

FAIRLANDS VALLEY CHALLENGE – July 2024

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 a GPX viewer app 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.

All distances are approximate.

Please note that the GPX files and text descriptions have been updated for 2024. Please use the updates.

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

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

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MUG/BOTTLE. CUPS ARE NOT PROVIDED AT DRINK STATIONS

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

This is the 10k route

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. **(All routes now go right!)**

TR on road. TL at T junc (Tatlers Lane). Soon after LH bend, TR into small lane(signposted No Through Road and Public Footpath/Aston). Follow to tall metal gate at end. 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 (signed 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. AH to exit car park by 30mph sign. X road and take path AH along field edge downhill to finger post. TL along FP 17 (signed Walkern Mill) along by stream to road by wooden footbridge. X road to CP.

DRINK STATION - ASTON FORD - 3.1 miles

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

Opening times 10:15-11:00

Section B - Aston Ford to Finish

AH along FP 17 (signed Walkern Mill) between dog field and hedge/stream to open field. Cont along field edge to WP. Cont AH to next WP at X track (near to bench and wooden footbridge on R). TL along field edge uphill to metal farm gates. Thru gap to R of gates. 20m at WP, TL thru KG 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. In 5m, at WP, TR to go thru metal gate into field. AH on faint path downhill to go thru metal KG. Down steps to WP. TL along field edge, to pass to L of radio mast. At WP, TL on encl path.

Follow path, hedge on R, metal fence on L. Cross access road and on to gate at road (Gresley Way). **BUSY ROAD - CROSS WITH EXTREME CARE.** Take path opp between houses (signed Bridleway 107), over road and AH. Thru barrier to pass duck pond on L and then at Chells Manor House on R, TL on road down to main road (White Way).

X with care to FP 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. TL up to road (Mobbsbury Way).

TL on pavement and follow to pass 2 schools, church and Tesco Express. 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. TL to school gates. TR to go thru school gates to finish.

Finish - GR 255244 - 10.78km

WELL DONE!