

**STEVENAGE START OF SUMMERTIME SPECIALS**  
**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**210 Kilometre Route**

**Start Fairlands Valley Park 08:15**

*Please arrive by 08:00 to collect your brevet card.*

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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 08.15 (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 park LEFT onto Six Hills Way.

FWD at RBT.

FWD at 2<sup>nd</sup> RBT

LEFT on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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  $\Delta$  (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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 09:00 until 09:45.**

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  $\Delta$  LEFT (sp Meesden, Brent Pelham)  
Bear RIGHT through **MEESDEN**  
LEFT at  $\Delta$  by red Post Box (sp Meesden Bury, Langley).  
After 0.6 km , after Weak Bridge sign, RIGHT into lane (by  $\Delta$ ) (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 (15.5 miles)**  
**Open from 10:05 until 12:00.**

**This is where the 160 km and 115km riders stop following this 210km route.**

LEFT from Thaxted Guildhall.

Up hill past church and bear RIGHT (Newbiggen Street) through the village.

RIGHT onto B1051 (sp Great Sampford, Haverhill).

Continue to & through **GREAT SAMPFORD**.

After 1.9 km, RIGHT (by  $\Delta$ ) onto B1055 (sp. S. Bumpstead, Haverhill, Hempstead).

Continue to **HEMPSTEAD** where

RIGHT at T (sp S. Bumpstead, Haverhill) onto the B1054 and

FWD to **STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD**.

In Steeple Bumpstead, after passing JET garage, RIGHT (sp Clare, Finchingfield, Sturmer - still B1054) then

LEFT (sp Clare, Sturmer B1054, Blois Meadow Business Centre) (71.2 km).

Continue to **NEW ENGLAND** where RIGHT at T onto A1017 (sp Braintree, Clare).

Then at **BAYTHORNE END** LEFT on A1092 (sp Clare, Long Melford, Wixoe).

FWD through **STOKE BY CLARE** to **CLARE**.

In Clare (road twists and turns – keep to main route) bear RIGHT by Bell ph onto Cavendish Road (still A1092 sp Sudbury, Cavendish).

Continue through **CAVENDISH** and **GLEMSFORD** (still A1092) to **LONG MELFORD** (91.4 km).

Bear RIGHT (sp Sudbury, Acton, Melford Hall).

Shortly at T, RIGHT onto B1064 (sp Sudbury, Action, Melford Hall).

LEFT by the Bull ph (sp Acton).

At mini-RBT FWD.

RIGHT onto A134 (sp Sudbury) then IMM LEFT (sp Acton, Gt. Waldingfield, Historic Lavenham).

Soon, passing A & G Garden Care on rhs, LEFT (sp Lavenham).

LEFT onto B1071 Sudbury Road (sp Bury St Edmunds and Hadleigh) into Lavenham.

Pass Greyhound hotel on rhs then RIGHT onto Market Lane (brown sp Market Place) to control near Lavenham Guildhall.

**Third control at 103 kilometres (64 miles)**

**Open from 11:40 until 14:55**

From Lavenham Guildhall LEFT down Lady Street.  
RIGHT at T (Water Street).  
LEFT at T (sp Long Melford, Sudbury) and up hill.  
Retrace to Howlett's car showroom where RIGHT (sp Long Melford, Acton).  
In 1.8 km, LEFT (sp Acton).  
At  $\Delta$  RIGHT (sp Acton, Sudbury).  
At T in **ACTON** RIGHT (no sp) onto High Street.  
By the Crown ph LEFT into Sudbury Road (South Suffolk Route A).

In **NEWMANS GREEN** first RIGHT (sp Long Melford, South Suffolk Route A).  
Soon bear LEFT at Y (South Suffolk Route A).  
At A134 (sp Bury St Edmunds) RIGHT and then IMM LEFT (Mills Lane, South Suffolk Route A).  
At X FWD (sp Foxearth, Melford, South Suffolk Route A) over bridge into Essex.  
Imm. after bridge LEFT (no sp) through **BORLEY** (114.4 km).  
At  $\Delta$  with prominent white signpost, LEFT (sp The Belchamps, Bulmer).  
At T RIGHT (sp The Belchamps).  
At T RIGHT (sp Belchamp Walter - **not** church & hall).  
In **BELCHAMP WALTER** at X FWD and follow signposts to **GESTLINGTHORPE** (121 km).

At X FWD (sp Hedinghams, Halstead).  
At T (by large  $\Delta$  with red Post Box) RIGHT to **CASTLE HEDINGHAM**.

**INFORMATION CONTROL** in **CASTLE HEDINGHAM** opposite Bell Inn ph, near red telephone box (127 km) then continue ahead to **SIBLE HEDINGHAM**.

LEFT onto A1017 (sp Braintree, Halstead).

Shortly RIGHT at Sugar Loaves ph (sp St. Peter's Church, Wethersfield).

After St. Peter's Church LEFT (sp Wethersfield, Finchingfield) and follow signposts to Wethersfield.

In **WETHERSFIELD** bear RIGHT and follow main route to **FINCHINGFIELD** (138.9 km).

Down hill, over bridge LEFT (Note - sp is before bridge - Great Bardfield, Dunmow) FWD to **GREAT BARDFIELD**.

In Great Bardfield RIGHT by large  $\Delta$  (sp Thaxted, Dunmow) and

RIGHT again (sp Lt. Bardfield, Thaxted) by prominent half timbered house before the Bell ph (142.6 km).

Through **LITTLE BARDFIELD** to **THAXTED**.

At T RIGHT (sp Saffron Walden on B184) into village centre and control at Thaxted Guildhall on lhs opposite Parrishes Tea Room.

**Fourth control at 151 kilometres (94 miles)**

**Open from 13:15 until 18:15.**

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  $\Delta$  T LEFT (sp Henham) through **HENHAM** (158.2 km).

Bear RIGHT through Henham to follow major route (sps Quendon).  
At  $\Delta$  T RIGHT (sp Ugley Chequers, Quendon, Newport).  
Follow road under railway bridge and then LEFT at  $\Delta$  (sp Ugley, Quendon, Bishops  
Stortford) under motorway bridge to **UGLEY** (165.2 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** (168 km) 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** (177.8 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.

**Fifth control at 182 kilometres (113 miles)**  
**Open from 14:25 until 20:30.**

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  $\Delta$  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** (193.1 km).

In **DANE END**, shortly after Little Munden memorial hall on rhs in **DANE END**, **INFORMATION CONTROL** on lhs at Environment Agency monitoring station. (193.4 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  $\Delta$ (no sp) passing St. Peter's church on rhs.

At X FWD with care to **ASTON** (201.6 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 210 kilometres (130miles)**

**Open from 15:15 until 22:15.**