AHD	ahead	HW	Hangers Way
BL/BR	bear left/bear right		
SP	signpost/fingerpost		
TL/TR	turn left/turn right		
X	cross		

Leg 1 - EGGARS SCHOOL (GR728406) to SELBORNE 7.7 miles, 719ft of ascent.

Summary: From Alton the first leg starts on the St. Swithuns Way and joins the Hangers Way before reaching Gilbert White's historic village of Selborne

- 1.1 Leave Eggars School via back gate of playing fields and TR onto St Swithuns Way. In 400yds, at wooden gate, TL onto road. Follow road to T-junction (*Holybourne church on right*). TR. In 500yds X road and TL, and then TR down Lower Neatham Mill Lane.
- 1.2 Continue under railway bridge then thru underpass. Follow minor road as it winds through Neatham village. In 250yds, at T-junction & sign 'Neatham Farms' TR. Go past large farm buildings left & right. Soon BR just before red brick house. Stay on wide track for 750yds into woods ignoring cross-tracks. Soon exit wood as track bends left, heading towards another wood. Track stays to left of wood (*Monk Wood*) and when track bears left, keep straight on path alongside wood. In 350yds AHD on path (190°) under power lines. At SP at edge of wood TL (GR744391).
- 1.3 Continue on track. In 150yds, at metal barrier with stile on right, TR. In 20yds TL on tarmac then grass path to X basic wooden bridge. TR and continue with ditch on right to go through gap in fence to large field.
- 1.4 Continue AHD on path (150°) towards houses in the distance. Through gap in hedge, X road and ahead up drive opposite. Just before house take path on left alongside field. At SP continue AHD with wire fence on right to reach metal gate. Continue downhill to stile. AHD to road. (B3004 heavily used minor road). X with care onto Hangers Way track opposite. (GR 752379)

- 1.5 In 100yds go ahead through kissing gate. X field (160°), keeping to the right of lake. In 200yds go through kissing gate beside SP. In 60yds TR and follow line of mature trees to kissing gate at edge of wood, continue ahead and in 50yds TR with footpath.
- 1.6 In <u>250yds</u> pass thru kissing gate and BL. X stream by gated bridge. AHD (130°) under power lines. In 200yds pass thru kissing gate by SP and BR. In 350yds pass thru kissing gate by metal gate. (GR758368).
- 1.7 In 100yds, at HW SP, TL over plank bridge. In 200yds, at kissing gate, BR on faint path (210°) across field to kissing gate. In 150yds TL on unmarked path. In 50yds pass white 'private fishing' sign on left.
- 1.8 Follow path around pond, then straight on for 50yds to reach track. TL and then TR 50yds later onto path. In 100yds at T junction TL.
- 1.9 In 250yds, at gates, TR on road. In 90yds TL (HWSP) on drive to houses (*Candovers*). Continue on track. In 800yds, at stile leading to field, continue AHD downhill on track. (GR 752347) (*DO NOT cross* stile signed HW as the route now leaves HW.)
- 1.10 In 300yds, at small farm (*Priory Farm*), continue through farmyard keeping buildings on left to reach minor road. (*Hazard! this road and Honey Lane are narrow windy lanes with high hedges take care*) In 600yds at T-junction (*Honey Lane*) TR.
- 1.11 In 500yds (GR754339) TL onto byway (small black/white sign WO). In 700yds at junction TR and follow road. In 100yds, at SP on right TR and follow path over 2 stiles. TR and follow field edge which soon turns left at SP.
- 1.12 In 1000yds X stile beside power line pole and continue AHD into recreation ground. TL behind allotments to checkpoint.

CHECKPOINT 1 - SELBORNE RECREATION FIELD (GR 744332)

Open Saturday 11:30 Closed Saturday 15:30. Total Distance 7.7 miles.

AHD	ahead	HW	Hangers Way	
BL/BR	bear left/bear right			
SP	signpost/fingerpost			
TL/TR	turn left/turn right			
Χ	cross			

Leg 2: SELBORNE to STEEP 6.9 miles, ascent 1333ft

Summary: The route follows the Hangers Way to Steep, traversing Noar Hill and passing through Hawkley village before steeply descending the Shoulder of Mutton Hill.

- 2.1 Exit the recreation ground by the drive in the south west corner to reach road (*B3006*). TR along pavement and X very busy road at traffic calming layout. TR and continue for 60yds to SP.
- 2.2 TL on footpath and continue ahead uphill thru squeeze stile. In 100yds, at X tracks TL. In 10yds continue on partially hidden footpath with wire fence on right which starts to left of wooden gate. X stile and continue AHD on HW passing through two squeeze stiles.
- 2.3 Keep AHD on HW to squeeze stile. With fence on R, keep to the edge of the field. At corner TL and continue with hedge then fence on right. X stile to road. X road with care. AHD on narrow road, SP Noar Hill. Pass Tawny Barn on left. In 600yds, just before road junction TL up gravel track (SP bridleway). (You have now left the Hangers Way).
- 2.4 After 120 yds, fork left up bridleway(SP). Go through wooden gate and continue uphill on bridleway. In 500yds at SP TR on bridleway. Continue AHD thru gate with metal gate on left then AHD thru woods. At 6 way cross tracks (GR742314), TL then immediately TR onto HW. Continue on HW downhill thru woods. At stile at end of woods X field (200°) to stile in corner of field. X stile and BL on HW with fence on left to metal gate and stile to road. TR and X stream to stile on left (way marked HW). X second stile and continue to metal gate (240°). Through gate and straight AHD with hedge on right to gate and stile.

