

Abbreviations: **L** = Left, **R** = Right, **TL** = Turn Left, **TR** = Turn Right, **AH** = Ahead, **X** = Cross, **Thru** = through, Immed = immediately, Junc = junction, FP = Footpath, BW = Bridleway, KG = Kissing Gate, WP = Waymark Post, FB = footbridge
CW = Chiltern Way, IW = Icknield Way, JBT = John Bunyan Trail,
CB:320 = Compass Bearing 320, GR = Grid Reference, **M** = miles, m = metres.
Each paragraph starts with distance (0.6M) then next number is 6 figure grid reference.

Start – Barton Village Hall: GR: TL 082 306

Leave Barton Village Hall site & **TR** on pavement & soon **bear R** at NO ENTRY road signs to pass the Café Goa on R. At mini roundabout **X road with care & AH** into Sharpenhoe Road on R hand pavement.
Continue for 500m, over the bridge with A6 Dual Carriageway below.
15m beyond 40 sign **X road with care** to FP sign on opposite side.
Descend steps & at bottom **TL**, & then follow track round to **R**.

0.6M 075 306 At WP by open area **bear L** with path to follow permissive path waymarks. Immed **bear R** on track between trees for 200m to WP. **AH** on path, with ditch on R & steep bank on L, for 450m. On reaching barrier & road **T sharp R** (*not tarmac path*) to continue on permissive path **thru** trees - later with fence on R. In 450m, at end of fence, **AH** into scrubby area with ditch on R. On reaching open steep bank on L, **AH** with ditch on R for 110m. At WP with permissive path sign **TR, X FB & thru** KG.

1.4M 075 294 **AH X** field (CB:320) to KG on hillside. **Thru** KG & **AH** up steps to follow path up 2nd set of steps where **bear R** on path. In 120m **bear L** up 3rd set of steps & **AH** up steps & **thru** KG. **AH** up field edge to KG. **Thru** KG & **bear R** on path between fence/hedges. At WP **TL** before gap & **AH** uphill with hedge on R. In 450m go **thru** gate & **X road with care**.

2.1M 066 293 Go **thru** KG & **AH** on track. In 75m, with WP on L, **bear L** on track between fence & trees. In 250m at path junc (with wooden gate AH) **bear R** by WP & then **bear L thru** trees. In 250m, after short descent, pass WP on L, ignore L fork, & **AH** to T-junc at WP with CW disc. **TR** down 4 of 6 steps & **fork L** (*do not continue down path to R*) on winding path **thru** trees, with steep bank on R. In 160m, near crest of slope, reach X path. [*This is Sundon Hills Country Park.*]
Here **TR** with WP on L (JBT), down path **thru** trees.
Keep **AH** down L of open area & **AH** down steps.

2.7M 058 292 At X path, with gate AH, (*do not go thru gate*) but **TL** (JBT) on enclosed path. **AH** for 600m, passing butterfly marker post on R, to KG beside field gate. **Thru** KG & **AH** to immed **fork L** uphill away from hedge on R. **Bear L** on ridge uphill, passing seat on L, to KG. **Thru** KG & **AH** with fence on R. Continue over brow of hill, following fence, to **bear L** with coomb edge on R. At top end of coomb **TR** on path to pass yellow bowser on L.

Do not follow 18 mile route which continues ahead to fence here.

3.4M 051 287 With bowser on L, keep **AH** (CB:280) towards end of tree filled coomb, with fence on R. **Bear R** to pass post on L & follow path with fence on R, avoiding large holes. **Thru** KG beside field gate, pass WP with kite, & **AH** towards WP. Just before WP & seat, **TL** down steps into quarry. Follow grassy path **thru** base of quarry to exit by red topped WP (JBT). **AH** down steps to **bear L** on path & in 60m, at red topped WP, **TR** on winding path **thru** scrub to KG. **Thru** KG & **AH** down permissive path for 280m. **Thru** KG to L of field gate & **TL** on lane to T-junc.

