

Pewsey Downsaround 2026

26th April 2026

Route Description - 17 Miles

You must contact event control on **07725 903158** if anything unexpected occurs.

Abbreviations

BL - Bear Left, BR - Bear Right, BW - Bridleway, CP - Check Point, FP - Footpath, KG - Kissing gate, L - Left, LMG - Large Metal Gate, LWG - Large Wooden Gate, MWW - Mid Wilts Way, R - Right, RD - Road, SO - Straight On, SMG - Small Metal Gate, ST - Stile, SWG - Small Wooden Gate, TL - Turn Left, TR - Turn Right, TK - Track, X - Cross

Pewsey - Knap Hill - 7.4 miles (11.9km), 315m ascent

1.1 From the Scout Hut TR. X RD and go down path past car park to Main Road. TL and at the mini-roundabout, TR into "Broomcroft Road" and in 65m take FP on L into "Scotchel Nature Reserve". Follow path thru reserve to TK and minor RD and TR under railway bridge. **SU162604**

1.2 SO for 100m to X stream by house "Buckleaze Mill". Continue on path for 200m, **and turn L to follow the fence**, and then continue straight on to reach lane and houses. Turn L down bridleway at end of lane. X bridge over tiny "River Avon" and then over canal at "Pains Bridge". SO on TK to pass tarmac drive on L in 350m. Continue SO on TK for 600m to reach RD. **SU163623**

1.3 TL and in 190m, just beyond bungalow on L, TR onto FP and follow field edge to top L of field to meet TK. X TK and thru metal gate. SO across field (35°), for 140m to go thru metal gate on the R. TL, keep hedge on L and steeply ascend the "Giant's Grave". Continue SO with fence on your L to pass trig point. **SU166632**

1.4 SO for 150m to X ST/LMG. SO for 200m to X KG by gate and continue SO keeping fence on L ignoring MWW marker. Ascend slope for a further 500m **following it round L and R bends to reach main RD**. TL, keeping fence on your L, for 500m to reach a track at field corner. TL down stony track, around LMG, still with fence on L for 550m to reach main RD. **SU164642**

1.5 **X BUSY MAIN RD** (A345). TL on BW for 800m to “Huish Down Farm” sign **bear L down gravelled track then follow track round to the R (ignoring enclosed path ahead as the track bears R) for 100m**, SO past gate onto TK (west, 290°) for 500m, first thru trees and a LMG, then across open field to **adjacent** LMGs. Go thru R hand LMG, keeping fence on your L for a further 600m to field corner where fence and path bear R. Continue on path for 100m with fence still on your L to go thru **LMG**. **SU147646**

1.6 **Immediately** TL thru a **SMG** to go down green TK and after 300m go thru metal gates to a X-TK (SU142645). **The 10 mile route turns L**. SO thru SWG to R of LWG to follow path due west on MWW. Continue uphill to X next ST/gate. Bear slightly L and follow vague path towards corner of wood, to reach and X gate/metal stile. SO (due south), aiming for 1st tree on L on the horizon, to reach sign-post. **SU138641**

1.7 TR (west, 250°) on MWW and continue on with steep escarpment and fence on your L. (The views on your L are across the “Vale of Pewsey”.) SO for 450m to gate/metal ST. X ST with fence now on your R. SO in same direction for 500m and, at fence corner, X further gate/metal ST and continue SO due west for 600m to meet fence coming in from R. X metal ST and SO following MWW for 500m to gate. TR to go thru “Knap Hill” car park and CP. **SU116637**

Checkpoint 1 - 7.4 Miles - Knap Hill Car Park

10.00 - 12.30

Knap Hill to Huish - 5.0 miles (8.1km), 165m ascent

2.1 **X BUSY RD**. Go thru gate and immediately TL thru a 2nd gate. SO down field and bear R to KG which is 150m on R. thru this gate then bear L (still on MWW) to further KG. thru gate and bear slightly R for 40m to earth bank. Immediately TR and follow earth bank uphill on grassy path which goes up, thru LMG (in new fencing) and around hillside on R to pass above the “Alton Barnes White Horse” (700m from the earth bank). SO to reach metal gate. **SU105638**