- TL on road and in 220yds, just after pond, X stile on right. TR, keeping fence on right.
- 2.5 X stile way marked HW; follow edge of field until reaching stile on right. At SP, BR on HW. Follow track down steps to cross bridge and up steps, along field edge, then thru woods, ignoring any tracks left or right. In 1 mile, at 3 finger SP on right (GR740290) TL (HW). Follow path down left edge of field to concrete road. At road junction TL into Hawkley Village. In 50yds fork right keeping wall and hedge on right. In 100yds TR into Cheesecombe Farm Lane (opposite SP HW). In 180yds, BR onto path (HW).
- 2.6 In 300yds at SP on left and, in distance, large house on left with swimming pool, fork right. In 500yds X double footbridge and stile and soon X another footbridge and stile. Continue AHD uphill. In 450yds X stile to road. TR and after 20yds TL uphill on HW. TL over stile and follow path uphill, way marked HW. After 3rd stile keep fence on right. Through gate and AHD on HW. TL at wooden fence keeping wooden fence on right. X stile and TR on track. After 160yds (HWSP) TL
- 2.7 Pass Ashford Hangers sign, continue AHD past wooden barrier, leaving HW, and descend steep hill (Shoulder of Mutton Hill) on footpath, with great care. At the bottom, keep AHD over stile down to road.
- 2.8 TR on road and in 30yds TL on HW (SP). At Private Public sign, BL on HW. In 500yds reach Little Langleys Conservation sign and hut on left. In 30yds TR (GR742259). Descend steps and X footbridge over stream (house on left, waterfall on right). At road TR. In 200yds, ignore road on right and keep straight AHD along Mill Lane. At road junction TR and find Steep Village Hall on left.

CHECKPOINT 2 - STEEP VILLAGE HALL (GR740253)

Opens Saturday 13:00 to 17:00 Total Distance 14.6 miles

AHD	ahead	HW	Hangers Way
BL/BR	bear left/bear right		
SP	signpost/fingerpost		
TL/TR	turn left/turn right		
Χ	cross		

Leg 3: STEEP to HARTING DOWN 7 miles, ascent 754ft.

Summary: From Steep the route continues on the Hangers Way into Petersfield and up onto the South Downs Way to Harting Down.

- 3.1 TR along road passing Bedales School on right. Opposite the Primary School, TR just before Church, way marked HW. Keep AHD on HW, (180°). In 500yds TL and X footbridge over A3
- 3.2 Follow FP. In 300yds at crossroads X road into Tilmore Gardens, (140°). In 250yds, where road turns left, AHD along wide tarmac track passing houses on right. This becomes a tarmac footpath. Continue AHD to railway bridge, passing playground on left. Continue under railway bridge and follow path to road. Continue AHD along North Road.
- 3.3 At T Junction (A272), X road, using traffic island, into College Street passing pub, 'Good Intent', on R. AHD passing pub, 'White Hart', on right. X road at light controlled crossing. (GR748233). TR with pub, 'Red Lion', on left. TL into Heath Road passing Festival Hall on left. Follow Heath Road towards Heath Pond. (GR751230)
- 3.4 At road junction X road into park, TL and follow gravel path skirting the north of the Pond. In 250yds, north east of Pond, at green litter bin BL, keeping gorse bush to right (GR754229). After 30yds, BR, (160°) across grass. Go through gap in trees and TL, skirting copse with trees on right and Tumuli on left. Skirt second small copse on right, BR on path, (180°). After50yds, TL to kissing gate. (GR756227).

- 3.5 X road and stile opposite. Follow footpath for 380yds across the fields and 6 further stiles. X field (100°) and X stile beside metal gate. TL keeping hedge on left. In 300yds, BR,(175°), to double stile over stream. Continue AHD, crossing concrete cattle bridge to stile (SP).
- 3.6 X field (150°), over 2 stiles on path crossing electric fence, to stile at corner of field. Straight AHD keeping hedge and ditch on right, (100°). AHD and X stile and footbridge with pylon on right. Follow the edge of the field with wood (*Latchetts Copse*) to X stile on right. (GR768217).
- 3.7 Continue to road. X road and follow minor road (120°). In 1200yds, at road junction, continue AHD on road, SP to South Harting. In 650yds reach road junction and TR, SP to South Harting. In 50yds BL onto footpath which is parallel to the road (*much safer*). Follow this path for half a mile to road (B2146).
- 3.8 X road (*Hazard! very dangerous road, blind brow to left*). Continue AHD on bridleway marked 'Private Drive' (way marked Southern Border Path). In 900yds, at path junction with SDW (GR771191), TL along SDW passing stables on left. Follow SDW for 1500yds to road(B2146) (*Hazard! dangerous road, blind brow to right*). X road and continue on SDW. In 800yds X road (B2141) with care and continue on SDW. At end of tree line BR across the grass to the Harting Down CP on the open common land next to the National Trust Car Park.

CHECKPOINT 3 - HARTING DOWN (GR790182)

Opens Saturday 14:30 to 20:15 Total Distance 21.6 miles

AHD	ahead	SDW	South Downs Way
BL/BR	bear left/bear right		
SP	signpost/fingerpost		
TL/TR	turn left/turn right		
Χ	cross		

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Leg 4 – HARTING DOWN to HEYSHOTT 7.9 miles, ascent 918ft.

Summary: The route continues along the crest of the South Downs, mainly on the South Downs Way, then descends via Cocking to the village of Heyshott.

