

STEVENAGE START OF SUMMERTIME SPECIALS
Sunday 26th March 2017
115 Kilometre Route

Start Fairlands Valley Park 10:30

Please arrive by 10:00 to collect your brevet card.

The entrance to Fairlands Valley is off Six Hills Way.

Café grid ref. is OS 166 TL 254243.

If you come by car please leave it in the large car park near the entrance, not the smaller cafe car park which will be needed by others during the day.

If you are not going to finish, please tell a control or contact the organisers on 07974 576663 or 07816 625901.

ABBREVIATIONS:

FWD Forward

IMM Immediately

ph public house

RBT roundabout

rhs right hand side

lhs left hand side

sp signpost

stgd X staggered crossroads

T T junction

Y Y junction

△ Grass triangle in middle of T or Y junction

X crossroads

You should go through the towns and villages that are underlined e.g. WALKERN.
Intermediate distances are **APPROXIMATE**.

(Route checked by Jill and Jim Borchers February 2017)

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Start from the Sailing Centre in Fairlands Valley Park at 10:30 (BST).

Please arrive by 10:00 to collect your brevet card. This is not a race. You must complete the ride at an average speed between 15 and 30 kph. Your brevet card must be timed and signed at every control. Ride safely and enjoy yourself.

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From park LEFT onto Six Hills Way.

FWD at RBT.

FWD at 2nd RBT

LEFT on 3rd RBT (sp Chells Manor).

Follow Gresley Way then

RIGHT at RBT(sp Walkern) on B1037 (3.4 km).

In **WALKERN** bear LEFT (still B1037 sp Cottered) and follow road ahead.

FWD at stgd X into **CROMER**.

At T on right hand bend LEFT (sp Baldock)(8.3 km).

At T LEFT (straight on) onto A507 and then FWD (sp local traffic only, unsuitable for wide vehicles, Rushden, Redhill) and FWD (sps Sandon, Wallington)

Straight through **RUSHDEN (Mill End)** (11.5 km)

After Rushden and Moon and Stars ph first RIGHT (by obscured green Telecoms cabinet) (sp Sandon, Kelshall).

At T (Roe Green) RIGHT (sp Sandon, Kelshall, Buckland).

In **SANDON** at Δ (opposite duck pond) LEFT (sp Kelshall, Therfield, Royston), passing church on rhs then shortly RIGHT (sp Kelshall, Therfield, Royston) and continue through **KELSHALL** (18.2 km).

At T RIGHT (sp Therfield, Royston).

Pass 30 mph signs by 1st. houses in **THERFIELD** then RIGHT into Pedlars Lane (sp Reed, Buckland).

At T RIGHT then fork LEFT (sp Reed, Buckland)

Follow sps through **REED END** to **REED**

At T with A10, turn RIGHT (sp Hertford, Buntingford) then IMM RIGHT again into the "Silver Ball" Café, **REED**.

First control (outside the café) at 23.5 kilometres (14.5 miles)

Open from 11:15 until 12:00.

From café, RIGHT onto A10 and IMM LEFT (sp Reed).
Follow main route bearing LEFT through **REED**.
At end of road RIGHT at T (no sp). Continue to **BARKWAY**.
In Barkway at T by war memorial RIGHT (no sp) onto High Street, B1368 (26.6 km).

Opposite petrol station LEFT (sp Nuthampstead, Anstey, Barkway Park).
RIGHT after golf course clubhouse before Nuthampstead village sign (sp Anstey).
In **ANSTEY** at T Δ LEFT (sp Meesden, Brent Pelham)
Bear RIGHT through **MEESDEN**
LEFT at Δ by red Post Box (sp Meesden Bury, Langley).
After 0.6 km , after Weak Bridge sign, RIGHT into lane (by Δ) (suitable for light traffic only).
At T RIGHT (sp Clavering, Newport) and follow signposts to **CLAVERING**.
At B1038 LEFT(sp Newport) to **WICKEN BONHUNT** and **NEWPORT** (43.9 km).

