

FAIRLANDS VALLEY CHALLENGE – July 2026

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.

This is the countryside. Some signs and WP may be hidden by overgrown undergrowth!

Please note that the GPX files and text descriptions have been updated for 2026. Please use the updates.

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

Please note that tarmac cycleways/cycle tracks are sometimes quite wide, but do not confuse them with roads. Some cycleways have a narrower footpath next to them for pedestrians. Others are shared cycle & pedestrian paths.

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. X over Faraday Rd 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. **NEW HERE!!** TR (on short section of cycle track) to pass defibrillator, and then TR down path. TL thru underpass and follow L. X Marlborough Road. AH and X Cromwell Road. Follow R. AH on shared path alongside fences. **Beware cycles.** At end, take 2nd L down hill, fence on L. BR thru underpass. Keep AH on lane. At junc, AH along 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 AH 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 FP22 (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 go behind village hall into car park. AH to exit car park by 30mph sign. X road and take path AH along field edge downhill to finger post at bottom. 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 pass metal gate and AH 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, TR 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, TL to go thru KG into woods. AH on path. Thru KG. SLOT across field and thru KG by WP to road. TL

At Crown PH, TL. In 100m, TR along Tatlers Lane, down to RH bend.

You now retrace back along the 'out' route back to the school.

When road turns R at Long Lane, cont AH on Tatlers Lane to end. AH thru underpass. Follow L at bin, up to meet cycle track/path. TR behind houses. **Beware cycles.** X Cromwell Road. AH up path. X Marlborough Rd. Follow R thru underpass. TR on path. At crest of hill, TL (on short section of cycle track) to pass defibrillator, then L to pass bollards.

AH up road to X grass area in front of Phoenix Nursery. AH on path. Just before school site, TR on path into woods. On exit woods, AH along Telford Avenue to Marriotts School. TL thru gates to finish.

Finish - 6.4 miles / 10.3 km

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WELL DONE!