- 4.1 Leave checkpoint heading north east and rejoin SDW at wooden gates (GR791181). Continue AHD on SDW, the leftmost of the two paths. In 1400yds, at waymark on stone cairn, leave SDW & continue uphill (120°) to gate. Continue AHD on grassy path. At fork BL. Continue and soon descend to rejoin SDW at SP. Continue AHD uphill on wide chalk, later grassy track, & soon descend. Over X track. Very soon, at SP(SDW) (GR815183), BR and continue on SDW.
- 4.2 In 800yds to T junction TL and very soon TR (SDW). Continue AHD on wide track. In 1300yds at X tracks TL (SDW). (GR824169). In 1100yds, where track emerges from woods continue AHD (GR833174). Continue on SDW for 1.9 miles, ignoring all paths left and right.
- 4.3 Shortly after passing large boulder on right, at X tracks (GR863168), TL leaving SDW, on bridleway (70°). At wire fence continue on path (90°). At field edge with SP continue on bridleway downhill with hedge on right. In 400yds, near bottom of hill path bears right and enters wood. In 400yds, where path meets tarmac drive by large converted barn BR. (Hazard! the last 5yds of the footpath contains chalk which always seems wet and very slippery!).

- 4.4 Follow tarmac lane between houses. Soon pass under railway bridge and follow lane into Cocking village. At junction with main road (A286) BL and continue along pavement. X main road using traffic island. TR and follow pavement. Just before the Moonlight Cottage Tea Rooms TL into Church Lane. Soon continue on footpath. Where footpath joins lane, near War Memorial, TR and follow tarmac lane. (Hazard! the lane has high hedges and blind bends proceed with caution.)
- 4.5 In 700yds, at 2nd junction, signed Hoe Copse, TL. In 5yds go up steps in right hedge onto footpath. Continue AHD with hedge on right. In 180yds at SP and gap in hedge, BL and follow path across field (50°). At way mark at edge of wood continue on path. Where path leaves wood by way mark continue AHD (65°). X footbridge and continue on path (30°) with hedge on left. In 300yds X footbridge & stile. Continue across field (105°). Pass thru metal gate then X stile beside another metal gate into lane. TL and follow lane into Heyshott village. The checkpoint is on the right.

CHECKPOINT 4 – HEYSHOTT COBDEN CLUB HALL (GR896180).

Open Saturday 16:30pm to midnight

Total distance 29.5 miles.

AHD	ahead
BL/BR	bear left/bear right
SP	signpost/fingerpost
TL/TR	turn left/turn right
X	cross

Leg 5 – HEYSHOTT to SUTTON 6.4 miles, ascent 506ft.

Summary: The route continues at low level following the South Downs passing through Graffham and Seaford College to the village of Sutton.

- 5.1 Leave Hall & TR on road. At road junction TR and follow road first with Church on left and later pub, The Unicorn, on right. At hairpin bend in road continue on bridleway/drive, signed Manor Farm. Fork right at Antiques sign. At Wild Wood Antiques on left, BR thru farm yard (120°), keeping to right of green silos. Continue on track between hedges (90°).
- 5.2 In 700yds, at wooden tower on left (GR908174), continue AHD on footpath (100°) across field to stile concealed in hedge. X stile and BR (140°) to stile by gate.
- 5.3 X lane and continue on footpath with fence on left. X stile by gate and continue, with hedge on left, to SP at X tracks/stile. Continue AHD on footpath with hedge on left, to stile at gate.
- 5.4 X stile and continue uphill (110°) on grassy track. X stile by gate and continue, following hedge on right. Hedge turns sharp left at metal gate and soon sharp right to stile in right hand corner of field. X stile and continue on footpath down to road (GR927172).
- 5.5 TR and follow road thru Graffam Village, ignoring signposts on left & right. Continue uphill on road. In 350yds pass Church on right. At end of the road turn left through pillared gate, signed Lavington Stud. Continue along private road. In 1500yds pass thru metal gate, (GR943164), the entrance to Seaford College.

- 5.6 Continue AHD on tarmac road, passing telephone box on right and college buildings, mainly on right. At end of balustrade topped stone wall on right, BR to white barrier. TL and continue on road. In 1300yds reach main road A285. (Hazard! Busy road bad sightline to left).
- 5.7 X road with care to SP. In 40yds, at SP, TR in front of small building. Continue AHD (90°) on footpath across field to stile in field corner.
- 5.8 TL on lane. In 40yds TR into wood. Continue AHD on footpath. In 350yds, at Barlavington Farms information board on left continue ahead (140°) to metal gates and road
- 5.9 Turn sharp left and X stile in hedge by SP. Continue (120°) across field. X stile and continue soon with hedge on left. X stile and descend to minor road. X road then footbridge and continue ahead to gate. BR in front of buildings to reach road. (GR971161)
- 5.10 TL and in 100yds at SP on right enter churchyard and follow path to gate at rear. BR and continue on wide track around farm buildings. At large black barn on left TR onto track and continue AHD on track then into field.
- 5.11 In <u>200yds</u> X very well hidden elaborate stile in tree line on right. Follow footpath (210°) and X stile and footbridge. Follow path as it winds up through wood then open area.
- 5.12 At top of hill at way mark TL (ignore footpath ahead) and follow wide grassy track. In 350yds TL on driveway to road. TR and follow road to Sutton Village Hall on left.

CP5 – SUTTON VILLAGE HALL (GR979152).

