



LONG DISTANCE TREK – SALISBURY

Larkhill Camp, near Amesbury, Wiltshire SP4 8PT

By Kind Permission of the Ministry of Defence

Backpacking available on 28th December 2023

THE DETAILS

- EVENT DATES:** Thursday 28th & Friday 29th December 2023
(Backpacking only available on Thursday 28th December 2023)
- ENTRY CLOSING DATE:** Friday 22nd December 2023
- ENTRY FEES:** See Online Entry Form which is available to complete on the Website and mobile App
- ENTRIES TO:** John Binding via online booking system on the AMWA Website and App.
(Payment is part of the process)
- ORGANISERS:** John Binding, John@mountaintrek.uk 07734 855914
Steve Whitfield 07763 329022

THE EVENT

- VENUE OPENS:** 06:00hrs on Thursday 28th and Friday 29th December 2023. **(Camping is not permitted on MoD Land)**
- RIG INSPECTION:** Thursday 28th December 2023 - From 07:00hrs near the start line
Friday 29th December 2023 - From 07:00hrs near the start line

Entrants are only required to get their Rig/Scooter inspected once before their first run

Important: Participants will only be permitted to take part in the night Trek if they have completed one of the day time trails, or have previously taken part in a Night Trek. The start time for the night trek will be confirmed at the Mushers meeting

MUSHER'S MEETING: 07:30hrs *(subject to change depending on entry numbers and temperature)*
Time TBC for night Trek (Thursday 28th December 23 only)

START TIME: 08:00hrs *(subject to change depending on entry numbers and temperature)*
Time TBC for night Trek (Thursday 28th December 23 only)

ELIGIBILITY OF DOGS & DRIVERS: Any dog participating in a Long Distance Trek organised by the Alaskan Malamute Working Association must be a pure bred sled dog and be registered with the Kennel Club to that effect, or have a rescue number issued by the Official Breed Club for that breed (sled dog breeds only) or have an AMWA Working Number.

Siberian Huskies issued with a BSHRA or SHWA(UK) Welfare Number or SSDR Rescue Number will be able to participate. The driver/owner must be a current AMWA member to be eligible.

Non sled dogs owned by participants are eligible to walk the course with a handler but may not be in harness or attached in any way to a rig/sled/driver.

Dogs undertaking any Long Distance Trek must be **18 Months** of age on or by the date of the event. Those between the age of 18 and 24 months old and participating in their first trek will normally be restricted to 7.5 miles or the minimum distance offered dependant on the team size with a minimum of 5 hours rest between runs. Longer distances may be permitted at the organiser's discretion taking into account proven fitness.

JUNIORS: Junior members may take part in a non-competitive Long Distance Trek (day time only) at the organisers' discretion. They must however be accompanied by a parent in an accompanying team (in which case they must stay together for the entire distance) or alongside walking/running/cycling. They will not be permitted to take part in a night run unless between the ages of 16-18. This would also be at the organisers' discretion.

CLASSES

There will be no individual classes at this event, although there is a choice of long distance or shorter courses. There will be various marshalled checkpoints to pass, and withdraw as necessary

Long Distance (22-25 miles)	Minimum team size: 2 dogs*, maximum 8 dogs
Long Distance (16-18 miles)	Minimum team size: 2 dogs*, maximum 8 dogs
Long Distance (13 miles)	Minimum team size: 2 dogs*, maximum 8 dogs
Short Distance (7.5- 9 miles)	Minimum team size: 1 dog, maximum 8 dogs
Night Trek (10-12 miles)	Minimum team size: 2 dogs*, maximum 8 dogs

*Team size will be at the discretion of the organisers

Actual distances will be dependent on how the trails are marked taking into account any restrictions

ITEMS ADVISED TO TAKE WITH YOU ON A TREK

There are a number of items that you are advised to take with you on the trek. However, this list is not exhaustive. Some items are shown as compulsory as these are seen as a safety requirement to help locate you should you get lost. Please use your common sense!

- Rig Bag/Backpack (Compulsory)
- Water for Musher and dog(s)
- Dog Bowl(s)
- Treat/snacks
- Mobile phone (With emergency contact numbers) (Compulsory)
- Puncture repair kit & tools/spare wheel
- Waterproofs or change of coat
- High energy snacks
- Spare lead
- Head torch/torch (Compulsory)
- Whistle
- Dog boots or spares
- Rear red light (advisory)

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

Gently undulating over the Salisbury Plains, there will be a mixture of grassy trails over exposed areas, compacted mud trails through and around wooded areas, some stony areas with main vehicle transit routes consisting of hard compacted trails. Dependent on weather conditions there may be some puddles to go through

BOOTING

Booting should not be required but it is at the Musher's discretion

PROTECTIVE HELMET

The wearing of a protective helmet is COMPULSORY

The following approved types of helmets are acceptable. They must be undamaged and have a serviceable chin strap.

- a. Cycle helmet
- b. BMX helmet
- c. Ski helmet

Helmets must be available for inspection by the scrutineer during the rig inspection

VEHICLE ACCESS

AMWA direction signs will be posted from the Packway and the A345 to the event site

PARKING

Parking will be in the designated admin area near to the start line. There will be plenty of room to stake dogs out.

LIGHTING EQUIPMENT

No wet acid batteries may be carried.

Plastic lenses are recommended, but any glass must be taped or preferably bagged.

Back-up lights must be carried i.e., a head torch. The lights must be available for inspection

We strongly recommend the use of a rear red light as a safety precaution so the musher is clearly visible. There are inexpensive and readily available.

