



LONG DISTANCE TREK – SALISBURY

Larkhill Camp, near Amesbury, Wiltshire SP4 8PT

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Incorporating Backpacking on 28th December 2018

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THE DETAILS

- EVENT DATE:** Friday 28th December 2018 (Day & night Treks)
Friday 28th December 2018 (Daytime – Backpacking)
Saturday 29th December 2018 (Day Treks)
- ENTRY CLOSING DATE:** 19/12/2018
- ENTRY FEES:** See Online Entry Form which is available to complete on the Website and mobile App
<https://www.amwa.org.uk/event/amwa-christmas-trek/>
- ENTRIES TO:** John Binding via online booking system on the AMWA Website. (payment is made as part of the booking process). Members must Log-in to the AMWA Website to ensure they pay the members rate
- Payment can also be made by PayPal to Trek@amwa.org.uk**
- ORGANISERS:** John Binding, johnbinding@amwa.org.uk 07734 855914
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THE EVENT

VENUE OPENS: 06:00hrs on Friday 28th December 2018.
06:00hrs on Saturday 29th December 2018

RIG INSPECTION: Friday 28th December 2018 - From 07:00hrs near the start line
Saturday 29th December 2018 - From 07:00hrs (For those competing on Saturday only)

Entrants are only required to get their rig 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 Musher's meeting

MUSHER'S MEETING: Friday 28th December 2018 at 07:30hrs (*subject to change depending on entry numbers and temperature*)
Friday 28th December 2018 at TBC (For night Trek)
Saturday 29th December 2018 at 07:30hrs (*subject to change depending on entry numbers and temperature*)

START TIME: Friday 28th December 2018 at 08:00hrs (*subject to change depending on entry numbers and temperature*)
Friday 28th December 2018 at TBC (For night Trek)
Saturday 29th December 2018 at 08:00hrs (*subject to change depending on entry numbers and temperature*)

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. 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.

For an extended trial period for the 2018/19 Working Season, Siberian Huskies issued with a BSHRA or SHWA(UK) Welfare Number, or SSSR Rescue Number will be able to participate. The driver/owner must be a current AMWA Member to be eligible.

Dogs undertaking any long distance trek must be 12 months of age on or by the date of the event. Those between the age of 12 and 18 months old will normally be restricted to 7.5 miles or the minimum distance offered dependent on the team size with a minimum of 5 hours rest between runs. Longer distances may be permitted at the organisers 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

Edit the details below as required and delete this text

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 (7.5-8.2 miles)	Minimum team size: 1 dog, maximum 4 dogs
Night Trek (10-12 miles)	Minimum team size: 2 dogs*, maximum 8 dogs

*team size will be at the discretion of the organisers

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/Back Pack (Compulsory)
- Water for Musher and dog(s)
- Dog Bowl(s)
- Treats/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 (Compulsory)
- Dog boots or spares

TRAIL DESCRIPTION

Gently undulating over the Salisbury plains, there will be a mixture 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. Dependant 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	<p>The wearing of a protective helmet is COMPULSORY for all classes. The following approved types of helmet are acceptable. They must be undamaged and have a serviceable chin strap.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cycle Helmet BMX Helmet Ski Helmet <p>Helmets must be available for inspection by the scrutineer during the rig inspection.</p>
VEHICLE ACCESS	AMWA direction signs will be posted from The Packway to the event site
PARKING	There will be plenty of room for parking and to stake dogs out.
LIGHTING EQUIPMENT	<p>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</p> <p>We strongly recommend the use of a rear red light as a safety precaution so the musher is clearly visible. These are inexpensive and readily available.</p>

BACKPACKING

BACKPACKER'S MEETING	Friday 28 th December 2018 at 07.30hrs. Finer details can be discussed at the end of the main Musher's meeting.
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	We aim to have access to the Toilet Block at the Racecourse. If not available, there will be a portable toilet.
WATER	You need to provide your own water

CATERING	No on site catering available
CAMPING	Unfortunately, there will be no camping available on site
RUBBISH	We have the use of the 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, fill in any holes dug and remove all litter.

Please do not chain your dogs to the trees. Thank You!

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. At the next roundabout, turn left onto the B3086 (The Packway), towards Larkhill Camp. Continue through the camp and you will pick up AMWA Signs. At the end of the tree line on the R/H/S turn right onto the training area.
From the East & West	Follow the signs for Amesbury on the A303. At the Countess Roundabout, take the turning for Devizes (First exit from the West) (Third exit from the East) on the A345. At the following roundabout, turn left onto the B3086 (The Packway), towards Larkhill Camp. Continue through the camp and you will pick up AMWA Signs. At the end of the tree line on the R/H/S turn right onto the training area.
From the North	From Upavon, follow the A345 south. You will pass through Enford and Netheravon. At Durrington Roundabout, take the 3rd exit on to the B3086 (The Packway), towards Larkhill Camp. Continue through the camp and you will pick up AMWA Signs. At the end of the tree line on the R/H/S turn right onto the training area.

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.amwa.org.uk