Open Saturday 18:00 to Sunday 03:00 Total Distance 35.9 miles

AHD	ahead	MW	Monarchs Way	
BL/BR	bear left/bear right			
SP	signpost/fingerpost			
TL/TR	turn left/turn right			
Χ	cross			

Leg 6 – SUTTON to SLINDON 5.2 miles, ascent 664ft.

Summary: The route skirts the village of Bignor, famous for its Roman Villa then climbs over the South Downs to descend to the village of Slindon

- 6.1 Exit Village Hall and TL onto road. BR past White Horse Pub and immediately TL on drive and TR on path (signed public footpath to Bignor). In 60yds at way mark AHD across field (160°). In 140yds X stile and continue AHD (150°). In 140yds X stile, over footbridge and TR. In 20yds at SP (West Sussex Literary Trail) BL and continue with hedge on left. In 50yds at footbridge continue AHD. In 120yds at footbridge continue uphill. In 150yds thru gate on right of house to road. (GR982145).
- 6.2 TR. In 90yds at SP TR and cross stream by plank bridge. In 15yds at fork BL on path. In 75yds at field BL and continue along left side of field (180°). In 190yds continue between hedge and wire fence. In 320yds at stile continue uphill. In 300yds at T-junction (*with small seat on right*) TR. (GR980137).
- 6.3 In 20yds at SP BL uphill thru trees. In 500yds at tarmac road TR. In 600yds at large finger post, (GR973129 just past small car park on left), TL (direction Slindon). In 25yds BL onto wide stony track. In 250yds at X track TR. In 500yds TL (180°). In 350yds at way mark continue AHD (170°), (leaving main track). In 280yds at way mark on left continue AHD.

- 6.4 In 300yds at way mark fork left (160°). In 70yds at way mark continue AHD (180°). In 150yds at gate continue AHD across field (210°). In 800yds at gate cont AHD on path (180°), later between wire fences. In 900yds at X track/SP (GR967101) continue AHD (190°) on path.
- 6.5 In 1000yds at X track SP continue AHD (180°) into wood. In 25yds at SP continue AHD uphill (170°) on footpath, later becoming track. In 500yds pass gate and continue AHD on road (*Mill Lane*). In 150yds at road junction TL. Soon BR into School Hill. In 200yds road bends left at junction with Church Hill. Continue on road for further 200yds until TR into CHECKPOINT.

CHECKPOINT 6 – SLINDON VILLAGE HALL GR965078

Open Saturday 19:00 to Sunday 05:30.

Total distance 41.1 miles.

AHD	ahead	MW	Monarch's Way
BL/BR	bear left/bear right		
SP	signpost/fingerpost		
TL/TR	turn left/turn right		
Χ	cross		

Leg 7 - SLINDON to EAST DEAN 6.1 miles, ascent 813ft.

Summary: The Return Begins. The route continues through the wooded southern slopes of the Downs, crossing the Roman road, Stane Street.

- 7.1 Leave the checkpoint and TL along the road using pavements where available. Take 2nd turning left, Church Hill, using pavements where available, passing pond and church on left. At T junction TL.
- 7.2 In 280yds, opposite Slindon College, at delimit sign on right hand side of road, TR and follow unsigned path downhill through trees. Where path ends TR along road. In 50yds at SP on left, where road bends right, TL onto wide mud/flint track.
- 7.3 Follow track, which later narrows and enters woods, ignoring all tracks left and right. In 1000yds track turns right. In 950yds, at way mark with 2 blue arrows (GR951102), fork right down hill (350°).
- 7.4 In 300yds at way mark, 2 bar fence & green 'No Horses' sign, TL on bridleway (285°). In 600yds, at T junction with way mark on right (GR944106), TR and follow wide track. In 250yds, at SP/X track, TL and follow flinty path (*Stane Street*). In 300yds, at SP, TR onto wide stony track. In 40yds TL and follow path to car park (*Eartham Wood*).
- 7.5 BL across car park and exit at metal barrier to road. TR on grass verge. In 40yds, at telegraph pole, X road, (Hazard! little used but fast minor road). TR along verge. In 100yds, at SP MW on

- left, TL onto path (260°). In 200yds cross road (A285) with care and continue AHD on path.
- 7.6 Cross stile beside metal gate. In 250yds at way mark (MW) on right at edge of wood continue AHD. In 300yds at SP (GR930109) TR and follow wire fence on right.
- 7.7 In 450yds X stile and BL (310°) across field. In 170yds, at way mark/stile continue on (310°) In 20yds BL and continue along field edge (285°). In 50yds, at SP, continue AHD. Follow track thru woods for 1.2 miles, ignoring all tracks left and right.
- 7.8 At stile and junction with road, (GR911115), cross road and continue on footpath (MW). In 80yds BR into wood. In 60yds at way mark (MW) BL along wide, usually muddy, track. In 500yds, at way mark on left, keep ahead on track. In 250yds at SP on right (GR906123) BR downhill.
- 7.9 In 100yds at SP on left continue AHD downhill. In 150yds at SP on left continue AHD. Soon exit wood and continue on path. At hedge continue AHD on foot path with wire fence on left, soon under power lines. At SP, where path drops into ditch TL. Follow path then drive to road. TR next to the Star and Garter pub the village hall is 50yds on left.

CP7 - EAST DEAN VILLAGE HALL GR904130.

Open Saturday 20:15 to Sunday 08:30 Total distance 47.2 miles

AHD	ahead	MW	Monarchs Way
BL/BR	bear left/bear right		
SP	signpost/fingerpost		
TL/TR	turn left/turn right		
X	cross		

Leg 8 – EAST DEAN to STOUGHTON DOWN 7.7 miles, ascent 1169ft.