BACKPACKING

For a small fee of £5.00, Backpackers can use the marked trails on the Tuesday only

BACKPACKERS MEETING

Thursday 28th December 2023 at 0800hrs

START TIME: Once the last Trek team has departed

THE COURSE Backpackers will have the option of selecting any of the marked trails being used by the Trek participants. Normal coloured markers will be used. Each of the distances offered are eligible as a leg towards the AMWA Working Pack Dog – Working Title Scheme (for eligible dogs)

OTHER

VOLUNTEERS - Events cannot be run without assistance. Please volunteer. There is a space on the entry form to indicate your preference. We will be requiring marshals for checkpoints, snubbing to help start teams, and general assistance.

SELLING OF GOODS at the Event Site will not be permitted without prior approval of the Organisers.

FACILITIES

TOILETS Horse Racecourse toilets / Portable toilet

WATER You need to provide your own water. There may be a tap available on the external toilet block wall (not guaranteed)

CATERING There will be no catering available

CAMPING Camping is not permitted on MoD Land

RUBBISH We have the use of this area on the understanding that there is no trace of our presence on the day after the Trek. This means that you **must** clear up your dogs mess, fill in any holes and remove all litter.

IN AN EMERGENCY

VET CARE Stonehenge Veterinary Hospital. Tel: 01980 654404. 24hr emergency service. You may have to go to Salisbury

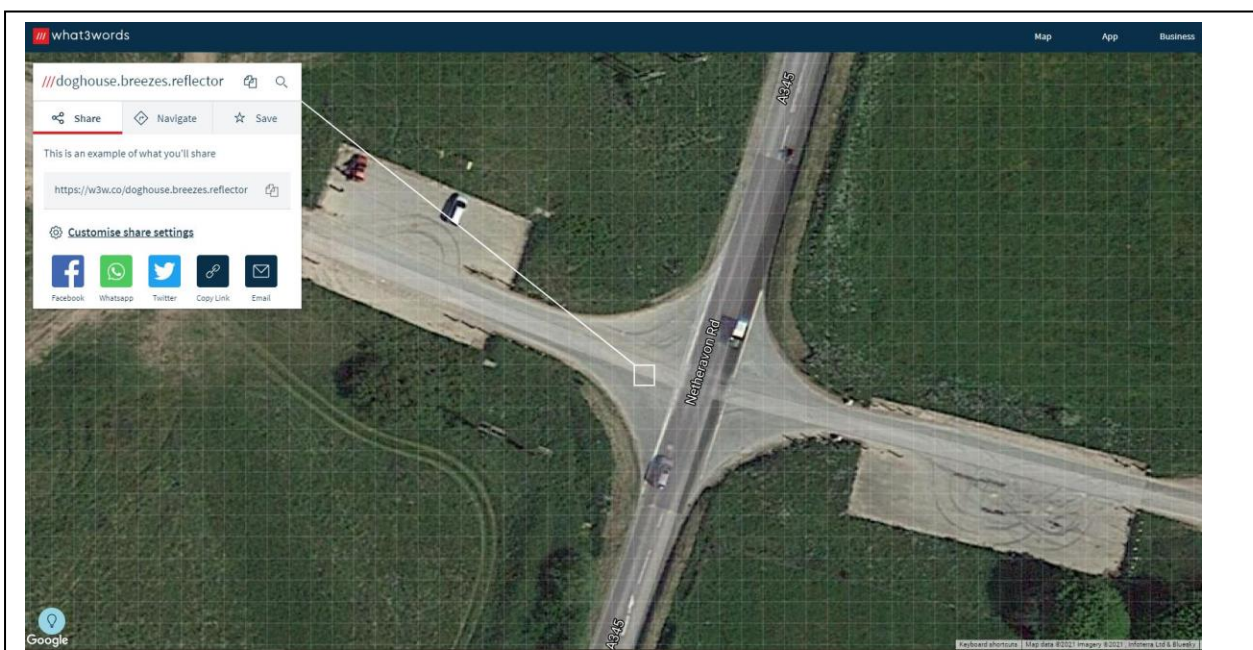
FIRST AID Your First Aider is John Binding

LOCAL HOSPITAL Salisbury District Hospital, Odstock Road, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP2 8BJ.
Tel: 01722 336262

DIRECTIONS

- From the South** From Salisbury follow the A345 to the Countess Roundabout (A303). Continue straight on (2nd exit) on the A345 to the next roundabout. Continue straight on (2nd exit) on the A345 towards Devizes, Netheravon & Upavon. Pick up the AMWA direct signs and turn left at Charlie (C) Tank Crossing (Marked with yellow capped posts. Follow transit road to the event site
- From the East & West** Follow the A303 to the Countess roundabout (Amesbury). From the West take 1st exit, from the East take 3rd exit onto the A345 and follow to the next roundabout. Continue straight on (2nd exit) on the A345 towards Devizes, Netheravon & Upavon. Pick up the AMWA direct signs and turn left at Charlie (C) Tank Crossing (Marked with yellow capped posts. Follow transit road to the event site
- From the North** From Upavon, follow the A345 south. You will pass through Enford and Netheravon. Pick up the AMWA direct signs and turn right at Charlie (C) Tank Crossing (Marked with yellow capped posts. Follow transit road to the event site

Location of Charlie crossing – (What3words): doghouse.breezes.reflector





USEFUL WEBSITES

www.amwa.org.uk

www.what3words.com