

John Cannon Century Ride

100+ miles (171 km)



A century ride mainly through Hertfordshire lanes with visits to Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Essex.

- H.Q. (start and finish):** Allenburys Sports & Social Club, Harris Lane, Ware, Herts. SG12 0DJ
- Date and Time:** Sunday 18th June, 9:00 am
- Please arrive by 08:45 am so that brevet cards can be distributed and any checks made.**
- Food and drink:** Available at H.Q. and for purchase at the controls.
- Showers and changing:** Available at H.Q.
- Car parks:** Small amount in club, some in street.

This event is run under Audax UK regulations and takes place on open public roads. It is not a race or trial of speed. Please follow the rules of the road and show consideration to other road users.

You must complete the ride at an average speed between 14.3 kph and 30 kph. Your brevet card must be stamped at every control.

The route is not way-marked or marshalled but clear routing instructions are provided. In general the rule is **stick to the road you are on until instructed to leave it**. It helps to pay attention to the distances between instructions. Additionally, GPX files may be downloaded from <https://www.herts-wheelers.org.uk/audax/wheelers-audax-routes-2023>

The organiser provides no rescue service. If you decide not to complete the ride please let us know by phoning 07946294900 and/or by asking another rider to return your brevet card to us.

Visit www.herts-wheelers.org.uk/audax/downloads/ for latest information and maps of H.Q.

Ride safely and enjoy yourself! ONE INFO CONTROL CHANGED LOCATION PLUS ALL NEW QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Abbreviations and conventions used in the route description:

R	Right	imm.	Immediately
L	Left	TfL	Traffic Lights
SO	Straight on	RaB	Roundabout
\$	Signpost	mRaB	Mini roundabout
T	T junction	Rlwy	Railway
X	Crossroads	▲	Grass triangle

Aldbury **bold type** - place passed through

New Road *italic type* - road Name

[B1368] Square brackets – road you ride along

(A602) Round brackets – road you cross

▲ Be, ▲ C, ▲ E

Road passes near highest point in Beds. (243m), Cambs. (146m), Essex (147m)



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Making cycling accessible to all.

Herts Wheelers 160k Audax Route

km First Leg (63.3 km)

0.0	R out of HQ into <i>Priory Street</i>
0.5	R @ T into <i>Baldock Street</i> .
0.9	2nd exit @ RaB. Cross bridge, keep R
1.0	Imm. after bridge, right into <i>Amwell End</i> via cycle access
1.2	Cross level crossing then R @ T no \$
3.5	2nd exit @ mRaB (effectively SO)
4.4	R @ Tfl \$ Hertford East Station
4.6	1st exit @ mRaB by Dolphin pub
4.7	1st exit @ mRaB \$ All Routes
4.8	R @ Tfl into 20 zone. SO through shops
	At end continue SO under clock set high
5.0	on R (cycle contra-flow - NCR 61)
5.1	R @ T by War Memorial
5.3	SO @ Tfl into <i>St Andrews Street</i>
5.8	2nd exit @ mRaB \$ Stevenage
	Pass Hertford N. station then forward at
6.3	2 mRaB \$ Stevenage [A119]
	L \$ Bramfield . Follow road to
6.8	Datchworth Green (7.4km)
	L @ X in Datchworth Green \$ Woolmer
14.2	Green
15.8	L @ T \$ Welwyn [B197]
16.0	Shortly R into <i>Heath Road</i>
17.3	R into <i>Potters Heath Road</i> (over A1)
18.3	L \$ Rabley Heath
	Information Control @ Robin Hood
18.7	and Little John pub - see brevet card
	After control continue towards Codicote
20.9	R @ T ▲ no \$ [B656]
21.0	Shortly L into <i>Cowards Lane</i>
21.4	L at T ▲ \$ Cycle Route 12
26.9	R @T, \$ Wheathampstead [B653]
27.2	1st exit RaB \$ Wheathampstead [B651]
27.6	R after church into <i>Church Street</i>
	L no \$ (▲) into <i>Pipers Lane</i> (just after
29.1	<i>golf course entrance</i>)
30.7	2nd exit @ mRaB
31.6	Forward @ mRaB
31.7	L @ mRaB \$ Redbourn
32.3	2nd exit @ RaB \$ Redbourn [B487]
35.0	2nd exit @ RaB \$ Redbourn (A5183)
35.6	L on r.h.bend into <i>High Street</i>
	R @T in front of Atelier shop \$
36.1	Redbourn Common (into <i>Fish Street</i>)
	R \$ Gaddesden Row (into <i>Gaddesen</i>
37.4	<i>Lane</i>)
41.0	Follow road right (90°) \$ Jockey End

km First Leg - Continued

42.3	L \$ Water End
45.2	Steep descent to R @ T \$ Leighton Buzzard [A4146]
45.5	2nd left \$ Nettleden
47.0	R @ T \$ Nettleden
50.9	R \$ Studham
	Information Control – see brevet card
52.7	SO @ X \$ Studham
54.5	L @ ▲ \$ Studham
57.8	SO @ RaB \$ Dunstable [B4541]
60.0	Sharp R & stop <i>Isle of Wight Lane</i> ▲ Be
	Information control – see brevet card
60.0	Reverse Course, downhill.
62.2	L @ RaB \$ Kensworth [B4541]
	Stay on [B4541] Common Rd until R
64.3	into The Chilterns and imm. R into control in Village Hall.