Summary: The route continues south west then west, passing Goodwood racecourse.

- 8.1 From the checkpoint turn right along the village street. At road junction beside pond BL on Goodwood/Chichester road.
- 8.2 In 300yds at SP TR onto track. Soon X stile and continue ahead on footpath (270°). In 200yds at way mark (MW) X stile and follow footpath uphill (205°). At top of hill X stile and continue ahead on footpath thru wood. Where open ground begins continue (240°) for 200yds then BL (180°). In 150yds X stile beside metal gate and continue ahead on track thru wood. In 750yds X stile beside metal gate & continue ahead to road. (GR896114)
- 8.3 TR along road, soon with stone wall topped with white railings on right. Follow road for 1 mile past Goodwood Racecourse, making use of grass verges. At T junction, signed Singleton & Midhurst, TR. X road and in 350yds at SP on left (MW) TL and follow wide tarmac track.
- 8.4 In 85yds BL onto tarmac track uphill with disused buildings on right. Soon X stile and continue uphill on grass footpath crossing The Trundle (Hill Fort). Continue ahead on footpath, passing two aerials, 200yds apart, on right. Soon thru kissing gate & continue ahead along wide flinty track. In 400yds continue thru kissing gate to pass car park on left (GR871108). X road and continue ahead (270°) on gravel track, passing 'The Rubbing House' on right.

- 8.5 Continue ahead on grassy track. At SP continue AHD (260°). In 1300yds at SP and wooden gate, BL downhill (250°). In 350yds at SP BR thru gate in hedge. In 150yds footpath crosses disused railway track by overgrown bridge. Continue ahead thru gate. At SP (Centrurion Way) continue ahead, soon crossing stream by wooden bridge. Soon pass thru wooden gate and continue ahead to road A286 (GR850107).
- 8.6 TR along cycle track. In 40yds X road with care and continue ahead along Binderton Lane. In 500yds, at SP where road bears L continue ahead on bridleway. In 450yds pass large flint walled house on left. In 300yds at WM continue on bridleway. In 800yds reach road (B2141).
- 8.7 X road with care and TR along grass verge. In 230yds at SP TL. Continue on bridleway. In 300yds pass SP and ahead thru metal gate. Continue with wire fence on R. In 300yds thru wooden gate and continue uphill. Soon, at Kingley Vale sign on left, (GR829121) enter yew wood.
- 8.8 In 450yds, at SP and X track, TL. In 90yds at X track TL (GR827124). In 6yds TR (beside fallen SP). In 10yds TL. In 475yds, at SP and X tracks (GR824121), TR, taking the 2nd right track (350°) downhill into the woods. In 1100yds, at SP on left continue AHD. In 500yds arrive at Stoughton Down car park.

CP 8 – STOUGHTON DOWN NT CAR PARK GR815124. Open Saturday 22:00 to midday Sunday. Total distance 54.9 miles

AHD	ahead	MW	Monarchs Way
BL/BR	bear left/bear right		
SP	signpost/fingerpost		
TL/TR	turn left/turn right		
Χ	cross		

Leg 9 – STOUGHTON DOWN to ROWLANDS CASTLE 6 miles, ascent 430ft.

Summary: Passing through the villages of Stoughton and Walderton, then on to Rowlands Castle – and BREAKFAST!

- 9.1 Leave the checkpoint and TR along road. In 250yds, at SP on left, X stile and follow footpath along field edge, keeping fence, later hedge to right. In1000yds X stile and continue AHD along road. In 300yds, at Stoughton village sign, continue AHD thru village passing the Hare & Hounds on right. At road junction by village green, bus stop and notice boards BR. Soon, by red phone box, BR onto bridleway between houses, not to the Church! (GR801114)
- 9.2 In 450yds at way mark on right continue ahead. In 100yds at way mark on left, signed MW, TL. Continue ahead across field, then field edge with trees on right. Continue across second field to road. TR then in 5yds TL and continue on footpath. In 200yds the path crosses the hedge line. Continue with hedge on left. In 120yds, at power line poles, (GR788108), TL and follow footpath to road.
- 9.3 At road TR. Follow road to T junction at Walderton village sign. TL and X road. Soon TR then BR and follow tarmac lane (270°), ignoring all footpaths left and right. In 1500yds at large house on left, where tarmac ends, continue AHD. Soon, at metal gates and footpath junction (GR771107), continue AHD on wide gravel track (255°).
- 9.4 In 1100yds, at junction with road and flint house on right, BL and follow road. At T junction TR. In 500yds continue AHD thru black gates

- (pedestrian gate on right). Cross road with care and continue thru metal kissing gate. (GR754104)
- 9.5 Continue ahead on grassy footpath (280°), keeping close to trees on right. In 1 mile, where footpath enters trees, continue downhill to road, ignoring 2 X tracks. TL along road under railway bridge. X road & continue ahead with grass on left. Where grass ends continue into Links Lane to checkpoint on left.

CHECKPOINT 9 – ROWLANDS CASTLE PARISH HALL (GR730106)
Open Saturday 23:30 to Sunday 15:00.

Total distance 60.9 miles

AHD	ahead	SW	Staunton Way
BL/BR	bear left/bear right	SDW	South Downs Way
SP	signpost/fingerpost	HW	Hangers Way
TL/TR	turn left/turn right		
Χ	cross		

Leg 10: ROWLANDS CASTLE to QUEEN ELIZABETH COUNTRY PARK

6.7 miles, ascent 952ft.

