

## 6 MILE ROUTE SHEET



### DUDLEY TRAIL

Welcome to the Dudley Trail: enjoy yourself! Before you set off, please read the notes on the reverse of these instructions. Please do not start before the official start of 11.00 am. See the changes board for any last minute route variations. Walkers should carry their own control card to present individually at each checkpoint.

#### 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 tow-path/pass Blowers Green pump house on L. Continue under Dudley and Lye Waste Bridge, continue on TP to cross footbridge, continue on TP on L side of canal, immediately before Peartree Lane Bridge turn SL along road. At end of road cross and proceed along path immediately opposite. In 250yds SO thru bollards and over canal bridge, through 2nd set of bollards and in 60yds TR thru gate. In 15yds continue SO thru a 2nd gate, continue SO on FP to bridge over canal on R. TR on FP to cross bridge, bear round in a U turn to L to continue on TP on R side of canal. Pass footbridge on L. **(2)**

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)**

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. **(4)**

Continue on FP up short steep bank then BL to canal side (bridges on R), TL on TP on L side of canal, continue on TP under bridge (house on L). Continue on TP/under bridge, TL past crane and Dudley Navigation Trust. TR over bridge and R again to rejoin TP, continue on TP past cottage and under railway arch. **(5)**

Almost immediately TL off TP over bridge, take cycle track up hill, BR keeping metal fence on left. BR onto pedestrian/cycle path BR at top of hill. Continue to Pelican Crossing, cross over bypass (**CAUTION**). TR into Clee Rd, continue with cemetery on L. Turn through gate into Stourbridge Rd, cross road (**CAUTION**) at traffic lights and continue SO up Wellington Rd. Cross road at pedestrian cross, TR into Dock Lane, TL into Leisure Centre and **FINISH** **(6)**

*Check in, get a drink, collect your certificate and feel free to hang around to recover!*

**PLEASE DON'T STAY TOO LONG AT THE PUB! - THE CHECKPOINT CLOSES AT 2.00 pm!**

1. It would be helpful to the checkpoint volunteers if all walkers could carry their own control card and present it individually at each checkpoint.
2. Cold drinks will be provided at every checkpoint. There are also a number of pubs and shops on the route.
3. A cold drink will be provided free at the finish. Hot drinks and refreshments will be on sale at the finish and there are also vending machines in the Leisure Centre.
4. Feel free to linger at interesting places but please keep to the prescribed route and REMEMBER checkpoint closing times and the 8.00 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.

*Dudley Trail is organised by Dudley Council Communications and Public Affairs Events team in association with The Lee Shaw Partnership*

*Thanks to all the volunteers helping today.*

*If you decide to retire, please do so at Checkpoint or telephone the emergency number on 07816 060143.*