

STEVENAGE START OF SUMMERTIME SPECIALS
Sunday 29th March 2020
160 Kilometre Route

Start Fairlands Valley Park 08:30

Please arrive by 08:00 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 07779 779035 or 07850428856.

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
YY	junction
Δ	Grass triangle in middle of T or Y junction
X	crossroads

Continue on major route unless directed otherwise.

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

Intermediate distances are **APPROXIMATE**.

(Route checked by Paul Boielle, 1/03/19)

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Start from Costello's in Fairlands Valley Park at 08:30 (BST).

Please arrive by 08:00 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 the start LEFT to pass behind the sailing centre

Through the gates IMM LEFT follow the shared path/cycleway uphill to 1st RIGHT
Continue fwd to T on cycleway LEFT to pass under Fairlands Way subway and exit RIGHT

Continue to pass through two underpasses LEFT just before 3rd underpass onto Verity Way cycle way (1.2miles)

RIGHT to pass under RBT exit LEFT to Pilgrims way (2.57km/1.6miles)

LEFT onto Canterbury Way

Right at RBT onto Great Ashby Way

At RBT continue straight

LEFT into Orwell Ave

Shortly Right into Calder Way(5.15km/3.2 miles)

At T RIGHT continue to WESTON

RIGHT at X sp HALLS GRN, Cromer, Walkern (8.7km/5.4 miles)

LEFT signposted CROMER (13.5km/8.4 miles)

At T LEFT sp LUFFENHALL

At Δ RIGHT sp RUSHDEN 2.5 Baldock 5 Ashwell 8

At T LEFT continue to meet A507

At T LEFT onto A507 continue straight as signposted LOCAL TRAFFIC (16.9km/10.5 miles)

After Rushden and Moon and Stars ph on lhs first RIGHT sp Sandon, Kelshall, Buckland (19km/11.8 miles)

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

In **SANDON** at Δ (by duck pond) LEFT sp Kelshall, Therfield, Royston, (22.5km/14.0 miles)

Next RIGHT after church on rhs sp Kelshall, Therfield, Royston and continue through **KELSHALL** (25.4km/15.8 miles) At T RIGHT sp **THERFIELD**, Royston.

Continue past houses on lhs and RIGHT into Pedlars Lane sp Reed, Buckland. At T RIGHT then fork LEFT sp Reed, Buckland. Follow signpost through **REED END** to **REED**

First control (Silver Ball cafe)(29.8km/18.5 miles). Open from 09:30 until 10:29

From cafe RIGHT onto A10 and IMM LEFT sp Reed. Follow main route bearing LEFT through **REED**. At T RIGHT (no sp) continue to BARKWAY. In Barkway at T by war memorial LEFT onto B1368 sp Barley (33.3km/20.7 miles). In 1km fork RIGHT sp Gt CHISHILL.

Pass through **SHAFTENHOE END** to **Gt CHISHILL**, at X RIGHT into Hall Lane sp Saffron Waldon B1039 (38.14km/23.7 miles). Continue 7 miles on B1039 through **WENDENS AMBO**.

At T opposite The Fighting Cocks ph LEFT sp Cambridge, Great Chesterfield and IMM RIGHT sp Saffron Walden 2. At T RIGHT sp Saffron Screen. Keep on the main route to arrive in the centre of **SAFFRON WALDEN**. At the X with traffic lights go straight forward approx 30 metres to find Cental Arcade on rhs.

Second control (Mochas cafe) at 52 km (32.4 miles) open from 10:14 until 11:58

From cafe LEFT to leave the Central Arcade and IMM LEFT at the traffic lights sp Thaxted B184, Radwinter B1053. At RBT bear LEFT sp Hadstock B1052, Ashdon, Lt Waldon. At 2nd RBT RIGHT into Ashdon Road. At 3rd RBT straight ahead, continue on until through **ASHDON** then RIGHT sp The Camps, Steventon End, Haverhill (59.8km/37.2 miles).

Continue through **STEVENTON END**, at the fork keep LEFT sp Castle Camps 2 1/2 Haverhill 5, (61.8km/38.4 miles). At T RIGHT (no sp). Continue through CASTLE CAMPS to **HELIONS BUMPSTEAD**. At X LEFT sp S Bumpstead, Haverhill (68km/42.3 miles). In 0.3 km RIGHT sp St Bumpstead. At T LEFT onto B1054, **STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD**. In 0.3km RIGHT into Church Street.