Summary: After the breakfast stop the route follows the Staunton Way, through Finchdean Village to Chalton. It then passes through the forested QECP

- 10.1 From Parish Hall, TL on pavement along Links Road passing Golf Club on left. In 600yds TR into Greatfield Way. At T junction TL. In 150yds TR and continue along Wellworth Lane. In 280yds at SP and 5 bar gate, next to number 41, continue on tarmac. In 170yds, where tarmac ends by 5 bar gate, continue AHD. In 60yds at TL (SP SW). In 30yds TR and follow footpath thru barrier onto SW. (30°).
- 10.2 In 900yds TR and follow road downhill. At junction X road, TL and keep on pavement into Finchdean Village. TL at T-junction opposite George Inn (SP SW).
- 10.3 Follow road AHD. In 220yds, (GR736128), just after Ashcroft Lane, TR onto way marked path (SW). Continue with hedge on left. At corner of field TR, keeping trees on left. In 850yds follow track through copse. At path junction with SP on left (GR736138), TL and continue AHD (240°).
- 10.4 In 80yds TR (320°). Continue AHD with trees on left. At end of trees (SP SW) TR (20°). Continue AHD, soon with trees on left. In 400yds TR with fence on left. In 75yds (SP SW) X stile. Continue (350°) under power lines. In 500yds AHD thru hedge. Continue AHD (360°). In 750yds AHD thru hedge ,(360°).

- 10.5 In 300yds TL over stile and follow grassy track (310°) with wire fence on right. X stile into graveyard and through gates, keeping to right of the church.
- 10.6 Exit graveyard through Lych Gate (*Chalton Village*) and TR on road passing Red Lion pub. Continue AHD up tarmac road (20°). In 20yds pass Post Box on left. At RD junction (GR731160) continue AHD on gravel drive (SP SW).
- 10.7 Follow way marked SW passing farm building on left and keep to broad track. In 1000yds, 160yds after power lines, where farm track turns right, continue AHD, (360°).
- 10.8 X stile into QECP (GR733175). TR. In 400yds, at SP, continue AHD on SW. In 500yds, at X tracks,TL up hill, (SW), and continue on main gravel track. In 1.5 miles, at barriers, BL on tarmac road then TR at SP onto SDW/SW/HW. In 200yds, where path divides, keep right on SDW, passing the QECP Centre on left, to The Hut.

CHECKPOINT 10 - QUEEN ELIZABETH COUNTRY PARK THE HUT GR718183

Open Sunday 00:45 to 17:45. Total Distance 67.6 miles

AHD	ahead	SDW	South Downs Way
BL/BR	bear left/bear right		
SP	signpost/fingerpost		
TL/TR	turn left/turn right		
Χ	cross		

Leg 11 QUEEN ELIZABETH COUNTRY PARK to EAST MEON. 4.7 miles ascent 559ft.

Summary: Leaving QECP and joining the SDW and up over Butser Hill (the highest point on the South Downs) before descending along a ridge walk into East Meon.

- 11.1 Exit car park, continue AHD on pavement under the A3. In 80yds, at end of fence, X road and continue AHD on gravel track (320°), ignoring all side tracks to gate.
- 11.2 Continue on wide grassy track (360°) which goes gradually left as it ascends to gate, keeping distant communications mast to the right. (NB Mast not visible at night!!) Thru gate, AHD (350°) on wide grass track. In 300yds, at fork, BL (330°). In 150yds find blue topped SDW SP. In 30yds fork left, (310°) and continue to gate. (GR712200)
- 11.3 AHD on stony path. <u>In 20yds BL (240°)</u> and continue on narrow stony/grassy path to road. TL <u>(ignore car park barriers)</u>. In 150yds, at metal road barrier turn very sharp right. In 750yds, by stile on right (GR709205) BL initially (290°). In 1 mile at junction with road (GR700215) TL. In 500yds TR onto enclosed path (cycle route with large concrete barrier).
- 11.4 In 700yds at track junction (GR695220) BL. In 30yds continue on very rutted track (260°). In 400yds pass wooden barrier and continue AHD on stony drive to road. X road and up track to stile. In 20yds continue (230°) to SP behind fence. TR and continue (300°) to stile. In 12yds X stile on right.

- 11.5 Continue AHD with fence on right to wooden gate. Continue with fence on left thru gate to road. TL and continue over bridge. TR. At T junction (East Meon Forge on left) TR. Follow road through East Meon village. When road bends right continue AHD, signed Combe Chidden.
- 11.6 After village shop on right, TR into Workhouse Lane. In 120yds TL to village hall.

CHECKPOINT 11 - EAST MEON VILLAGE HALL (GR677221)

Open Sunday 02:00 to 20:15. Total Distance 72.3 miles

AHD	ahead	SDW	South Downs Way
BL/BR	bear left/bear right	WW	Wayfarers Way
SP	signpost/fingerpost		
TL/TR	turn left/turn right		
X	cross		

Leg 12: EAST MEON to BEACON HILL. 7.4 miles, ascent 994ft.

Summary: From East Meon the route follows the SDW over Old Winchester Hill to Beacon Hill.