3.9M 047 292 **TR** on **Sundon Road with great care – blind bend.** In 15m **TL** at BW sign (IW) & **AH** on wide path. In 50m **TL thru** gap in hedge & **TL** again on permissive BW. At field corner **TR** uphill, with hedge & road on L. **Bear R** at corner, still hedge on L, & continue on track over brow to **bear R** downhill. At bottom **T sharp L** - with fence on L. After 180m **fork R**, cutting across uncropped corner of field, to rejoin main track & **AH** for 140m.

[Do not follow walkers returning on short course coming down!]

4.7M 041 287 At gap in fence on L, by tyres, **TL** up path between trees. In 400m, at open area by WP, **bear R** on faint path (CB:170) to WP & **thru** gap beside old gate.

18 mile route re-joins from left here.

5.1M 043 281 **TL** on track, becoming enclosed, for 400m to road. **X road with care** & **TL** on pavement. Pass post box, & at road junc **TR** on pavement – signed **Streatley**. In 70m **TL** & **X road with care**, to checkpoint.

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Opens 9:00

GR: TL 048 278
Closes 13:00

5.6 miles

Leave checkpoint & **return** to road (over grass in **L** corner of car park) where **TL** on pavement. At end of pavement **TR, X road with care** & down drive, to pass front of White Hart pub, to FP sign. At sign **bear R** to go **thru** gap on L of garages. **Thru** KG & **AH** for 80m to go **thru** gap in fence. At WP on L, **AH** up field (CB:260) to just R of power pole, then **slightly R** to field corner. **AH thru** gap & **thru** KG, then **TR** & **L** on pavement. Pass garages on L & **AH** on pavement to lamp-post, then between tree on L & sign (**Church Road**) on R. **AH thru** alley between houses to road.

5.9M 045 275 **X road with care, thru** KG & **AH X** field (CB:230) to gap in hedge. **X** lane $\frac{1}{2}$ **R** & at FP sign up steps [*stop to admire view*] then descend steps into Sundon quarry. [Follow red/white tapes thru quarry as guide – but still read route.] At bottom of steps **fork R** & follow obvious path, curving **R** to path junction. At **X** path **TR** for 90m to

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next path junction (with fork AH) where **T sharp L**. In 20m **fork R** on minor path, with ponds below on R. **Take care round steep hole** on R, & on joining main path **bear R**. Approaching hedgeline AH, **bear R thru** gap with vertical drop on R; then **AH thru** gap in scrub to descend on gravelly path.

6.4M 040 272 At WP **fork R**, & at **X** track **TR** on stony track. **AH** for 100m to just before concrete blocks on L, where **TR** up grassy/chalky track. At wide **X** track **TL** & in 20m **TR** down minor track (steep descent) then **TL** at bottom. Keep **AH** where track joins from L (with very steep track on R) & **AH thru** grassy basin for 30m where **fork L** (CB:300). Keep **AH** for 250m **thru** open areas, to reach base of orange cliff on R. Where track rises AH, **fork R** on grassy path between scrub. In 35m **bear R X** open area to far R corner & ascend concrete steps. **AH** onto tarmac where **TR** between posts to lane.

Longer routes turn sharp left here, on narrow FP – do not follow.

6.8M 036 277 **TR** up lane for 220m, to gap in hedge between 6th & 7th power pole. **[Take extra care on paths thru this second part of quarry if it's wet!]** **TL** up steep bank **[Take care could be, slippery]** & down on chalky track. Keep **AH** on obvious path towards sandy cliff on R. At fork in open area, with sandy cliff on R, **bear R thru** scrub & ancient pits – **take care on adverse camber**. Follow winding path for 120m & at T-junction **TR** down path, & immed **fork L** in front of burnt out car. At bottom **bear R** on chalky path between scrub, becoming narrow & ruddy.

