

Pewsey Downsaround 2026

26th April 2026

Route Description - 35 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 Calstone Wellington - 9.9 miles (15.9km), 310m 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 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 26 mile route turns R

2.4 SO thru metal gate (hidden in dip) and continue west on top of the Wansdyke for 1200M, Xing 2 TKs, to reach farm buildings. Pass on the R of the buildings, go thru metal gate and TL to rejoin the dyke. Continue on Wansdyke, thru 1 gate to reach a X TK with 2 metal gates. Continue on the Wansdyke for a further 600m to meet another X TK with 2 metal gates. TL here along TK (leaving the Wansdyke and MWW). **SU057658**

2.5 SO on TK for 1400m, passing a black barn and later going thru a farm yard, to reach RD (SU049646). TR and in 10M go thru kissing gate on L. Go diagonally across the field thru the SMG, TL, 50m TR thru metal gate (with animal enclosure on the other side), then 30m to metal kissing gate on the far side of the field. Continue with fence on L to go thru metal kissing gate and X a footbridge. SO to X a second footbridge and thru new gate. TR and in 25m bear L to follow the field edge, with fence/hedge on your R, for 340m to a signpost and gate in front of thatched, white house on R. **SU044643**

2.6 Do not X ST but bear L on grassy TK (aiming SW, 230°, to L of church steeple) and X field to go X new gate and footbridge. SO, keep hedge on R, to go thru a wooden gate that exits to a drive in "Bishops Cannings". TL to reach minor RD and X over into "Church Walk" and thru the churchyard. Follow path to reach The Crown pub. TL and in 80m TR into Estate Yard. **SU037641**

2.7 SO to 2 SMGs to R of LMG. SO keeping fence on L to go thru SMG to R of LMG. Go diagonally R across field to go thru 2 SMGs to L of double LMG in field corner. TL and follow RD. Just before the junction with the main road by give way sign TL to follow overgrown gravel path to cross A361 via the underpass. **SU029641**

2.8 TR on BW going north thru double metal gate with footpath gate to the R. Follow TK for 300m to L bend. TR and immediately TL on permissive path (signposted by landowner) on field edge going uphill with woods on your L over the brow of the hill. SO keeping fence immediately on your L to go thru metal gate with small metal gate to reach **BUSY RD. SU034653**

2.9 X RD, TL and SO (**care**) for 125m and TR thru farmyard. Follow TK SO towards Furze Knoll for 800m to X TK. SO thru gate and continue to reach 2nd gate (large metal gate with small gate). Go slightly R uphill (30°), keeping the small building approx 50m to your L, to reach and pass thru 3rd small metal gate (at head of slight grassy gully). Bear L to reach 4th small metal gate in 20m. Turn half R and proceed up incline, due north, keeping the R-hand wireless mast approx 200m to your L to go thru 5th metal gate. **SU032669**

2.10 TL and after 60m TR at fence corner, signed MWW and diagonally across the field with trough and gate marked PRIVATE on your R. Continue with fence on R (passing wireless masts over to your L) over brow of hill to reach way-marked metal gate by stockade. SO down gully, leaving MWW, to wooden gate and TK. X TK and go over ST. In 150M X ST/wooden gate. SO down, keeping hedge on your L, for 600m to reach a small wood. Continue down main TK, with wood now on your R (ignore BW on your L). When TK bears to L, TR on FP thru wooden gate. SO for 20m then go thru large metal gate on your L. Bear R down field and X ST to reach Church car park. TL to CP in Churchyard and CP. **SU027682**

Checkpoint 2 - 17.2 Miles - St Mary's Church, Calstone Wellington

11.00 - 14.00

Calstone Wellington to Avebury - 6.7 miles (11km), 290m ascent

3.1 AH down TK to reach RD. TR for 550m and, 10m past South Farm, take L path downhill round bend to X stream and in 10m TR on path to go uphill to reach TK at a way-marked T-junction. TR uphill and in 70m TR again. Follow TK, ignoring the gate/ST on bend after 480m, to reach gate/ST (just after passing sheep pens on your R) by National Trust sign. SO on TK and then grassy path to ascend obvious ridge-line, gradually turning towards the monument. When the path almost reaches gate/ST on R, TL and go slightly down to gate/ST in 40m. SO on main TK for 100m then TR up gully and ascend to reach gate/ST. X ST and TR, go thru gate and continue to the Cherhill Monument. **SU047693**

3.2 TL just before the Monument and follow the rampart to its L for 270m to reach the Cherhill White Horse. When directly above the horse, bear R (east) across grass to reach fence. Keep fence on your L for 20m to reach a large wooden gate at fence corner. TR and, keeping fence on your L for 30m, reach fence corner. TL and go steeply down to TK. TL and go thru gate/ST, downhill to another gate/ST and pass to L of metal barn. SO downhill on main TK and in 220m TR onto TK (waymark post on high banking but very damaged). SO for 50m ignore gate to L, waymark on gate post, and follow enclosed TK for 1300m to go thru small metal gate. Continue SO and in a

further 300m, just after TK dips sharply, TL (SU070695) downhill on path for 240m to small wood and main road. **SU071697**

3.3 **X VERY BUSY RD (A4)** and SO down tarmac TK. In 800m SO at X TKs. SO past clay pigeon shoot with green buildings on L, and SO in a further 250m where TK splits at the cycle track sign. Continue SO for 800m to reach TK joining from the R at the start of a small wood. Ignore this TK and in 200m at X paths, TR thru wooden gate. Follow path uphill (120°), to Windmill Hill. Follow path (110°) over R hand tumulus and then continue SO (100°) to reach wooden gate at fence corner just behind another tumulus, thru gate and SO downhill, with fence on your L, thru a small metal gate and SO to a large metal gate. **SU097712**

3.4 Pass thru this gate and immediately TR thru KG signposted 'Avebury'. SO across field, with fence/hedge on R, to KG & ST. SO with fence/hedge on L. X 3 fields via STs to X footbridge. TL to X yet another ST, TL on tarmac path to path junction. **SU096699**

3.5 TL and SO 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 - 24.3 Miles - Avebury Social Centre, Avebury

11.00 - 16.30

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

4.1 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 SWG 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**

4.2 **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**

4.3 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**

4.4 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**

4.5 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**

4.6 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 - 31.3 Miles - St Nicholas' Church, Huish

11.00 - 18.30

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

5.1 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**

5.2 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**

5.3 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**

5.4 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**

The 26 mile route rejoins from the L

5.5 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 - 35.6 Miles - Pewsey Scout Hut, Pewsey
Close 20.00

Congratulations!
You have completed the 35-mile Pewsey Downsaround!