- 12.1. Cross car park to tarmac path and follow to the left through houses. BR and then left thru houses to road. Continue AHD. In 170yds at T junction TR. In 900yds, at Forty Acres and Bereleigh Estate SP, TR up concrete road. Just before buildings fork left and at far end of barn BL on grass track that soon bends right. (GR668216)
- 12.2. At SP TL. In 300yds go thru gap in hedge and ahead on track (SP SDW). In 350yds, where track becomes concrete track, continue ahead. At road TR. In 500yds, just past barn on right TL and stay on SDW to past Whitewools Farm. At end of barn on left, with SP and wire fence ahead, TR at/thru gate onto concrete track. Continue ahead thru second gate and continue on chalky track. (GR653213)
- 12.3. Just before small chalk quarry go thru second metal gate on right, (SP SDW) and uphill to gate. TL on road. TR by 'Old Winchester Hill Nature Reserve' sign. Go under metal barrier. In 40yds BL to gate. In 15ydsTL on gravel, later grassy, track. In 700yds, at small green signs BR on stony track. (GR647207)
- 12.4. Continue with fence on left. In 700yds thru 5 bar gate. In 15yds TL. In 50yds, at SP SDW TR. Continue ahead, passing trig point & topograph on left. Continue on path downhill, ignoring gate on left, to kissing gate. Continue downhill thru trees, passing to right of gate. Continue AHD on

- enclosed path for 300yds to SDW SP. (GR634207). Continue on enclosed path.
- 12.5. In 1100yds turn sharp left to X stream. TL and follow SDW. In 50yds go up steps, X to right of bridge then descend steps and continue on SDW. In 500yds X footbridge. TR on SDW to X bridge and major road (A32).
- 12.6. Continue along Church Lane, passing Shoe Lane on left. (*Shoe Lane sign often obscured by parked car!*). In 250yds, just past Glebe Cottage on right, TR on SDW (obscure SP on left.). Go thru kissing gate (GR610210) and continue with hedge on right.
- 12.7. At gate follow SDW across field (330°) to stile. Continue (320°) to two stiles. Continue (340°) to stile in hedge. Continue (340°) over two stiles. Continue (330°) to tree line and 2 stiles. Ascend (330°) to stile. Ascend (330°) to way mark. Continue (340°) to stile. (GR602221).
- 12.8. TR on road. In 470yds, at SDW sign on right, TR over stile. X field (340°) to kissing gate and CP.

CHECKPOINT 12 - BEACON HILL BEECHES CAR PARK (GR598228)

Open Sunday 03:00 to Midnight.

Total distance 79.7 miles

AHD	ahead	SDW	South Downs Way
BL/BR	bear left/bear right	WW	Wayfarers Walk
SP	signpost/fingerpost		
TL/TR	turn left/turn right		
Χ	cross		

Leg 13 BEACON HILL to KILMESTON 2.2 miles, ascent 45ft.

Summary: From Beacon Hill the route continues on the SDW before leaving the trail to join the WW in a north easterly direction to Kilmeston.

- 13.1 From the checkpoint continue along the road (340°). In 200yds, where road turns sharply right, continue AHD on a wide track (SP SDW).
- 13.2 In 900yds, at Lomer Farm, TR onto tarmac track, leaving SDW. At junction X road and continue AHD on footpath which soon follows field edge on right, later between fences and over 2 stiles. After 2nd stile continue AHD close to wooden fence on right. At junction with road (GR592243) TL and follow road.
- 13.3 In 1200yds (GR591256), where road turns sharp left, continue ahead on wide track. In 250yds, just past cottage on left, TL and continue on wide gravel track. At red cottage, where track becomes tarmac road, continue AHD with cottage on right. At road junction TR into checkpoint.

CHECKPOINT 13 - KILMESTON VILLAGE HALL (GR590259)

Open Sunday 03:30 to Monday 01:15.
Total Distance 81.9

AHD	ahead	WW	Wayfarers Walk
BL/BR	bear left/bear right		
SP	signpost/fingerpost		
TL/TR	turn left/turn right		
Χ	cross		

Leg 14 - KILMESTON to OLD ALRESFORD 6.1 miles, ascent 520ft.

Summary: This leg follows part of the Wayfarers Walk, through New Alresford then along the river and water cress beds to Old Alresford.

- 14.1 On leaving Kilmeston Village Hall, TL and, almost immediately, TL again on road signed to Dean House/Dean Farm. In 140yds TL and follow WW markers thru trees to field. Continue AHD with hedge on left. Where hedge turns left continue AHD (20°) to stile and road. TR along the road. In 10yds TL and continue AHD on faint path (40°). In 220yds at fence corner continue AHD (20°) to stile. Continue AHD (40°) to stile beside gate. X field (40°), passing thru two wooden gates. (GR597271)
- 14.2 Follow enclosed path uphill. Pass thru left hand kissing gate TR and continue on road to junction with A272.
- 14.3 X the A272 with care and continue AHD along byway (SP WW). In 400yds at X track continue AHD. In 300yds at X track continue ahead, leaving the WW. In 800yds TR and follow road. In 800yds, where road turns right (GR595299), continue ahead on track. In 500yds at fork BL. In 400yds, at sewage farm on left, TL then TR on path thru gap in wooden fence.
- 14.4 In 600yds pass to right of Alresford Golf Club notice board. In 250yds at wooden gate (may be open) TL then soon TR to cross footbridge over A31. Descend and X road. TR and follow the pavement on left, ignoring all side roads, later passing Sun Hill School. In 1200yds, where pavement ends, X railway bridge.