In Newport at T RIGHT on B1383 (sp Bishops Stortford, London).
Shortly LEFT by garage (sp Debden, Carver Barracks).
Continue to X where RIGHT by white-walled thatched cottage (sp Debden).
Through **DEBDEN**, **DEBDEN GREEN**, **CUTLER'S GREEN** to **THAXTED**.
At T outside Swan ph RIGHT (no sp.) to control at Thaxted Guildhall on rhs (corner of Fishmarket Street) opposite Parrishes Tea Room.

Second control at 57.5 kilometres (35.5 miles)
Open from 12:20 until 14:15.

This is where the 160 km and 210 km riders stop following this route.

From Thaxted Guildhall, RIGHT down main road (B184).
Shortly RIGHT onto B1051 (sp Stanstead Mountfitchet, Broxton, Tourist Route).
After 4km. RIGHT (into Suckstead Green) (sp Chaureth Green, Sibleys, Hamperden End). (*Take particular care with road surface here*)
At Δ T LEFT (sp Henham) through **HENHAM** (64.4 km).

Bear RIGHT through Henham to follow major route (sps Quendon).
At Δ T RIGHT (sp Ugley Chequers, Quendon, Newport).
Follow road under railway bridge and then LEFT at Δ (sp Ugley, Quendon, Bishops Stortford) under motorway bridge to **UGLEY** (71.4 km).

At T RIGHT onto B1383 (sp Newport, S. Walden).
Shortly LEFT (sp Rickling Green).
At **RICKLING GREEN** just before white building, LEFT (no sp except NCN white post) following sign for cycle route 50.
In **MANUDEN** RIGHT at T (sp Berden, Clavering).
Through Manuden village then partway up rise LEFT (sp Furneux Pelham).
At stgd X RIGHT and then IMM LEFT (sp Furneux Pelham, Great Hormead).
At X by Brewery Tap ph FWD (sp Hormead, Buntingford) through **FURNEAUX PELHAM** and **LITTLE HORMEAD** (84 km).

At T RIGHT (sp Great Hormead).
At T LEFT (sp Hare St, Buntingford)
After passing through **GREAT HORMEAD**, IMM after small bridge, LEFT to control at Meads Pavilion.

Third control at 88.5 kilometres (55 miles)
Open from 13:30 until 16:30.

LEFT from control.

At stgd X, LEFT then IMM RIGHT (sp Buntingford) on B1038.

At T in **BUNTINGFORD** LEFT (sp Hertford, Cambridge).

Shortly RIGHT (sp Aspenden, Westmill). Pass under A10.

In **ASPENDEN**, just after Parish Council notice board, at Δ with large tree, LEFT (sp Westmill, Cherry Green, Nasty)

Go through **WESTMILL** and follow signs (sp Nasty, The Mundens) to **NASTY**.

Now follow signs to **GREAT MUNDEN** and **DANE END** (99.3 km).

In **DANE END**, shortly after Little Munden memorial hall on rhs in **DANE END**, **INFORMATION CONTROL** on lhs at Environment Agency monitoring station. (99.6 km)

Continue through **DANE END** then RIGHT into Whempstead Lane (sp Whempstead, Benington) to **WHEMPSTEAD**.

At stgd X RIGHT (sp Benington, Walkern) through **BENINGTON**.

Pass Bell ph then LEFT at Δ (no sp) passing St. Peter's church on rhs.

At X FWD with care to **ASTON** (107.8 km).

Through Aston pass church and RIGHT into Dene Lane (no through road).

FWD with care between bollards and then over bridge.

Swing sharp RIGHT and at T with cycleway LEFT onto cycleway.

FWD through 2 underpasses. At T on cycleway IMM after 2nd underpass, LEFT and hairpin RIGHT to continue on cycleway (going north) alongside main road (Gresley Way.)

At Y on cycleway bear LEFT and follow cycleway through alley (with green railings on left) to cross Cromwell Road and Marlborough Road.

FWD to underpass, through underpass and LEFT on cycleway on rhs of main road (Six Hills Way).

Continue towards Stevenage Town Centre on cycleway crossing Brittain Way.

RIGHT into Fairlands Valley Park.

Continue FWD along road to Costello's and **FINISH / ARRIVÉE.**

Finish at 115 kilometres (71.5 miles)

Open from 14:20 until 18:10.

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