



British Walking Federation

Odiham Jubilee Trail - PT 238



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The ROYAL AIR FORCE WALKING AND ROAD MARCHING
ASSOCIATION

Note: Start Venue and Route Change

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DISTANCE: 11km

ENTRY FEE: £1.00 (Cheques made payable to RAFWARMA).

AWARD: Cloth Badge at £2.00 each.

START VENUE: Colt Hill Car Park, London Road, Odiham, RG29 1DH. Explorer 144, GR SU747517.

CAR PARKING: Free parking at start venue.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: Bus service within 1km of start.

REFRESHMENTS: Available on route at Odiham and Greywell.

TERRAIN: BWF Grade 2 - Minor roads, farmland, river and canal paths.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION (Updated 26th December 2022)

TR – Turn Right TL – Turn Left BR – Bear Right BL – Bear Left SO – Straight On
RH – Right Hand LH – Left Hand SP – Signpost FP – Footpath BW - Bridleway
RHS – Right Hand Side LHS – Left Hand Side PH – Public House

From the car park head towards the canal towpath and picnic area, TR and at the bridge go up the slope to the road. TL crossing the bridge and pass the Waterwitch PH. At the post box on the RHS, TL on the drive opposite to Thursley, Whisper and Tomlins (SP-FP). Follow the FP to the RHS of Thursley (Yellow arrow) passing through two KG's to reach a road. Cross road (With Care) and through the KG opposite, follow the gravel path down to go through another KG. TR on the path between the fence and hedge. SO through the gap into the field and follow around the edge of the field with the hedge on RHS as it turns left and right a couple of times, ignoring all other paths. At the corner by the FP posts and white house on RHS, TR down the track to the road. Cross the road and TL (SP-The Baker Hall) and follow pavement up to the school.

TL passing the front of Buryfields Infant School with blue railings on your right. Follow the path, passing the barrier, down the steps and through the gate opposite. Continue SO to follow the gravel path along the edge of the field to go through the gap at the end by the seven bar gate. TR and follow the tarmac path up the hill and around to the right with hedges on both sides. At the end of the path by the bollards TR into the field (do not pass the bollards into the housing estate). Follow the path along the edge of the field with wire fence on LHS. At the corner of the fence, continue SO across the field following the path to the main road. Head up the bank to the pavement and TL (If the bank is overgrown continue round to the field entrance). Follow the pavement to the crossroads and the entrance to RAF Odiham.

On the 15th July 1953, Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth the Second, carried out a review of the Royal Air Force at RAF Odiham to celebrate her Coronation. The review consisted of over 300 static aircraft and a flypast of over 600 aircraft from the RAF and Commonwealth Airforces.

Cross the main road at the Island (WITH CARE) and TL then immediately TR on the road, The Firs. 40m to the Aerial compound.

QUESTION 1: What is the number of the Transmitter Building?

Continue along the road using the LH and then the RH pavement. At the end of the pavement, continue to follow the road (With Care) to reach the T-Junction. TL (SP-Upton Grey, Greywell) using RH pavement. Pass the first FP sign and stile on RHS and at the second FP sign and stile on the RHS, TL to cross the road and go through the gap in the hedge opposite (SP-FP in the hedge), BR across the corner of the field and go through the wooden gate on the path between the fences. At the end by the 5 bar gate, TL through the gap and immediately TR, passing a green bar to the road.

TL and in 50m, TR through gap in hedge to field (SP-FP). BL across the field and then through the gap at the bottom to the KG. Through KG and immediately TL through a metal gate (Blue Arrow). Follow the path along the LH edge of the open area to eventually go through another metal gate. SO on the path between the fences to reach a path junction. TR through two black KG's with the lake on the LHS to reach a Mill. Immediately after passing the Mill, TR (SP-FP) along the boardwalk with river on RHS and path to eventually reach the Church. Pass to the left of the Church and TL on gravel path to the gate and road. TR and 50m on LHS by the Post Box is the Village Hall and Memorial Stone.

QUESTION 2 – What is the name of the Major who lost his life during the 1939-1945 war?

Continue on the pavement through the village. Just after the Fox and Goose PH, TR on Deptford Lane and immediately TL on FP (SP - FP) up the bank. Follow the FP between the fence and hedge to pass over the top of the canal tunnel entrance. TR onto the towpath, passing the information board for the tunnel. Follow the towpath with the canal on the RHS for approx 1200m (*passing the ruin of Odiham Castle on the LHS*) to reach the white bridge. TR on the road over the bridge and follow the road to the junction. TR to the white cottages on LHS.

QUESTION 3 – What month is the first white cottage named after?

Continue in same direction and just before the Anchor PH, TL on the gravel path passing the cottages, following the path to the road. Cross the road and continue on the path opposite which eventually becomes tarmac, up the hill, passing the school on RHS to the road at the end. Cross road and TL. Continue along the pavement, passing Salmons Road, Recreation Road and SO into West Street. Follow West Street up to the bollards and mini roundabout and TR. 20m cross road at pedestrian crossing, TR and between the Crown sign and bus stop, TL on the path through the wooden barriers with brick wall on LHS. SO to the Church, TL and enter the Bury (Bell PH opposite) and immediately TR to the stocks under the shelter.

QUESTION 4 – What date did the Commons order stocks to be set up in every town and village?

With your back to the stocks, BR and cross the Bury to the path between the houses in the corner to the left of Little Court, through the wooden barriers. 10m TL down the alleyway between the brick walls to the High Street opposite the Bel & Dragon PH. Cross the road using the pedestrian crossing and TR, passing Fountains Mall and the Co-op. Follow the pavement around to the left into London Road, crossing Manley James Close and SO to pass the Waterwitch PH. Immediately after crossing the canal bridge TR down the slope, then BL passing the picnic area to reach the car park and finish.

When you have finished this trail please use the [Permanent Trail Entry Form](#)

The organisers are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made by the organisers to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.

This trail is open until 31st December 2023.