- 14.5 Immediately after the railway bridge, TL down footpath (signed WW). In 100yds TR. Continue with a graveyard on left & wall on right to road. (You are now in the centre of New Alresford).
- 14.6 X road and continue AHD down left side of Broad Street. In 200yds, continue AHD down Mill Hill. In 100yds TL down Ladywell lane (SP WW). In 400yds TR across the river in front of cottage and continue on track to road.
- 14.7 TL. In 200yds TR on gravel track. Soon BR onto grass by twin telegraph poles and continue parallel with gravel track to X stile.Continue ahead with trees on right and X two stiles to reach lane. TL. In 300yds TR by white cottage.
- 14.8 Follow road, passing some willow trees, for 100yds to reach the checkpoint at Old Alresford Village Hall on left.

CHECKPOINT 14 - OLD ALRESFORD CHRISTY HALL (GR587341)
Open Sunday 04:30 to Monday 04:00
Total distance 88 miles

AHD	ahead	OW	Oxdrove Way
BL/BR	bear left/bear right		
SP	signpost/fingerpost		
TL/TR	turn left/turn right		
Χ	cross		

Leg 15: OLD ALRESFORD to UPPER WIELD 4.5 miles, ascent 412ft.

Summary: The route follows the Oxdrove Way across country for 4 miles in a north easterly direction, then along roads for the final mile to Upper Wield.

- 15.1 Leave the checkpoint and TL. 30yds past Green Close, X the road and continue AHD on footpath between bus shelter and wooden fence. At road TR. In 350yds at T junction TL, and follow signs for the OW. (GR591339)
- 15.2 In 400yds, where road bears sharp right, continue AHD up track (SP OW). In 1 mile reach a road. (GR604354)
- 15.3 X road and continue AHD on track (SP OW), ignoring any turn-offs. In 1.25 miles, reach farmhouse on left. (GR619368). In 900yds BL with track which later becomes grassy. In 400yds (GR626377) TL along road.
- 15.4 In 50yds, at T junction, TR (SP Upper Wield). In 650yds, at fork in road, TL.
- 15.5 On reaching Upper Wield Village, continue past Pound Close and follow road around to the right to a road junction by a phone box. At the junction continue straight AHD (signed Medsted).
- 15.6 In 200yds reach the checkpoint at Upper Wield Village Hall (on the left after passing a football pitch and children's playground).

CHECKPOINT 15 - UPPER WIELD VILLAGE HALL (GR631388).

Open Sunday 05:30 to Monday 06:15
Total Distance 92.5 miles

AHD	ahead	
BL/BR	bear left/bear right	
SP	signpost/fingerpost	
TL/TR	turn left/turn right	
Χ	cross	

Leg 16: UPPER WIELD to SHALDEN. 4.6 miles, ascent 363ft.

Summary: The route to Shalden Village passes through Bentworth with a certain amount of gentle road walking.

- 16.1 Leave Wield Village Hall through entrance gate & TR, to follow fence round to path that goes behind village hall. In <u>150yds</u> continue ahead across field (30°). At end of field, continue AHD with hedge on left, for <u>700yds</u> to reach minor road (GR 638397).
- 16.2 X road with care <u>and BR on track (80°)</u>. In 300yds X road and continue AHD along metalled road <u>for 1.6 miles</u>, thru sharp right and <u>left bends</u> <u>and passing Bentworth village sign</u>. At crossroads continue AHD. In 300yds at T junction X to track opposite. (GR 668406).
- 16.3 Continue AHD on track to right of farm buildings. In 1.1 miles track merges with a metalled road from the right. Continue AHD. In 50yds reach main road (A339) (GR 684410).
- 16.4 Cross road (<u>Hazard! dangerous road</u>) to steps opposite and continue across track and up second set of steps to field at top. Follow path at side of field towards trees on left (60°). Continue AHD. In 900yds, X stile in field corner. Go diagonally across paddock to stile in far corner, then immediately left on grass track.
- 16.5 In 50yds at end of low fence continue AHD over small mound into Shalden churchyard and pass to right side of bushes to find gravel path. Continue AHD for 100yds to reach and go through church gate. TL and then TR on road past 'The Old Cottage' on the corner. Continue on

road for 600yds and TR at T-junction (SP Southwood Road) for 100yds to reach Shalden village hall on right and the LAST checkpoint.

CHECKPOINT 16 - SHALDEN VILLAGE HALL (GR697420)

Open Sunday 06:15 to Monday 08.45. Total Distance 97.1 miles

AHD	ahead	
BL/BR	bear left/bear right	
SP	signpost/fingerpost	
TL/TR	turn left/turn right	
Χ	cross	

Leg 17: SHALDEN TO EGGARS SCHOOL (Finish). 2.9 miles, ascent 169ft.

Summary: Almost there! This is a straightforward stretch without any sting in the tail!

- 17.1 From car park, cross road to Stancombe Lane opposite and continue on track past Holme Farm. In 800yds continue on tarmac drive. In 650yds reach main road B3349. (GR707424).
- 17.2 X road with care to track opposite and continue uphill thru woods. In 300yds follow track right then left downhill then uphill to road. (*Minor road, but traffic can be extremely fast*). X road & TR. In 50yds (SP Right of Way, GR 713423) TL on wide track between house & tall fir hedge. (*If you reach a riding stables entrance you have gone 20yds too far*).
- 17.3 In 250yds, TR on narrow path to right of gates. Continue thru trees, initially East, then soon South, ignoring all paths left and right. (At one point the path divides but rejoins later). In 1.3 miles, at Eggars School boundary playing fields on both sides follow path with hedge on right, ignoring side paths. At fork by fence BR and continue to reach main road (London Road). TL and in 150yds TL into Eggars School entrance to finish.

Congratulations!!

Eggars School, Alton GR728406.

The End