opening times 10:15-11:00

Section B - Aston Ford to Finish

AH (public footpath 17 – Walkern Mill) between dog field and stream to open field. Cont along field edge to WP. Cont AH to next WP at X track (near to bench and wooden footbridge). TL up field edge uphill to metal farm gates. Thru gap to R of gates. 20 yds TR thru gap to L of metal gate and along fp, hedge on L, to metal gates.

Thru LH gate and AH along field edge. Just before corner of field TL thru metal gate on fp. 5yds, at WP, TR to go thru metal gate into field. AH SLOT on faint path downhill to go thru metal kissing gate. Down steps to TL at WP and follow field edge, passing to L of radio mast until Xtracks. TL on to encl path. (4.25 miles)

Follow path, hedge on R, metal fence on L to gate onto road (Gresley Way). **BUSY ROAD - CROSS WITH EXTREME CARE.** Take path directly opp between houses, over road and cont AH, then thru barrier to pass duck pond on L and then Chells Manor House on R. TL on road opp front of Manor and down to main road (White Way).

X with care to FP imm opp to go downhill towards wooded area to barrier. Go thru barrier AH into wooded area. At Xtrack in wood before second barrier, TR along track thru woods to tarmac path where TL up to road (Mobbsbury Way). (5.25 miles)

TL on pavement and follow to pass 2 schools, church and community shops. At end, X road AH (on Zebra Crossing) to pavement on other side and TR. Follow pavement to Newton Road. TL on Newton Road and AH

on pavement to Telford Avenue at end, where TL to school gates. TR to go thru school gates to finish.

Finish - GR 255244 - 10.6km

WELL DONE