

## MARLBOROUGH DOWNS CHALLENGE 2004 SHORT ROUTE 20 MILE

BG	Bridle gate	BW	Bridleway	FG	Field gate	RD	Road	TK	Track	XTK	Cross tracks
BL	Bear left	CB	Compass bearing	GR	Grid reference	RHS	Right hand side	TL	Turn left	WDK	Wansdyke
BR	Bear right	CP	Checkpoint	LHS	Left hand side	SO	Straight on	TR	Turn right		(large ditch/bank)

Rough guide	Mile	Detailed Route Description for SHORT 20 mile route
Follow arrows (Start is private, a void before event)	0.3 1.0	<i>TR over small bridge; follow TK 100 yds cross bridge over river.</i> TL on FP. Thru BG and SO to trees. TR through kissing gate and up gully. At top TR. Keep to top of hill with hedge on left. SO for 900 yds. SO across two stiles; BL diagonally across field to far corner. Cross stile, SO along path on LHS of field beside hedge. 50yds past left hand bend TR on path for 300yds to RD (GR171676). TL on RD for 100yds. TR off RD onto TK. Follow TK for 300yds into field.
Follow arrows to West Woods	1.2 2.2	BL diagonally across field (passing LHS of thicket) downhill to hedge. (Aim for ivy covered trees). Through hedge, down bank, over stile, and TL along top of steep field for 250yds. Cross stile, SO for 50yds; BR diagonally down hill to TK/RD junction, entrance to West Woods, <b>CP1</b> .
Go South-West Join and follow WDK (Wansdyke)	2.2 3.1 3.5	Cross RD and up TK for 250yds. At signpost TL beside wooden barrier and up FP. After 150yds FP levels out. 40yds past fallen tree at indistinct cross paths TR on path for 100yds. At TK junction SO up surfaced FP; WDK joins route after 150yds. When surfaced FP turns right, go SO on beside WDK for 600yds. At next TK, TL and TR to follow along other side of WDK. After 500yds at edge of wood, go through wooden barrier (ignore footpath sign on right) and TR on TK. WDK still on right. Follow TK following WDK down into valley.
S-W in valley	3.5	TL on BW leaving WDK. Follow BW in valley bottom for 1300yds to group of trees and XTK.
BR into wood to top of hill	4.2 4.8	At XTK ignore BG on right, BR along fence (CB 202). After 100yds BL on FP (leave fence) up through woods to BG. Through BG & BR uphill on hardcore TK to FG beside signpost.
West along top of escarpment	4.8 6.3 6.6	TL along top of hill following fence on left. Cross metal stile with FP sign and follow fence on right with escarpment on left. SO at next stile in same direction (CB 269) to meet fence coming in from right. Follow grass TK downhill, cross metal stile beside FG, follow grass TK on right of Knap Hill. Through FG onto TK. TR <b>CP2</b> (GR115638). (Open 9.10am - 12.10pm)
N-W uphill to WDK	6.8 9.2	Cross RD, over stile & SO beside fence CB332 for 500yds, then BL CB295 following TK uphill beside fence, crossing two stiles to reach WDK. Cross WDK and TL following WDK for 700yds. TL on TK. Follow TK for 40yds and TR on bridleway following WDK (either side) for 1.4miles to XTK (GR081652) <b>CP3</b> (Open 9.40am - 1.00pm)
North to Beckhampton	9.2 10.3 11.5	(routes divide) TR on TK heading just East of North, towards trees in distance. After ½ mile (where TK turns right), SO on FP (leave TK). Follow FP on LHS of field. At wood SO on TK over brow of next hill and downhill passing barn on left. SO on TK to RD junction.
Follow A361 to 100 yds North of roundabout	11.6 11.8 11.9	TL along RD. BR at mirror for 100 yds to main RD A361. Cross RD with <b>great care - fast traffic</b> . TR along tarmac FP close to A361. At roundabout SO across A4. SO ( <i>may change, see arrows</i> ) & take FP between hedge and scrub. BR passing BG on your left and follow FP back on to A361. TL up RD with great care for 50 yds. TL on RD beside houses.
N-W, then N then N-E	12.0 12.5	At T junction TL on TK. After 100 yds TR on grass TK. (33 mile route joins here). Follow TK NE & then due N for 750yds to barns. <b>CP7</b> . GR 089698 (Open 11.30am - 4.40pm)
Go due East to Avebury	12.6 13.5	TR on RD for 300yds. SO at junction on "No through road" (Bray Street) for 400yds. At end of RD SO on tarmac path. After 100yds SO over river bridge. (Good view of Silbury Hill). SO on FP into churchyard, BR to lich-gate. TL on RD. Pass shop, public toilets and Red Lion.
Straight on ENE	13.5 15.1	<b>Cross RD with care.</b> SO on RD signed 'No tourist parking' (CB 70) across Avebury circle. After 5/8 mile pass farm buildings on right. SO on TK for one mile to Ridgeway (GR125708).
Straight on East-North-East	15.1 16.5	SO through BG (English Nature sign) on grass bridleway (CB84) across open ground for 550yds to FG; SO through 3 gates, crossing racehorse gallops. SO down gravel TK into valley. BL on same gravel TK uphill through two gates to <b>CP8</b> (Open 12.20pm - 6.15pm)
Follow signs to finish (Part private, take another route before day of event)	16.6 17.9 18.5 19.0 19.8	TR downhill SE. After 1200 yds BR on same TK with triangular grass verge on left. TK joins from R; BL for 700yds to car park (GR159699). BL through car park to RD. TR along RD for 500 yds. <i>SO through gateway on private TK. After 300 yds SO over RD onto grass TK downhill.</i> BL following TK to hedge with signpost. TR down grass path for 600 yds. At signpost TL (signed Barton Farm) and follow grass path on LHS of field downhill and then uphill. At far end of field TR and then TL down into valley. TR to Leisure centre. (GR 182689)

