

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

**Start Fairlands Valley Park 11:00**

*Please arrive by 10:30 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 Borchards February 2017)*

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*Start from the Sailing Centre in Fairlands Valley Park at 11:00 (BST).*

*Please arrive by 10:30 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 11:45 until 12:30.**

From café, RIGHT onto A10 and IMM LEFT (sp Reed).  
Follow main route bearing LEFT through **REED**.  
At end of road, RIGHT (no sp). Continue to **BARKWAY**.  
In Barkway at T by war memorial RIGHT (no sp) onto High Street, B1368 (27km).  
Continue on B1368 towards Hare Street.

**This is where the riders on all other routes leave this route**

In **HARE STREET**, next to The Beehive ph, at stgd X, left onto B1038 (sp Great Hormead, Brent Pelham, Newport). Continue FWD then IMM before small bridge and national speed limit signs, RIGHT into control at Meads Pavilion.

**Second control at 33.5 kilometres (21 miles)**

**Open from 12:05 until 13:15.**

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** (43.1 km).

In **DANE END**, shortly after Little Munden memorial hall on rhs in **DANE END**, **INFORMATION CONTROL** on lhs at Environment Agency monitoring station. (43.4 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** (54.6 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 62 kilometres (38.5 miles)**

**Open from 13:05 until 15:10.**

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