At T RIGHT into Finchingfield Road. In 1.1km/0.7mls, at Δ where the main road bends right, LEFT sp Stambourne (72.9km/45.3 miles). After left hand bend with Δ opposite arrive at T RIGHT sp Stambourne. At T LEFT sp GT Yeldham.

Continue through **STAMBOURNE** taking right fork at large wooded Δ passing church with tower on lhs to bear left on Yeldham Road to next RIGHT sp Toppsfield, (78.5km/48.8 miles). After **TOPPSFIELD**, just after narrow weak bridge, LEFT opposite Cust Hall, sp Great Yeldham, (81.56km/50.7 miles). LEFT at right hand bend (no sp), (82.9km/51.5 miles). Continue beyond X to enter **HIGH STREET GREEN** and continue FWD until passing Wethersfield Road on rhs and just beyond to St Peters church on lhs.(86.9km/54 miles).

Info Control: at St Peters Church by the front steps from the street. **What persons name appears first on the sign board ?**

Retrace the route back to LEFT into Wethersfield Rd. Continue through **WETHERSFIELD** and arrive at **FINCHINGFIELD** (97.7km/60.7 miles).

Suggested stopping location for refreshment at one of the various cafes or pubs.

Leave Finchingfield on the main through road (B1053) from the memorial going uphill away from the river.

In **GREAT BARDFIELD** RIGHT by large Δ sp **THAXTED** 4, Dunmow 7 RIGHT opposite The Bell ph sp **LITTLE BARDFIELD** 1½, **THAXTED** 4 Through **LITTLE BARDFIELD** to **THAXTED**

In **THAXTED** at T, RIGHT sp Saffron Waldon B184

LEFT opposite The Swan ph sp **CUTLERS GREEN** 1, Debden 4

Through **DEBDEN GREEN**, **DEBDEN**. At stud X LEFT sp Newport (115.4km/71.7 miles).

At right hand bend LEFT (no sp) opposite Avoiding Low Bridge sign

to **WIDDINGTON**. Follow road under railway bridge, at T RIGHT (no sp). At T LEFT on to B1383, sp Bps. Stortford (121.8km/75.7 miles). In **QUENDON** RIGHT sp Clavering 4, **RICKLING GREEN** 1/2.

In RICKLING GREEN at Δ continue ahead, sp Rickling church, to RICKLING.

At X FWD sp BERDEN and PELHAMS

At T RIGHT sp BERDEN and THE PELHAMS

Through BERDEN to STOCKING PELHAM.

At stgd X FWD sp Albury, Little Hadham.

In 1.24km/0.77 miles sharp RIGHT sp Fernaux Pelham (134.2km/83.4 miles). *Beware the incorrectly pointing Stocking Pelham sp arm.

In BRAUGHING, RIGHT no sp just after Axe and Compasses VERY PINK ph on lhs go to lhs of Post Box and Telephone Box

At X by church, LEFT to third control at Braughing Church Hall on lhs.

Third control at 140 km/ 87 miles open from 13:10 until 17:50.

LEFT from control.

At T LEFT then at T IMM RIGHT no sp

At T LEFT sp PUCKERIDGE (A10)

LEFT sp PUCKERIDGE

Through PUCKERIDGE to T with A120

Cross A120 to go SO onto shared pedestrian and cycle path through gate and continue under A10. Take care of barriers near the end of the path.

At road continue SO sp DANE END, LEVENS GREEN, Old Hall Green

At T LEFT sp DANE END

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 RIGHT sp Walkern 2

LEFT (sp ASTON END) down steep hill past ford sign.

At T RIGHT (no sp).

At T RIGHT (no sp) then LEFT (sp Equestrian Centre) into Short Lane.

At T with Δ LEFT.

At junction by Equestrian Centre SO into "no through road" (Tatlers Lane) (159.1 km/98.9miles).

Go between concrete posts under Gresley Way and bear LEFT onto cycleway.

At T RIGHT.

Follow cycleway 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

Finish at 161 kilometres (100.1miles) open from 13:52 until 19:14.

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