2.2 SO the main path following MWW for 400m with gorse bushes on the R. After gorse bushes, BR to top of escarpment to go thru small wooden gate by metal gate. SO on MWW for 200m to 2nd small wooden gate by metal gate. SO, still keeping fence on your R, for 300m to reach 3rd gate. TR on MWW and follow fence on R thru 4th gate. **SU101646**

The 26 and 35-mile routes turn L down the track

2.3 X TK and ST and turn R along the top of the “Wansdyke” (east). Ignore ST on R after 200m. Continue on top of dyke for a further 200m to reach a fence corner. TL for 25m to reach metal gate. thru metal gate, immediately TR and follow TK for 25m, then TL to walk with the “Wansdyke” now on your L (still going east). **SU107646**

2.4 Follow dyke for 350m to gate. thru gate, SO for 150m to 2nd gate. SO with dyke still on your L and fence on your R, for 550m to reach T-junction. TR for 50m then X path to ST. X ST by gate. SO across field (east, 110°) on grass TK for 300m to reach lone beech tree at a fence corner. SO, with fence on your L, down to gate. **SU125647**

2.5 Go thru gate, X RD, and go thru small metal gate by large metal gate. SO uphill along grassy TK, keeping fence on L, to metal gates at end of field. Go thru S metal gate and SO, now with fence on R. Continue on main path around bend, with fences on your L and R, to reach far end of TK after a further 300m. TL and follow fence on R for 250m. Bear R on enclosed FP. **SU138649**

2.6 SO and downhill. Then SO uphill on path, with fences on your L and R thru 2 SMGs (ignore the multiple metal gates on L/R), to enter field. SO across field to reach trees and go thru wooden gate. Ignore track coming from the L, SO with fence on the R for 100m to reach Junction with fingerpost (SU142645). At 5 way finger post SO down main stony tree lined track for 700m. At the bottom of the track turn R with farm building on L reach church and CP. **SU144637**

Checkpoint 4 - 12.5 Miles - St Nicholas' Church, Huish

11.00 - 18.30

Huish to Pewsey - 4.3 miles (7km), 80m ascent

3.1 On leaving the church turn immediately R onto the permissible footpath. Cross the field to reach a gap in the hedge. Turn L on TK, with hedge/fence on L, for further 450m to reach gate and lane. Continue down RD pass “Draycott Farm” and continue down RD. At hard R bend in RD, by house “New Mead”, continue to go SO thru SMG to L of LMG. **SU143627**

3.2 SO on BW along L edge of field to end of field. TL and in 20m TR thru gate. SO, due east, to follow broken line of mature trees across grassy field to reach wooden fence on South side of wood. SO, keeping wood and stout wooden fence on your L for 120m then go thru a wooden gate. Continue SO for 60m with fence still on your L to corner. Go half R (50°), for 70M to gate and FP sign-post. Go thru wooden gate, immediately TR thru 2nd gate and follow BW, due east, along R field edge for 250m to X ST by gate. Continue across yard to lane. **SU156631**

3.3 TL following the lane thru Oare village to reach main RD, A345, in 240m. X RD into "Pound Lane". SO for 420m, past all buildings to reach a path junction. **The 26 mile route continues SO down Pound Lane.** TR onto footpath heading south, continue along R field edge with hedge on R for 500m to reach "Sunnyhill Lane". **SU161623**

3.4 X RD to ST opposite. X ST and continue in same direction (south, 160°) across field and thru hedge gap. Bear slightly L (150°), to reach ST 50m from far L hand corner of this large field. X ST and continue slightly L for 40m (140°), to X ST. TR on TK, SO and ignore tarmac drive joining from R, to X canal at "Pains Bridge". **SU164612**

3.5 SO down FP to X bridge over "River Avon". SO for 150m to where your TK becomes a lane. TR on RD and SO. After 100m the RD becomes a FP. Continue SO path with field on your L. FP turns R and goes downhill (railway embankment now on your L). SO to X stream by house and reach RD. SO and in 120m TL under railway bridge. Immediately after bridge, TL and go thru gate. Follow path thru nature reserve and at exit TR to mini-roundabout. TL into "North Street", X RD carefully, and in 100m TR into "Goddard Road". Continue up path on L to Scout Hut and the finish. **SU162601**

Finish - 16.8 Miles - Pewsey Scout Hut, Pewsey

Close 20.00

Congratulations!

You have completed the 17-mile Pewsey Downsaround!