



**MEDIUM ROUTE**  
(Yellow)

**18.70**  
**Miles**

## FAIRLANDS VALLEY CHALLENGE – July 2017

**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: **07748 326301**.

**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  
BR - bear right      yds - yards      thru - through      travel  
Imm - immediately      KG - Kissing Gate

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 end TL on path to X grass to L of Phoenix Nursery. Down road to cycle track. TL down cycle track to road. **X with great care**. AH keeping L on cycle track up hill to reach small road. X road and AH up grassy track until corner of wooden fence at top before road. TR and take grass path to L of house with iron railings and follow to footbridge. **(1 Mile)**

Over footbridge and cont AH to road thru black posts. **(Routes split here)**. TL down hill to junc where TR. Follow road past The Crown pub. Approx 150yds past PH TL through farm gate. Continue up through farm to gap between buildings where follow to R. At top of hill by power poles continue SLOT to follow path downhill along LH field edge, hedge on L to reach FB. Cross FB, TL and follow path up hill to road.

X road to path opp (TAKE CARE HERE) Follow path uphill thru wood at top follow path round to R with hedge on R, field on L, to reach KG. Thru KG to cross track by building on L (approx 25 yds).

Cont AH up track between buildings passing 'CCL Woodworkers' on L. At end of buildings on R, and opp house on L, TR along concrete track and follow to road, where TL. At bottom of hill where road bears left uphill TR on track and cont to track junc by double electricity pole and small building on left.

TR along stony track and follow as it bears slightly left uphill, passes thru hedge gap and cont to road (sign Byway 34). Cont SLOT along road as it goes downhill and then uphill to road junc. TL and cont for approx  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile downhill toward Watton. (Suggest

crossing to RH side of road to face any oncoming traffic), X bridge over bypass. X to LH side of road and TL at FP 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.

**Check Point 1, GR 300 194 - 5.35 miles** (opening times 9:00 - 11:30)

Section B - Watton to Tewin

TL out of checkpoint up to road junc. X road (**with great care**) and TL on pavement to mini roundabout. X road and take path opp uphill, railing on L. TL at top of green and cont past barrier, past small car park, and cont AH thru second barrier. TL on road and at dog bin TR on enclosed fpath towards church. At church do not go into churchyard but follow path to R with hedge on L, to reach road. TR and AH to X bridge over railway line. TL on road and cont to reach gates into farm.

TL and follow track round L side of farm buildings. At path junc by WP (white arrows) TL and AH to track junc by sign 'Watkins Hall Farm' (Bway 035). TR and cont (1m) up track (Perrywood Lane) to barrier. BR along track thru wood ignoring any side turns. At end by 2nd barrier on L follow track to R to reach 4 track junc (white red-topped pole on L) (**Marathon and 50k routes rejoin here**).

Continue SLOT thru barrier and AH on main track which later descends to road at T junc. (sign Tewin Hill/Queen Hoo) (**GR282 170 - approx 8.45 miles**)

X to road opp and cont AH (approx ¼ mile). At junc BL to corner by Queen Hoo Hall. Where road turns R, TL along track (house on left) and follow as it crosses between fields to enter wood. Cont AH on main track ignoring tracks/paths to L or R. At WP on L follow to L along track to next WP where BL to reach track junc (where track continues into field with wood on L) TR down path which descends to road. TR and follow road uphill to reach green and checkpoint.

**Check Point 2, GR 273 146 - 9.93 miles** (opening times 9:30 - 12:30)

Section C - Tewin to Datchworth

Leave checkpoint & X road to go along track to L of Rose & Crown Public House.(Back Lane) Cont AH following main track to pass to L of pond to TL at junc. Downhill for approx 70yds to gap in hedge on R. TR on path & follow thru trees, ignore path on R, cont SLOT following path along R field edge, wood on R to KG. Thru & cont between fences, then thru KG & cont along backs of houses to go thru another KG. Cross grass to R of cream house to reach road.

TL on road to junc. X to road opp (White Horse Lane). AH past PH on L to go approx 80 yds to FP sign on R (Coltsfoot Lane),before speed de-restriction sign. TR, follow path to reach road. TL on road downhill to FP sign on R (Datchworth Green). AH thru trees to emerge at green. TL and L again at Cricket nets. AH 120yds to WP where TR to X field to gap in fence, then X field to reach road junc. TR and X road to TL into Village Hall car park.

**Check Point 3, GR 265 184 - 12.93 miles** (opening times 11.00 – 16.30)

## Section D - Datchworth to Finish

TL from car park and imm TL on enclosed path. At kissing gate AH, SLOT over playing field to gap. Cont up RH side of field and at corner TL across field towards Church. At tarmac path TR and follow edge of churchyard to road. TL and cont on road, ignoring side turnings, to house on corner where cont AH onto track 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 before underpass. TL up narrow path to top, then TR and follow metal fence R to corner at path junc. TR down path to barrier and underpass. 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 cycle track to X road leading into football ground. At junc TL under underpass, then imm TR under further underpass, then imm TR up cycle track bearing L at top past car park.

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. Where path emerges from trees, by notice board, TR up avenue of trees.

Cont along tarmac path to gap in fence, on R, next to tree. Thru and X road, up bank and BL on grass following hedge line to corner. Thru gap and X over path into trees. BL and in 5yds BR on main path to emerge on grass. Cont AH following hedge line to end where go thru gap 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 - 18.70 miles WELL DONE!**