

STEVENAGE CIRCULAR CYCLE

A HALF CENTURY CHALLENGE

Brevet Populaire

Sunday 16th June 2019

53.0 Mile (85 Kilometre) Route



Start from Costello's Cafe, by Sailing Club, Fairlands Valley Park (SG2 0BL) at 10:00. Please arrive by 09:40 so that brevet cards can be distributed and any checks made. You must complete the ride at an average speed between 12 and 28 kph (7.5 and 17.5 mph). Your brevet card must be timed and signed at every control including any secret controls. Please support the cafes - they are helping us. Ride safely and enjoy yourself.

Leave Costello's back to Six Hills way. At junction LEFT onto Six Hills Way. At 1st RBT FWD, at 2nd RBT FWD. 3rd RBT LEFT (sp CHELLS MANOR) onto Gresley Way. After 0.9 miles RIGHT at RBT (sp WALKERN) on B1037.

In WALKERN bear LEFT (still B1037 sp COTTERED. After national speed limit signs, at top of rise, fork LEFT (sp WESTON/BALDOCK). Continue ahead and then bear LEFT (sp WESTON/HALLS GRN) to HALLS GREEN.

FWD (passing *Rising Sun ph on right*) onto WESTON. Pass 30mph signs up hill, along Maiden Street into Weston. At X LEFT onto Damask Green Lane. Follow road for 1.0 miles to right hand bend.

Checkpoint at bend on left, at Warren's Green, 9.1 miles (14.6 km), open from 10:25 to 11:00.

From WARRENS GREEN LEFT at T (no sp). Follow road ahead through CHESFIELD to GRAVELEY (sp Graveley). At T RIGHT onto B197 (no sp).

After 50mph signs, LEFT (no sp) onto Graveley Lane and under A1(M). At T RIGHT (sp GREAT WYMONDLEY). At stgd. X in GREAT WYMONDLEY 20.9 km (13.0 miles) RIGHT into Willian Road (no sp) and (eventually) pass memorial on rhs.

FWD to WILLIAN where LEFT (sp National Cycle Route 12 and Letchworth Town Centre) by Δ . In app. 1.9 km (1.2 miles) and after 30mph sign RIGHT at X (no sp) into Queenswood Drive. At A505 FWD, with care, over RBT into Stotfold Road. Under railway and up hill past 'The Wilbury' ph on left.

At first RBT LEFT (no sp) into Arlesey New Road. At T LEFT (sp ICKLEFORD) through CADWELL. Follow road under railway to ICKLEFORD.

At Δ bear right, then RIGHT at RBT near the Old George ph (sp Stevenage/Bedford) into Turnpike Lane 30 km (18.4 miles). At RBT RIGHT (sp Shefford/Bedford) onto A600.

In app. 1.9 km (1.2 miles). LEFT (sp HOLWELL/PIRTON) through HOLWELL to PIRTON. RIGHT at Δ (sp SHILLINGTON). Pass SHILLINGTON sign to stgd junction where FWD (sp GRAVENHURST/BARTON) into Hanscombe End Road (*N.B. NOT left sp Hexton*). 25.7 miles (41.4 km).

Bear LEFT (sp Higham Gobion/Barton) onto Higham Road. In HIGHAM GOBIAN, before Manor Farm Business Park, LEFT (sp HEXTON). At T in HEXTON RIGHT (sp Hitchin / LILLEY). Control on lhs in Lavender Tea Rooms at **Country Matters** (old village hall opposite The Raven ph).

Control at Lavender Tea Rooms, Hexton, 28.0 miles (45.0 km), open from 11:34 to 13:40.

From control LEFT to X where FWD (sp LILLEY). Climb Gravel Hill and continue to LILLEY. Pass Lilley Church and bridge over A505 then FWD towards Whitwell. At stgd X, FWD (sp WHITWELL/CODICOTE).

SO through WHITWELL 36.9 miles (59.4 km) following signs to CODICOTE where LEFT on B656 (sp Hitchin). Then LEFT into Vanstone Park Garden Centre (refreshments available in Garden Centre).

Control at garden centre, 40.3 miles (64.9km), open from 12:17 to 15:20.

From control RIGHT (WITH CARE) onto B656 then first LEFT (sp NUP END/DRIVERS END), FWD through DRIVERS END. At T LEFT. Shortly RIGHT into Slip Lane (no sp).

At △ by Robin Hood & Little John ph LEFT (sp POTTERS HTH/KNEBWORTH). At T LEFT (sp KNEBWORTH) into Spinney Lane. Bridge over A1(M) then RIGHT (sp WOOLMER GREEN). In WOOLMER GREEN at B197 RIGHT. Second LEFT (sp DATCHWORTH / WATTON) into Mardleybury Road, bear LEFT at △ with White Horse Lane and follow signs for Watton-at-Stone to DATCHWORTH. At X by 2 pubs SO then FWD to WATTON-AT-STONE 46.6 miles (75.0 km).

Information control at railway station – stop in lay by. (You will need a pen or pencil - see the box in your card).

From control FWD through village. At RBT LEFT (sp STEVENAGE). FWD at mini-RBT then

bear RIGHT (sp BENINGTON / WALKERN) and over bridge.

At X ignore Aston/Benington turnings, SO (sp WALKERN) and take next LEFT (sp ASTON END - beware sign obscured by hedge) down steep hill past ford sign. At top of hill T RIGHT (no sp). Next T RIGHT (no sp) then LEFT (sp Equestrian Centre) into Short Lane. At T by GT LEFT. At junction by Equestrian Centre SO into "no through road" (Tatlers Lane) 50.8 miles (81.7 km).

Go between concrete posts under Gresley Way and bear LEFT onto cycleways. At cycleway T RIGHT. Follow cycleway over Cromwell Road and Marlborough Road and RIGHT under Six Hills Way. IMM at cycleway T LEFT. At Brittain Way RIGHT to Marriotts School. LEFT at main building. Follow marked route to sports centre and FINISH/ARRIVÉE.

Finish control at 52.4miles (84.3km), open from 13:00 to 17:00.

NOTES

Costello's Cafe, by the sailing Club, at Fairlands Valley park, is off Six Hills Way. The café is at the end of the turning by the lake. The grid reference (O.S. 166 grid ref TL 254243). Postcode SG2 0BL. If you come by car please leave in the top car park as you come into the park. On the day contact is Jackie on 07850 428856. If you abandon or are running late **please let us know!**

ABBREVIATIONS

FWD	Forward
△	green (or grass) triangle
IMM	Immediately
ph	public house
RBT	roundabout
rhs	right hand side
SO	straight on
sp	signpost
stgd	staggered
T	T junction
X	crossroads

You should go through the towns and villages that are underlined e.g. WALKERN.

Route yet to be checked.....

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