



RUBY ROUTE SHEET

Welcome to the Dudley Trail: enjoy yourself! Before you set off, please read the notes on the reverse of these instructions. See the changes board for any last-minute route variations. Please check in at the checkpoints.

Key to abbreviations used in instructions

R	RIGHT	BR	BEAR RIGHT	SR	SHARP RIGHT
FR	FORK RIGHT	SO	STRAIGHT ON/OVER	L	LEFT
BL	BEAR LEFT	SL	SHARP LEFT	FL	FORK LEFT
PH	PUBLIC HOUSE	X	CROSSROADS	T	T-JUNCTION
FP	FOOTPATH	TP	TOWPATH	SP	SIGNPOST
TR	TURN RIGHT	TL	TURN LEFT		

In some places red and white route indicators have been fixed to assist navigation. Distances are approximate in miles and yards (*1 yard = 1 metre approx*)

START Leave Leisure Centre from car park exit, TR into Dock Lane to end. Cross Wellington Rd on pedestrian crossing, TL down Wellington Rd. Continue to X at traffic lights. Cross Stourbridge Rd (**CAUTION**) and find cemetery gate to R, down L hand drive of cemetery and leave via gate at end. TR into Clee Rd. Follow Clee Rd for 300yds until pelican crossing on L. Cross with caution over bypass, follow pedestrian/cycle path for 90yds until steps on left. Go down steps to canal TP, follow TP to first canal bridge. **(1 mile)**

Cross bridge, TR immediately and continue along towpath/pass Blower's Green Pumphouse on L. Cross footbridge. Continue on TP on R side of canal, continue along TP passing under bridge, continue following TP. **(2 mile)**

Continue on TP under pipe over canal, continue with reservoir on R. **AT END OF RESERVOIR** (corrugated fence on R) climb 2ft bank and enter Sailing Club car park. Immediately turn SR, leave car park and immediately TL over stile onto FP between hedges. Continue SO on FP (wooden fence on R), at FP junction TR keeping fence on R. At next junction TR (*fence still on R*). In 35yds FL on FP, continue and BL to gate/through gateway to emerge onto rd. **(3 mile)**

TR to **CHECKPOINT (CLOSES 2.00 pm)**. Continue SO through car park, through gate and continue SO on track passing Saltwells PH on L. At 5 track junction TR on main track and after 40yds FR and follow path for 250yds to FP junction with small pool on R and FL at totem pole. At 5 track junction BR with field on R, follow track to road. Cross road in 50yds. Follow track to R through gate with pool on L, follow track uphill with fence on L.

Continue on FP up short steep bank then TL to Canalside (Bridges on right). TL on TP on L side on canal, continue on TP to bridge. **(4 mile)**

TL off TP follow down road, cross road (SO) up road in front to Peartree Lane bridge on to (TP) TL under bridge, continue on TP. passing under Woodside Bridge. After 0.5 miles, continue under old railway bridge following TP with Waterfront Complex on L. Pass Wetherspools on left between Cable and Admiral House (toilets are situated at bottom of flight of steps. Pass statue

Continue on TP past Brewer's Wharf PH on L, continue on TP under bridge **(5 mile)**

Continue along canalside reaching Nine Locks Bridge. Pass beneath and within 20yds TR over footbridge (follow sign to Stourbridge), continue down side of flight of nine locks past Tenth Lock PH with 30yds continue under bridge, **(6 mile)** follow TP along canal passing under the un-named bridge. Follow on TP passing beneath Bowen's Bridge and then under old railway bridge. As path starts to curve, Brettel Lane Bridge will come into view (**BEWARE LOW BRIDGE**). Pass below bridge and continue on TP passing beneath Bull Street Bridge, Brierley Bridge and the Farmer's Bridge. **(7 mile)** Follow TP straight on and continue for 0.5 miles until Leys Bridge is within sight/pass below bridge and continue.

Following TP until you arrive at small footbridge. CROSS FOOTBRIDGE and TR onto main Stourbridge Canal TP. **(8 mile)** Continue SO under Britannia Road bridge (**CARE**) at canal junction on L continue SO over footbridge and continue on TP past Dell Recreation Ground on L. Cross road using pedestrian refuge island (**CAUTION**)

(Alternative crossing at Zebra Crossing 200yds further up hill). TR then immediately L down the side of the old PH. Follow gravel FP L downhill (not metalled path on right) alongside canal. **(9 miles)**

At end of canal follow FP to L, pass Grove Pool on L and BR on track round left side of Middle Pool. In 50yds at black and white concrete posts, follow track to R around pool and continue to follow it uphill towards pylon. At top of hill behind houses FL at junction of tracks onto disused railway track, continue along track to steps with houses on R. SO between yellow and green barrier Down steps, cross SO road and up steps on to continuation of disused railway track. Pass pylons and continue SO under road bridge under Pensnett High St. **(10 miles)** Continue SO along disused railway line, pass quarry pool on L, pass small pool on R and in 60yds FR at yellow gas marker to find **CHECKPOINT 2 (CLOSES 4.00 pm)** in 150yds.

Leave checkpoint and keep small pool immediately on R, in 40yds at track junction SO uphill between hedges. In 260yds SO at X of tracks, continue uphill. Ascend steps and follow gravel path around RH bend the LH bend. Ascend second flight of steps, at top of hill TL opposite metal railings and keeping hedging immediately on L follow ridge to Trig Point. **(11 miles)** descend steps to R then BL, in 110yds at track junction SO, continue down steps, pylon on R, SO under power lines, 50yds before fence of first house TR on FP. BL at junction then thru gate into road (Merryfield Rd)/in 80yds TR into Marston Rd, at end of Marston Rd cross SO over road onto FP Overfield Road OS, follow path past play area to car park. TL into Middlepark Road, within 150yds cross road (Corbyn Road). **(12 miles)** Continue length of road to junction (Ashenhurst Road) TL up hill. TR into Russells Hall Road and continue pass Holland St on R and continue SO to main road. Cross Wellington Rd on pedestrian crossing/TL and immediately TR into Dock Lane, TL into Leisure Centre and FINISH **(13 miles)**

Check in, get a drink, collect your certificate!

If you retire from the walk, cannot continue or have an emergency, please call 07816 060143.

1. Only one member of each family / group to check in – please adhere to social distancing at all times.
2. Feel free to linger at interesting places but please keep to the prescribed route and REMEMBER checkpoint closing times and the 4.00 pm finish.
5. Ensure that everybody enjoys the day, please observe the following rules:
 - A. Please comply with the instructions of the event officials.
 - B. Do not remove or alter the route markers.
 - C. Follow the Country Code: drop no litter, keep to footpaths, do not damage fences or hedges, leave gates as you find them, do not pick flowers.
 - D. Follow the Highway Code: take extreme care when crossing roads, keep to the pavements and face oncoming traffic.
 - E. In residential areas particularly, please be quiet and cause no annoyance to residents.
 - F. If you have brought a dog please keep it on a lead.

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And last but not least all those volunteers helping today.