7.2M 040281 Continue on obvious chalky path, with short steep descent, to pass **thru** more open area, with fence & landfill site on L. **AH** on obvious enclosed path to **fork R** at large open grassy area. Here **bear R** for 20m, to go **thru L** hand gap in scrub. **Take care** on chalky path down steep bank – **very slippery when wet!** **AH** up & down steep banks to enclosed path, where **TL** downhill to field at bottom.

***Do not be surprised by later starters who may be coming up this path!
At bottom all routes join from right – do not follow!***

7.7M 041 287 **TL** on path around field edge to **TR** in 100m, with hedge & landfill site on L. **AH** at gap with WP, still hedge on L, & in 160m **TR** with path. In 60m **TL** (*do not TL on path thru gap at WP*) & continue **AH**, with hedge on L, to WP in field corner. Here **TR** with hedge on L & keep **AH** for 600m to KG on L.

8.6M 039 297 **Thru** KG & **AH** with wire fence on R for 100m, to pass track with containers on R. In 30m **TR thru** KG & **TL** with fence on R. **Thru** 2 KG's, & **AH** (CB:330) **X** field to 3rd KG. **Thru** KG & **AH** to go **thru** KG beside power pole. Go between wires & **thru** gap in hedge & **TR** to road.

8.9M 038 300 **X road with care** & **TL** on pavement. In 120m at FP sign, just before white house, **TR** on enclosed FP. **AH X** FB & **bear** slightly **R** (CB:90) **X** field for 400m to reach hedge/trees. [*View of Sharpenhoe Clappers AH.*]
Keep **AH** with hedge on L for 80m to WP where **TL X** FB & **thru** gap.

Longer routes join here on FP from L.

9.4M 043 302 **AH** with trees on R. In 280m, at next WP **bear R**, now with hedge on L. **AH** 130m to go **thru** gap on R of gate to lane.
X lane with care, & **X** FB. **AH** with hedge on R for 460m. **Bear L** with path to pass WP beside small FB, & **TR** over large bridge & **thru** hedge gap.

10.0M 050 304 **TL** on grassy path with hedge on L, & follow to **R** & **L** at 2 WP's. In 150m, at field corner, **bear L thru** gap to pass FB on L. At open field **bear L** & **R** with path. Continue **AH** along field edge, with hedge on L, for 570m.
At field corner with WP (*do not exit onto road*) but **TR**, still with hedge on L. In 60m to **TL thru** small gap in hedge – just before 3rd power pole.

10.7M 056 312 **X road with great care (blind bend to L)** to pass **R** of digger & **thru** scrub on path, with stone edging on R. In 35m, at X path, **TR** over stone edging, on obvious path (CB:90) to gap in hedge. **Thru** gap & **AH** (CB:90) up field to WP at corner of wood. Continue **AH**, with wood on R, for 230m to **X** FB in field corner. **TL** on track & in 20m **TR** on FP with hedge on R.
At WP at end of hedge, continue **AH** (CB:100) **X** field to WP on R of large tree. **AH** over FB & **TR** on enclosed FP.
At end of trees by WP, **TL thru** open area directly under power lines.

11.4M 066 312 **AH thru** gap in hedge, following power lines, between hedges for 400m. [*Note WW2 bunker on L by power pole.*] At hedge end **AH** to WP where **bear L** on grassy track. In 10m **TR thru** KG & **AH X** field under power lines to KG.
Thru KG & **bear L**, with hedge on L, to KG.
Thru KG & **X** FB to follow winding path **AH thru** spinney.
At end of trees **AH**, with hedge on R & between power lines, for 230m.

12.0M 076 312 At field corner, with conifers **AH**, **TR** on enclosed gravel path. In 180m **TL** over FB & **TR**, with stream on R & trees on L. In 180m at WP **TR** over culvert & in 15m **TL** up steps to road. **TL** on pavement over bridge & continue on pavement for 500m to the mini roundabout.
Here **X** road **with care** & **TR** along the one way street, passing the Café Goa on L. Follow pavement as it **bears L** & shortly **TL** to the Village Hall & **the end**.

BARTON VILLAGE HALL and FINISH Total 12.8 miles

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