



# British Walking Federation

## Wendover Trail - PT 261



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**DISTANCE:** 12km

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

**AWARD:** Cloth Badge at £2.00 each.

**START VENUE:** High Street Car Park, Wendover, HP22 6EA. Explorer 181, GR SP869078.

**CAR PARKING:** At start venue, Pay and Display.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT:** Bus and Train service within 500m of start.

**REFRESHMENTS:** Wendover and Café in Wendover Woods (Approx halfway through route).

**TERRAIN:** BWF Grade 2 - Minor roads, woodland tracks, hills and canal path.

### ROUTE DESCRIPTION (Updated 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023)

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 to the High Street. TR passing the Red Lion Hotel and just before the Clock Tower TR on Heron path between the barriers (SP – St Mary's Church and Ridgeway Path). SO on the tarmac path with stream on LHS to reach a lane. Cross the lane and continue on path (SP – Ridgeway) with stream on LHS, open space on RHS. BR and continue to follow Ridgeway signs, passing a single black bollard and a lake on the RHS to reach the Church. TL on the road, passing Chilton Way Academy, Wendover Campus. At the bend by the junction follow the road around to the left and SO for approx 250m. TR at the road, Hale Lane (SP – The Hale, St Leonards). Follow for approx 600m up the hill and just after the entrance to Hale Valley Vineyard on the RHS, BL into Wendover Woods passing the barriers. (2.0km)

#### Q1. What is the telephone number of the Forest Office?

Continue up the slope a short distance to the track. At the track TL, follow BW (Black horseshoe on white background signs) around the edge of the wood for approx 1500m, ignoring all turnings, eventually passing houses on LHS to reach another wooden barrier with 'No Horse Rider' sign on post. Pass the barrier, ignore the path on the left and continue SO ignoring all turnings to reach the security fence of RAF Halton on the LHS. BR, away from the security fence (do not follow the path alongside the fence), following the yellow FP sign to reach a 4 way junction by a post with several direction arrows on it and a 5 bar gate set back on the LHS.

TR opposite the gate (Direction of blue arrow on a white background), follow this track up the hill, passing a concrete water reservoir on LHS as it becomes a wide gravel track. Ignore the track from the LHS and continue on the track up hill following the blue arrow to eventually reach a Y junction at the top. BL to the main track and TL (SP – Car Park and Café This Way), passing the picnic area and BBQ area. SO passing the Car Park on the LHS to reach a junction with wooden huts opposite and the Café/Toilet complex over on the RHS. TL in front of the Information Office and Car Park Pay Station, TR passing the coach drop-off point and then BL passing the red/white car park entrance barrier. Follow tarmac lane (With Caution) for approx. 500m to a large lay-by on RHS and 2 grassed viewing areas on LHS. (6.5 km)

**Q2. At the first grass viewing area there is a bench, what are the words on the bottom line of the brass plaque?**

Approx. 100m after passing the viewpoint TL on the path by a small wooden fence (Just before the 'no entry signs'). Follow the path down the hill through the woods to reach a cross track by a stone wall. Continue SO on the path opposite between the stone walls for 50m to reach another cross path. TR on the path down the hill (Caution may be slippery when wet) to reach a track at the bottom. Pass through the wooden posts opposite (RAF Halton ahead). TR passing the mound on the RHS and follow the path through the avenue of trees. BL at the end passing the play park on the LHS and SO through the barrier to the main road.

Cross the main road (**Extreme Care**) and SO on the road opposite leading to Rosemead and Halton House (SP – FP). After Rosemead on the RHS, BR on the FP through the green bollards, following it down to reach the lane. SO the lane as it bears around to the left, passing ramp caution sign. Pass the sports fields and stadium on the RHS with Halton Airfield over in the distance. Just after the car park on the RHS and before the end of the green and yellow bollards on the LHS, TR (SP – FP yellow arrow). At the track fork BL and at the end of the track, before the 5 bar gate ahead, TL into the open grass area and then BR to the KG. Through the KG into the Churchyard (Military graves on RHS), passing to the left of the Church and follow the drive through the gate to the road. TR to the canal bridge and cross the road. TL to enter the canal towpath just after the bridge and follow the canal towpath with the canal on the LHS for approx 1500m to reach an information board by some benches. (10.4 km)

**Q3. Boats may not have used the canal since what date?**

Continue to follow the canal towpath the end and exit the canal towpath to the road. TR and follow the road to the junction by the mini roundabout. TL and follow the road to the next mini roundabout. Cross road (**Extreme Care**) using the island to the left. TR into the High Street passing the clock tower and Red Lion Hotel to reach the Car Park and Finish. (12Km)

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

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This trail is open until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.