
SURVIVORS



MAID DOG

Locations in Ilam, near Dovedale

Travel Directions	See the <i>Survivors: Mad Dog</i> website
OS Map	Explorer OL 24, Landranger 119
Parking	On street parking in Ilam, pay and display car park at main Dovedale car park, near Isaak Walton Hotel (at some distance). No parking available at Ilam Tops Farm or Air Cottage (except for B&B guests)
Toilets	In the Dovedale car park only
Refreshments	Pubs and restaurants within short driving distance, none en route. Seasonal take-away refreshments cabin in Dovedale car park
Time Required	2 hours minimum, including walk to and from Ilam



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Locations in Ilam

In the centre of Ilam, find Ilam Moor Lane, and walk sharply uphill out of the village along the roadway (taking care in the absence of a pavement). After 15-20 minutes, locate a gap in a dry-stone wall on the right-hand side of the roadway that marks the beginning of a long and winding farm track. This gateway is distinguished by the presence of a cattle-grid at the entrance; and by the single tree located just to its left. Turn into the gateway, crossing the cattle-grid, to join a rough track heading uphill across fields. Follow this track through three further open stone gateways to arrive in front of Ilam Tops Farm.



The front of Ellen and Ron's farm

This is the location of Ellen and Ron's farm, where Charles hides from Sanders' gang, and begins to recuperate from his ordeal, after he collapses exhausted in the snow. All of the interiors of Ellen and Ron's farm were filmed in the buildings of Ilam Tops Farm. Under no circumstances should fans trespass on this private property. The area in front of the main gate of the farm is the location for Sanders' meeting with Ellen and Ron (when Ellen denies any contact with Charles and where Ron becomes anxious about their guest who Sanders insists is carrying a 'bad disease'). It is also the location in which Charles bids farewell to Ellen.



The main farm gateway



The avenue of trees

Facing forwards, with the farm on your left hand side, look across to your right to view the avenue of trees along which Charles is depicted making his way in the snow, before he collapses. It is also from this avenue of trees, that Sanders, Jim and Phil approach the farm on horseback, when Ron finally gives away Charles' location. Turn round in the direction you have come from to view the route along which Charles' flees on horseback from Ellen's farm.



Charles' escape route



Ron finds Charles collapsed

Turn back round and walk ahead and through a gateway (being sure to close the gate as you pass) and then take a sharp right to enter the avenue of trees and arrive at the location where Ron taunts Charles as a 'bad doggie'. Turn around to face diagonally in the direction of the farm to view the area where Ron scales the wall and races off to 'tell Ellen' of his discovery.



Ron rushes off to tell Ellen



Approaching Fenton's half-way house

Walk back to the main footpath and turn right, to approach Air Cottage, the location for Fenton's half-way house. This is the route along which Charles and Fenton are shown to first arrive at the house, after Charles agrees to accompany Fenton to his home. Continue along the pathway towards Air Cottage until you see the sign indicating that the public footpath passes to the right of the property. At this point, the courtyard area in which much of the action at Fenton's half-way house is staged is clearly visible. Air Cottage is private property, so fans should not stray past this point without prior arrangement with the owners. When Charles, Sanders and Jim first arrive at Fenton's half-way house, they approach it by descending the raised pathway on the left of Air Cottage.



The doorway and courtyard

All of the confrontations between, first, Charles and Fenton; then, Sanders, Charles, Jim and Fenton; and then finally, Sanders, Jim and Charles, take place in this courtyard area. When Charles first flees from Sanders and Jim, he rides away from Air Cottage along the main pathway, towards your current position.



Charles' water route

Follow the footpath sign to the right, and pass through a small wooden gateway. Look straight ahead to see Thorpe Cloud in the distance. This is the position in which the camera recorded Charles' return to the cottage carrying the water he had collected, apparently from the valley below (but in fact, from a river location in Monsal Dale). The footpath veers to the left and passes below Air Cottage. The path becomes narrow and care should be taken traversing this section of the walk. As you pass the far end of Air Cottage, look up to view the wall on which Fenton stands, before recoiling at the 'sight' of the water below him (again, the river that Fenton's 'sees' is, in reality, in Monsal Dale).



Fenton's perch above the 'river'



The wooded gully

The footpath passes just to the right of a small rocky gully. This is the location where Charles hides from Sanders and his gang after abandoning his horse, and making his way down hill on foot, and first checks on his gunshot wound.



Charles' hiding place



Charles' downhill plunge
(seen from above)

Keep ahead on the footpath, which begins to gently rise up the hillside as you approach the woodland beyond. With Air Cottage now behind you, look directly up to the pathway above you to. It is down this hillside that Charles descends at speed on foot, after dismounting from his horse, in an attempt to trick Sanders' gang into following his empty mount. Walk ahead along the slowly rising track, until you rejoin the main pathway, near the woods. It is along this pathway that Sanders and Jim pursue Charles on horseback (in reality, travelling towards Air Cottage from the rear, rather than away from it, as implied on screen).



The horse chase begins

Carefully retrace your steps back along the footpaths, to return to Ilam Moor Lane and turn left downhill towards the centre of the Ilam village.

For more information about these, and other, **Mad Dog** locations, visit the website:

<http://www.survivors-mad-dog.org.uk>

The site contains travel directions and access information about all of the locations used to film the third series *Survivors* episode **Mad Dog**. Feedback on these 'walkthrough' guides is welcomed!