



The Greenway Challenge

Greenway Challenge Route

General: If in doubt – look out for the brown Letchworth Greenway signs. There are also blue cycle route 12 signs and Hitchin HOOP signs on some sections.

(Key: R – right, L– left, SA – straight ahead, TR – turn right, TL – turn left, Tj – T junction, (1M) = 1 mile approx.

Standalone farm to Norton Road.

From start follow path over wooden bridge & follow path R around outside of farm.

After little bridge then large bridge **TL** & follow path up to and through metal kissing gate.

At **Tj** take path **R (1M)** to top of hill where path turns R.

Follow path & at **Tj TL** before houses.

Go through **narrow metal pinch point** (gateway) & **immediately TL** (playing fields on right).

Continue **SA** through another metal pinch point - run downhill.

TR at Tj at the bottom & follow path (2M) to [Norton Road].

Norton Road to Norton Road

Cross main road (A - BE CAREFUL) & continue **SA** on main path until you reach **Radwell Meadows car park**. (*Don't go through the metal gate but through the opening at the end of the path*)

Leave the car park **TR onto road [Nortonbury Lane]**.

After 50 metres **TL** into farm yard & **follow path** between buildings.

Go **SA** through wooden fences / gate (3M).

Follow path round field until you get to another **main road crossing [Norton Road]**.

Norton Road to Baldock Road.

Cross busy road (B - BE CAREFUL) & enter field via gate opposite.

TL & stay on path round bottom of field.

Path exits L to industrial area (recycling centre on left).

Run **SA** up hill & take **1st L - [Knap Close]** (4M).

At end of close **take path between black & yellow bollards**, over railway bridge & follow path to the L.

Go SA passing bridge on L & at **Tj TL** (post 21, blue CR 12).

Run through bollards & continue on tarmac [Hadrian Way] towards main road.

Before main road **TL under the A1 motorway bridge**.

Stop at **main road crossing [Baldock Road]** by post 19.

Baldock Road (Knights Templar School) to Letchworth Gate – watch out, routefinding in this section is tricky!

Cross very busy road (C - BE VERY CAREFUL).

Take path opposite into wood (post 18) with Knights Templar school playing field to your left and wood fence on right.

At **end of path Tj TR** run through underpass (5M) & then at **Tj TL** (blue CR 12) to run parallel to A1.

TR up a slope, keep going & pass rugby playing fields to right.

Just **before 3 metal low barriers** on path **TL**.

Continue **SA on path** through two **metal pinch points** to Woolgrove School.

Follow path through another **metal pinch point** to main road [Baldock Lane].

TR cross Pryor Way onto footpath between hedge & houses.

Path emerges onto grass verge and **food/drink station** , (6M) **run beside hedge** along grass to end near roundabout.

Keep next to hedge on grass track with trees to right & then onto path between houses & hedge.

SA over [Creamery Court]. Continue on path to pedestrian and horse (!) crossing.

Letchworth Gate to Willian Road

Cross main road at traffic light (D - BE CAREFUL) & follow path which bears L.

Cross [Willian Road] & take path through wooden bollards (signposted Greenway).

Follow path with field on L.

At Tj **TL** onto tarmac path which turns R at bottom of slope (7M).

Continue SA until you reach trees & hedge on R. Ignore first R turn and **TR immediately after trees** you will see a bench further along the path.

At far end path bears left, SA over small wooden bridge & **cross single track road**.

Enter car park (Manor Wood), exit via **path to R** (pass man in acorn on R) & continue to kissing gate.

Wymondley Road to Hitchin Road

Cross [Wymondley Road] (E - BE CAREFUL), go through kissing gate & immediately **TL** (post 59).

Follow path over small wooden bridge & up hill (8M). At **top TR** (post 58) & stay on this path.

Eventually path **TL** (signposted Wymondley Wood) (post 57) (9M).

Continue on path & emerge onto road [Kingswood Avenue].

TR & run up hill on grass verge alongside Kingswood Avenue.

At top, **cross [Willian Road]**, SA down Queenswood Avenue for 10 m **TR** (sign posted Greenway) onto track.

Follow track through wood, **exit wood & TL** (10M) (golf course to right)

At Tj take path to **L into wood** & follow path to main road [Hitchin Road].

Hitchin Road to Bedford Road - watch out, routefinding in this section is tricky!

Cross main road (F - BE VERY CAREFUL), **TR** & continue up to food/drink station nr 2 benches.

Go through gate on **L & follow path** along field edge (11M)

TR by white top post, go over wooden bridge & up to garages on L and Children's play area on R.

Go through kissing gate, SA and emerge onto [Highfield] - **at road TL**.

Road bears R. Take **next TL [Chiltern View]** & run to metal gates in R corner.

Cross metal railway bridge & run on pavement SA,

Take **1st TL** into [Campfield Way] & follow pavement to main road [Icknield Way] - **TL**.

Cross the road at Pedestrian crossing.

Follow footpath over two roads (Monk lands and Monks Close) with cemetery on R to **Tj TR** (12M – The Wilbury).

Run on pavement to junction - 2 mini roundabouts **TR**,

Bedford Road to Finish

Cross Bedford Road (G - BE CAREFUL).

Then take **1st L** (signposted Standalone Farm / Wilbury Road).

Cross Wilbury Road (**G - BE CAREFUL**), and run on pavement down to Standalone Farm.

Cross road & TL into farm entrance onto track (not farm road), go **through metal pinch point**.

TL go up path, cross little bridge, **TR** continue along path with field on left

Finally **TR down path to farm and finish** 😊

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