



AUSTIN MAXI OWNERS CLUB
40th Anniversary Road Run
Longbridge – Avoncroft, 25th April 2009



The Austin Maxi 40th Birthday Road Run route starts at the former Austin and British Leyland factory of Longbridge (actually in Northfield, Birmingham) and takes us through Warwickshire and Worcestershire to the Avoncroft Museum of Buildings near Bromsgrove. You can use any route you like, but the directions below will take you across country, avoiding major roads where possible, and through some pleasant villages and country.

The directions are not guaranteed and it is recommended that they are used in conjunction with a road atlas or OS map. You may choose just to follow signs to the place names, which are highlighted. In the last resort, use Dirk Gently's method and follow any car that looks like it knows where it's going – you may not end up where you wanted to go but you'll have fun getting there!

The Austin Maxi 40th Birthday Road Run is not a race, there are no prizes for arriving at Avoncroft first, last or, indeed, at all. No timings are provided but expect the route, without stops, to take up to 3 hours. A lunch stop is recommended and the route includes one at The Fleece in Bretforton, but feel free to stop elsewhere if you prefer.

Finally, please abide by the law of the road, take your time, enjoy the run and, above all, drive safely. See you at Avoncroft!

Distance from previous marker	Road	Direction
	Low Hill Lane	Head SE, with the Longbridge factory on the left
<i>Look out for the demolition site on the left just past the remaining factory buildings. This is the former site of the East Works, where the Maxi engines and gearboxes were made.</i>		
0.9 miles	B4120 Barnt Green Road	1 st exit at roundabout
	B4120 Kendal End Road	Continue through Cofton Hackett. Continue through Barnt Green , straight on at mini-roundabout under railway bridge.
	B4120 Bittell Road	Follow signs to Redditch
4.7 miles	B4120 Birmingham Road	3 rd exit at roundabout

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	B4120 Red Lion Street	Continue through Alvechurch , straight on at mini-roundabout
	B4120 Swan Street	Continue through Alvechurch , straight on at mini-roundabout (1 st exit)
	B4120 Redditch Road	Continue
5.4 miles	A441	2 nd exit at roundabout, signposted Redditch
	A441	Straight on traffic lights, signposted Redditch
	A441 Alvechurch Highway	2 nd exit at roundabout, signposted Redditch Town Centre
	A441	Under bridge, then stay in the middle lane.
	A441	At the roundabout, go straight on (2 nd exit), signposted Evesham/Stratford
1 mile	A441	Take the 2 nd exit off the dual carriageway, signposted Warwick (B4095)
		Join the Warwick highway, then continue to next roundabout
1.2 miles	Warwick Highway	At the roundabout, take the 3 rd exit, signposted Warwick (B4095)
0.8 miles	Warwick Highway	At the roundabout, take the 2 nd exit, signposted Mappleborough Green
	Warwick Highway	At the roundabout, take the 2 nd exit, signposted Henley
4.0 miles	Wawensmere Road	Look out for turning on right, signposted Wooten Wawen
1.0 mile	A3400 Stratford Road	Turn right in Wooten Wawen, signposted Stratford
	A3400 Stratford Road	Continue through Wooten Wawen
	A3400 Birmingham Road	2 nd exit at roundabout, signposted Stratford upon Avon

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	A3400 Birmingham Road	Straight on at mini-roundabout
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	A3400 Birmingham Road	Straight on at traffic lights
6.2 miles	Windsor Street	3 rd exit at roundabout
	Wood Street	Turn left at traffic lights
	Bridge Street	2 nd exit at roundabout
	Bridge Street	Follow road to left
	A3400 Warwick Road	Straight on to Warwick Road
	A3400 Bridgeway	Follow road to right
	A3400 Bridge Foot	Follow road to left
	A3400 Shipston Road	2 nd exit at roundabout
	A3400 Shipston Road	2 nd exit at roundabout, signposted Shipston/Broadway
1.7 miles	B4632 Clifford Lane	1 st turning on right, signposted Clifford Chambers
	B4632 Stratford Road	Caution, sharp left-hand bend between Quintons and Mickleton . **Good opportunities on this road to stop and buy local Asparagus, in season now.**
	B4632 Stratford Road	2 nd exit at first mini-roundabout in Mickleton , signposted Cheltenham
7.6 miles	B4632 Broadway Road	2 nd exit at second mini-roundabout in Mickleton, signposted Cheltenham
2.4 miles	B4035	Right turn in Weston-sub-Edge

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	B4035	Continue to Bretforton
<i>Our suggested lunch stop is in Bretforton, at The Fleece Inn, a National Trust property and working pub. Bretforton is a small village with narrow streets and little parking, but pretty enough to be worth a visit. If you choose to stop here then:</i>		
2.6 miles	B4035	Look out for Butler's service station on right
	Main Street	First left after Butler's service station, narrow street. If you miss Main Street then take next left, School Lane
	Main Street	Right turn. Continue to square and find a parking space.
	Main Street	After lunch, continue through Bretforton to return to the B4035
<i>If you didn't turn off the B4035 and stop in Bretforton, then pick up the route again here. Another option, if you didn't manage to get in at the Fleece, is the "Round of Gras" in Badsey, the only pub to be named after the famous local delicacy, Asparagus.</i>		
	B4035 New Street	Head W out of Bretforton
	B4035 Badsey Road	Continue through Badsey
	B4035 Badsey Road	2 nd exit at roundabout junction with A46
	B4035 Elm Road	Continue into Evesham
3.1 miles	B4035 Port Street	2 nd exit at roundabout with tree in the middle
	Bridge Street	At traffic lights, continue straight onto Bridge Street, signposted Town Centre
	Mill Street	Cross bridge, follow road to right
	Chapel Street	Follow road to left, then right
	Swan Lane	Follow road to left
	A4184 High Street	Turn right at traffic lights

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1.0 mile	B4624 Worcester Road	At traffic lights by railway station, go straight over and continue to the next roundabout.
		1 st exit at roundabout, signposted The Lenches. Then immediately right, signposted The Lenches. This is the start of the Blossom Trail
		Continue on this road through Lenchwick
2.4 miles		At a crossroads, take a right turning, signposted Atch Lench
0.6 miles		Turn left at the T junction. Follow this road through Atch Lench and Church Lench
1 mile		In Church Lench, take a right turning immediately after the Church (It's actually straight on, but the road bends to the left) Signposted Ab Lench and Bishampton
0.8 miles		In Ab Lench, take a right turning, signposted Rous Lanch and Inkberrow
1 mile		In the centre of Rous Lench, follow the road to the left, then turn left onto the road to Radford and Inkberrow
1 mile		In Radford, take a left turn, signposted Inkberrow
0.1 miles		Right turn, signposted Inkberrow. This is the end of the Blossom Trail
1 mile	A422	Turn right onto the A422, signposted Stratford, and continue to and through Inkberrow
	B4092	Turning on left
	B4092	Continue to junction with B4090
1.8 miles	B4090	Turn left
	B4090	Continue to Woolmere Green
5.1 miles	B4091 Hanbury Road	Turning on right
3.7 miles	A38	Turn right at traffic lights

Distance from previous marker	Road	Direction
0.3 miles	Follow brown signs to Avoncroft Museum of Buildings	
<i>When you reach Avoncroft Museum of Buildings, drive in, through the car park and follow the directions of the stewards.</i>		