km Second Leg (49 km)

	Retrace to B4540 and back L
65.0	Shortly L \$ Dovehouse Lane
66.1	L @ T ▲
70.1	R @ T in Markyate no \$
	SO (across A5 - care) into No Through
70.9	Road (<i>Old Watling Street</i>)
	L no \$ into <i>Chad Lane</i> (just after “road
72.4	<i>narrows” sign</i>)
73.7	R \$ Chilterns Cycleway
	CARE! Poor surface L \$ Chilterns
75.0	Cycleway into <i>Kennel Lane</i>
	L @ T no \$ (eff. SO) into <i>Kingsbourne</i>
76.2	<i>Green Lane</i>
76.4	R @ T \$ Harpenden [A1081] (care)
76.5	Shortly L \$ Newmill End
78.9	SO at staggered junct. \$ Peters Green
81.3	L in Peters Green \$ Wandon Green ▲
82.4	Follow road \$ Wandon Green ▲
82.9	R @ T ▲ \$ Whitwell
84.3	Follow road \$ Whitwell
84.7	R \$ Whitwell
87.1	R @ T \$ Whitwell
	Information control - see brevet card
88.2	L \$ Hitchin [B651] (at war memorial)
91.6	L @ X \$ Hitchin [B656] (care)
93.9	R @ X no sign (then thru 3 90° bends)
94.5	R @ T \$ Little Wymondley
95.5	L on r.h bend \$ Wymondley
96.1	SO @ mRaB \$ Great Wymondley
97.4	R @ T \$ Graveley
	Information control - see brevet card

kmSecond Leg (Continued)

97.5	After T follow road to R
97.9	L into <i>Graveley Lane</i>
99.3	R @ T \$ Graveley
99.8	L \$ Chesfield
103.7	Care! R on LH bend \$ Halls Green
106.9	R @ T \$ Walkern
108.3	L on r.h bend \$ Cromer (eff SO)
108.6	R @ T \$ Cromer
109.1	L @ T \$ Cromer [B1037]
109.6	L on R.H. bend (almost SO) \$ Baldock
111.5	L @ T no \$ [A507] (care)
111.7	Continue SO \$ Rushden
112.8	Control – Mill End Plants, Rushden

km Third Leg (35.0 km)

	Left out of control
114.0	R \$ Sandon
115.8	R @ T \$ Buckland
116.2	Follow road to R in Sandon \$ Buckland
117.6	L \$ Buckland
119.6	R @ T \$ Buckland
120.9	L @ T \$ Cambridge [A10] (care)
123.1	Shortly R \$ Barkway (care)
124.5	L @ T \$ Barley [B1368]
126.8	Fork R on descent \$ Great Chishill
130.5	R @ X \$ Saffron Walden [B1039] ▲ C
	R \$ (3 arm signpost on left side of road)
136.6	Duddenhoe End
	Information control - see brevet card
137.8	R \$ Duddenhoe End
138.4	L \$ Langley
140.2	R @ T \$ Meesden ▲ E
141.7	L @ T \$ Meesden
141.9	Shortly R \$ Meesden
143.9	R @ T ▲ \$ Meesden
147.9	Control - Blind Fiddler pub, Anstey

km Fourth Leg (22.5 km)

147.9	L out of control
149.2	L @ T \$ Hare Street [B1368]
	Through Hare Street, Dassels, Hay Street, Braughing
158.7	L \$ Puckeridge
	L after Crown and Falcon pub into
158.9	<i>Station Road</i>
159.2	R at pillar box into <i>South Road</i>
	SO @ X into <i>Barwick Road</i> (A120,
160.0	care)
158.6	Fork R into <i>Dowsetts Lane</i>
162.8	L @ T \$ Colliers End
166.8	SO @ mRaB by Anchor P.H.
167.7	2nd exit @ RaB \$ Ware
168.2	1st exit @ RaB \$ Ware
168.9	3rd exit @ RaB \$ Stevenage
169.6	1st exit @ mRaB into <i>Park Road</i>
170.1	L @ X into <i>Harris's Lane</i>
170.7	Control @ Event HQ on R