



# The Greenway Challenge

## Greenway Challenge Route

General: If in doubt – look out for the Garden City Greenway signs and wooden route posts. 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., s/p - signpost.

### Standalone farm to Norton Road.

From start follow path, cross wooden bridge, **TR** & follow path around outside of farm.

**TR** & cross small bridge followed by large bridge.

**TL** & follow path up to & through metal kissing gate.

At **Tj** take path **R** (*s/p Radwell Meadows*) (1M) to top of hill where path turns **R**.

Follow path & at **Tj** **TL** before houses (*post 34*).

Follow path along field edge, go through **narrow metal pinch point & immediately TL** (*s/p Radwell Meadows*), keep playing fields on **R**.

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

**TR** at **Tj** (*post 33*) 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**.

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

After 50 metres, when road bears **R**, continue **SA** & follow public footpath sign through gate.

Follow gravel path, **TL** at field corner & follow path along field edge.

At **Tj**, **TR** uphill along the middle of the 3 paths (3M).

Follow path round field, **TR** to run alongside **A1M**, follow path 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.

**TL** to industrial area (recycling centre on L).

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

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

Go **SA**, at **A1M**, bear **R** onto metalled path 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** (*follow arrow on post 18*) with Knights Templar school playing field to your L & wood fence on R.

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

**TR** up a slope, keep going with hedge on **L** & pass rugby playing fields to **R**.

Just **before 3 wooden bollards** on path, **TL**.

Continue **SA on path** to cross road entrance 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, (6M) **run beside hedge** along grass to end near roundabout. NB official Greenway Route crosses Radburn Way here, **do not** cross the road here.

Instead, keep next to hedge on grass track with trees to R & then onto path between houses & hedge where you rejoin the official route.

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

### Letchworth Gate to Willian Road

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

**Cross [Willian Road]** & take path through wooden bollards (*s/p Greenway*).

Follow path with field on L.

At **Tj TL** onto tarmac path which turns R at bottom of slope (7M), run alongside A1.

Continue SA until you reach trees & hedge on R. Ignore first R turn & **TR immediately after trees** (*s/p Manor Wood, Willian Arboretum*). You will see a bench further along the path.

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

**Enter car park (Manor Wood)**, exit via **path to R** & continue to kissing gate.

### Wymondley Road to Hitchin Road

**Cross [Wymondley Road] (E - BE CAREFUL)** & **immediately TL** (*post 59, s/p Greenway*).

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 10m **TR** (sign posted Greenway) onto track.

Follow track through wood, past *post 51*, **exit wood & TL** (10M) (golf course on R)

At **Tj** (*post 50*) take **L fork 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 2 benches.

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

**TR**, cross wooden foot bridge & up to garages on L & children's play area on R.

**SA** & 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 **1<sup>st</sup> TL** into [**Campfield Way**] & follow pavement to main road [Icknield Way] - **TL**.

**Cross the road at Pedestrian crossing**.

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

Run on pavement to junction – at 2 mini roundabouts **TR**, continue past [**Bedford Road**] sign.

### Bedford Road to Finish

**Cross Bedford Road (G - BE CAREFUL)**.

Then take **1<sup>st</sup> L** (*s/p Standalone Farm*) [**Wilbury Road**].

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

Opposite farm entrance, **cross road & TL** onto track on **L** (not farm road), go **through metal pinch point**.

**TL go up path**, cross little bridge, **TR** continue along path with hedges on both sides

Finally, **TR down path to farm & finish** 😊