

Pewsey Downsaround 2026

26th April 2026

Route Description - 26 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 grass 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 Avebury - 7 miles (11.2km), 100m 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, bear R 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 17-mile route turns R up the Wansdyke

2.3 TL down track for 200m to TK at SU100646. thru gate on embankment on R and follow Wansdyke (west). SO on path on top of Wansdyke for 500m to wooden gate. SO for 750M to metal gate, SU087647. SO for further 800m to reach 2 metal gates. Go thru gates and continue SO (north) for 30m to join stony TK. Bear L on TK for 150m to T-junction. **SU081653**

The 35 mile route goes SO

2.4 TR along TK (north). When TK bears R (after 800m) SO, keeping fence on L, for 3000m to houses & RD (SU087688). TR & follow minor RD thru "Beckhampton" village for 320m to go up stone steps in bank on L just after RD bends L by barns. At the top of these steps is the "Wagon & Horses" pub. **SU091689**

2.5 **X BUSY RD** (A4) & along BW on L side of pub car park. SO for 150m, with houses on your L, to reach a second **BUSY RD** (A4361). X RD to enter lane directly ahead. In 200m TR and SO along lane for 550m. TL onto enclosed FP opposite 'Rose Cottage'. Continue SO at junction to take TK to the right of entrance to 'Manor Farm'. Go thru the L gate & SO, keeping wire fence on R, to gate at far end of 2 small fields which joins tarmac path. SO to meet path junction. **SU096699**

2.6 TR to join lane into Avebury. SO on lane until it turns R, then SO on path between wall on L and White House, then bear **diagonally R to the lychgate** to RD and CP.

Checkpoint 3 - 14.3 Miles - Avebury Social Centre, Avebury

11.00 - 16.30

Avebury to Huish - 6.9 miles (11km), 290m ascent

3.1 TR on leaving CP. TR thru SWG onto grass FP through the stones, to reach SWG. **X VERY BUSY RD** to SWG and TR. Follow fence on R to reach SWG. **X VERY BUSY RD** to SWG and follow path thru Stone Avenue to end of field. At end of field pass thru two SWGs in LH corner and TR uphill in field with fence on R. Descend to corner and TL with trees on R to field corner. Exit field via SWG to RD. **SU103683**

3.2 **X BUSY RD** (A4) and TL and in 30m TR thro KG (SP West Kennet Long Barrow). Follow path AH crossing bridge over River Kennet to KG, thru KG and TL on enclosed path later continuing with fence on L. At **LWG (may be open)** cross ST and AH on trk. At RD cross to **SMG** next to double

LWG and continue down field with fence on R. Just before end of field cross **SMG** into trees and follow path to track. TL on track and follow to RD. **SU115677**

3.3 TL on RD cross river and TR on BW. Keep to RHS of field to end. Pass thru gap in trees to track. TR on track downhill. X bridge over River Kennett, then SO for 200m to RD junction at East Kennett. **SU120675**

3.4 Continue ahead on RD for 100m to RD junction. TL and SO for 300m. Just past houses on R, bear R along the drive of East Kennett Manor Farm and pass to L of farm buildings. 100m after farm buildings, just before main TK bears R, bear L and follow the wide TK going uphill with a fence on R for 1500m where it enters into a small, narrow wood (SU120653). Follow TK thru wood to reach X TKs immediately after emerging from wood. TL over ST by gate. SO across field (east, 110°) on grass TK for 300m to reach **lone tree** at a fence corner. SO, with fence on L, down to gate. **SU125647**

3.5 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**

3.6 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 - 21.2 Miles - St Nicholas' Church, Huish

11.00 - 18.30

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

4.1 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**

4.2 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**

4.3 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 10, 17 & 35 mile routes TR down Pound Lane

Continue SO. Keep hedge on your R for 1000m to pass large farm sheds on your R. SO on TK for a further 300m to wooden gate. TL to follow bridleway for 250m to a T junction.

4.4 TR along track which soon becomes a lane, passing houses on L, for 800m to reach canal bridge. At end of the bridge, TL thru wooden gate down to the towpath. Immediately TL to go back under the bridge and follow towpath with the Kennett & Avon Canal on your R for 1200m to next bridge (Pains Bridge, No. 113). TL off towpath immediately before bridge to go up to meet FP. **SU164611**

4.5 TL 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 - 26.7 Miles - Pewsey Scout Hut, Pewsey

Close 20.00

Congratulations!

You have completed the 26 mile Pewsey Downsaround!