



British Walking Federation

Greenham Common Trail - PT 249



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ASSOCIATION

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DISTANCE: 10km

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

AWARD: Cloth Badge at £2.00 each.

START VENUE: Control Tower Car Park, Burys Bank Road, Greenham and Crookham Common, RG19 8BZ.

CAR PARKING: At start venue. When travelling along Burys Bank Road from Newbury/Greenham or Crookham the car park is about halfway just off the mini roundabout. £3.00 donation for parking.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT: A bus service runs between Newbury and Basingstoke (Not Sunday or Public Holidays). There is a stop at Greenham Business Park, where you can start the walk at Question 4.

REFRESHMENTS: Control Tower Café and Base Café on Greenham Park, restricted opening times.

TERRAIN: BWF Grade 2 – Common and Woodland paths, some minor and main roads.

Please note that the Common is also a nature reserve and birds will be nesting at certain times of the year and livestock will be roaming. Please obey all signs and warnings and do not enter the areas marked off with red posts. Please keep dogs under control in these areas.

ROUTE DESCRIPTION (Updated 28th December 2018)

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 gate on the RHS of the Air Traffic Control Tower. Through the gate and follow the path 20m to the junction. TR and follow the main gravel path for approx 1200m passing ponds on the RHS and LHS. Gravel path bends around to the left to reach a Y junction. TR, passing the log bench on RHS and follow the path for approx 500m to reach the gate and car park. Go through the gate to the right of the main green gates and TL to the notice board. (1.7 km)

QUESTION 1: What year did 30,000 women embrace the Base?

Return back to the common through the gate to the right of the notice board (SP – FP). SO on the path ahead following the Walk for Life and the Purple Bunker direction arrows. Follow the well defined path with the perimeter fence on your RHS. Path becomes concrete with a wooden fence on RHS. When the wooden fence ends and the perimeter fence turns right, TR and follow the path still keeping the perimeter fence on the RHS. After a short distance the path bends left around the wood, passing a pond on the outside of the fence and then a small entrance gate. Continue for another 500m keeping the perimeter fence on the RHS, passing a 5 bar gate in the fence on the RHS and a trees enclosed by a fence on the LHS to reach the far bottom corner of the wood by a dip and field ahead.

Continue to follow this distinctive path around to the left and up the hill following the edge of the wood with the perimeter fence and field on the RHS. Ignore all paths that cross, passing a kissing gate and another 5 bar gate on the RHS. When the field ends on the RHS continue SO to eventually reach a path junction with high security fence in front and another security fence behind that. TL uphill on the sunken path keeping the high security fence on your RHS for 200m to reach a track by a post with a yellow FP arrow. TR SO following the track with security fence over on the RHS, which will eventually BR away from the track.

Keep following this track, passing a red fire warning notice on the LHS and just after the second red fire warning notice on LHS (Currently lying on the ground), where it bends left, TR on the path to the right of the FP post (ignore the yellow FP arrow that points left). Follow this short path to reach a gravel path with a 'walk 4 Life' sign on a post opposite. TR, SO to the main gravel track with a bench on LHS. TR on the main gravel track, follow it around to the right, passing an old car park on RHS. Just before the end TR on the concrete drive to the green double security gates. (4.2 Km)

QUESTION 2 – The bunkers are a Scheduled Ancient Monument Site. What number is it?

TL and follow the concrete path along the front of the bunkers with the fence on the RHS. At the end of the fence TR. After 50m, just after the first gate on the RHS, TL on the track along the front of the copse, following it around to the right on the enclosed path (concrete wall over to the left). Continue to follow the well defined track, ignoring all turnings, as it bends left then right, to eventually reach the rusty fire training plane. TL and pass in front of the plane. When the track bears left, TR and head towards the red brick building with green roof. Pass to the left of the building and just after passing it, before the gate ahead, TR on the path down the hill. (5.4 km)

QUESTION 3 – What is the number on the first 'Periscope' shape pipe sticking out of the ground?

Pass the pipes and drains in the ground, down the slope to the Y junction. Follow the LH path down the dip and up the other side. SO to reach the cross tracks, TL (by the tree with the bird box on it). Continue to follow this path down the slope, BL at the bottom to reach the kissing gate by the main road. Go through the kissing gate and TL on the pavement. Continue on this pavement, crossing the first entrance to Greenham Business Park by the roundabout, passing a bus stop and on to the second roundabout. TL and immediately TR on the lane (Private No Access), 20m TR to the red information board at the Greenham Peace Garden. (6.8 Km)

QUESTION 4 – What date did the Women's Peace Camp Close?

Return back to the Greenham Business Park Entrance. TR into the Business Park, passing The Stuart Tagg Square, First Street and Wofford Way. At the roundabout TL along Lindenmuth Way and at The Base (Café open in 2019) TR into Communication Road, 100m TL, Jones Drive. 100m TR, Warehouse Road and follow to the top. At the end TL, Buckner Croke Way and continue SO to reach the T Junction just after EPC.

Cross the road to the car park opposite. Continue through the car park (building on LHS was the Command Centre and still has the reinforced doors) onto the track, with wooden posts on LHS to reach the kissing gate. Through the gate, and SO, path joins from the LHS, continue SO to reach junction with the main gravel track.

TR and follow the gravel track with Business Park and fence on RHS for approx 800m. When the track bears left, follow it around to the left and continue SO to cross over the only remaining part of the runway. Once you have crossed the runway follow the path around to the left and continue ahead on the gravel path with the copse on the RHS. Just after the copse by the Control Tower, TR on the path, down to the gate and back to the car park. (10 Km)

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 2019.