**Hannington Hike**

**Long route**

TR = turn right, TL = turn left, L=left, R=right, FB=footbridge, BW= bridleway, FP=footpath, CONT=continue, AH=ahead, X=cross, THRU=through, KG=kissing gate, WM=waymarker, TK=track, SLOT=same line of travel, CB xxx=compass bearing xxx, Mts=metres, Km=Kilometres, ST=stile,

**Start: Wellingborough Grammarians Memorial Sports Field GR: SP 856 690**

**A1:** From rear of clubhouse AH up bank alongside of football pitch, AH to small pond. Pass to the right of pond, bear L then AH on mown path, (initially ditch on L) to trees, AH THRU trees to BW, TR on enclosedBW. AH with ditch/hedge on left for 450 Mts to reach road. (GR 859 697) X road to BW opposite, AH with hedge on L, when hedge ends AH between two fields for 330 Mts (GR 862 699)

**A2**: TL with ditch initially on L AH for 2 Km, to double metal farm gates, pass to L of gate, TL to road (GR 877 710) X road (with care), TL and in 40 Mts TR onto FP. Follow FP (CB 338) X field to X FB, THRU wooden gate AH with hedge on L/wire fence on R, pass THRU small wooden gate onto enclosed path, AH to gravel track, AH to Main Street in Little Harrowden. (GR 872 712).

**A3:** X road (with care) TL and in 30Mts TR into School Lane, THRU squeezer ST to L of metal gate, AH to wooden gate with school on R, pass THRU gate and with metal fence on both side AH to wooden gate. DO NOT go through gate, TR with school on your R, AH to wooden gate, THRU gate TL onto enclosed path to X wooden FB at bottom. (GR 870 721)

**A4:** X field (CB 330 (aiming for barns AH hidden to start), pass to the R of barns, X wooden FB to road. X road, slightly R, to X wooden FB opposite, with hedge on your R AH for 430 Mts to WM, TR THRU gap in hedge, TL with hedge on your L AH 350 Mts to WM as hedge turns L, bear R (CB 346 aim for church hidden to start) X field to WM by trees, THRU trees, X stream AH uphill (ignore FP on R) on enclosed BW to road. (GR 859 737).

**A5:** TR and walk on R side of road into Pytchley and in 800 Mts TL, X road into Butcher’s Lane. Follow Butchers Lane to pass the school on R, at end of lane fork L onto High Street (no sign), follow High Street for 60 Mts, TR to NO THROUGH ROAD sign AH up road to Top End. At barns THRU wooden gate bear R THRU farm yard to BW sign (Broughton 1½). (GR 856 748) TR to follow BW for 1KM to pass to L of metal gate and AH on distinct path (CB 320) to hedge line. BL, AH with hedge/trees on R, in 500 Mts ignore 1st gap on R to take 2nd gap into spinney, THRU trees X wooden FB, up bank to BW sign under powerlines. TL on BW, AH for 320 Mts to pylon, AH to road passing Pocket Park on your L, X RD to pass THRU yellow gate to Broughton Village Hall

**BROUGHTON CHECKPOINT**

**6.3 MILES (10.21 Km) GR 838 758 OPEN 9.45 CLOSE 13.15**

**A6:** Leave checkpoint via yellow gate, TR down Gate Lane (no road sign). At T- junction TR down Gate Lane, (0n sign) passing Manor Farm on R.

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**SHORT ROUTE TRUNS LEFT HERE DO NOT FOLLOW**

**LM7:** At crossroads X road and AH up Cox’s Lane, in 15 Mts TR onto FP (between houses), X drive AH to enclosed path (between houses), THRU KG onto gravel path, follow path to double metal gate, THRU KG to road bear L X road to FP sign **(X CARE VERY BUSY ROAD)**. Down steps, THRU KG, (GR 833 763). X field (CB 310) to KG, THRU KG, down steps to road, TR for 400 Mts to bus stop in Great Cransley. TL X road to follow Church Lane for 600 Mts to BW sign. (GR 826 765).

**LM8:** Bear L THRU metal gate, AH to metal gate, THRU gate AH on BW with wire fence on L/R, in 220 Mts THRU wooden gate AH with trees on right to gate, (GR 822 761) THRU gate X access track. AH with wire fence on L, follow BW as it meanders through fields for 1.4 Km ignoring all turns L and R. When main TK turns sharp R to WM post, ignore this and carry on straight AH on TK. Pass to L of metal gate on to concrete track, (GR 814 752). AH on concrete track passing to R of metal gate to road, X road TL follow road **(WITH CARE VERY BUSY ROAD)** in 200 Mts to reach metal gate on R (20 Mts after 2 road signs) (GR 815 749).

**LM9:** TR past gate onto scrubby area. Follow BW through scrub to enclosed BW, AH on enclosed BW, in 600 Mts X farm TK, AH after 600Mts locate wooden FB on R (GR 823 740). TR and X FB, X field (CB 220) X access road to WM, X FB, TL, in 60 Mts X earth bridge, TR with ditch on R AH for 1.25 Km to pass to L of metal gate. TR, after 100 Mts X RD, (with care) to FP sign, X ST (GR 813 728). X field (CB 190) X FB half way across field. Go over metal bar, X ST to right of metal farm gate, X field (CB 200) aiming for tree. (If there is no path across field, TR and go around 3 edges of field to reach lone tree on far side).

**(The horses in the next fields are very inquisitive)**

**LM10:** Over ST X field to gate/FB/gate, X field to ST L of metal gates. Over ST AH on farm track to road (GR 807 717), X RD to ST opposite, X ST, AH with hedge on R, at end of hedge X field (CB 230) in 70 Mts at X track TL (CB 112) AH to ST.

**LM11:** Over ST, X byway, over ST, AH to ST, over ST AH to ST in L hand field corner. Over ST, TL on enclosed FT, AH to X ST to road. TR, AH on road to T-junction, TR AH for 30 Mts TR up School, Lane (signed Village Hall) to Checkpoint...

**HANNINGTON CHECKPOINT**

**MILES (12.5) (20.0 Km) GR 810 710 OPEN 11.30 CLOSE 16.30**

**L12:** Leave checkpoint AH to TL down School Lane, at end of lane TL and in 30 Mts TL (Walgrave Road). AH, as road bends in 250 Mts TL to FP signpost to X ST onto enclosed FP, CONT on enclosed FP (ignore ST on right) and in 160 Mts X ST. AH to X ST, CONT THRU 2 fields to pass THRU hedge gap on to BW (GR 804 711)

**L13:** X BW, X ST opposite, (CB 350) X field (aiming for church ahead), X ST SLOT in 160 Mts X ST, X field (CB 026) to X wooden FB, CB 300 bear ½L to reach fence corner, BR to KG in righthand field corner. (GR 801 719) THRU KG to TL on RD, follow RD as it bends R to crossroads. TL along Holcot Road.

**L14:** When RD bends left in 200 Mts AH to pass THRU KG, AH on FP (field on right) for ½ Km to X earthbridge (GR 792 717), TR, AH with ditch on right, in 260 Mts at WM TL, AH (hedge on left) for 300 Mts to locate gap in hedge on L near tree (WM hidden), TL THRU gap, AH to WM in field corner, TR THRU gap then immediately TL to reach gravel TK. TR, AH on TK & 20 Mts after TK

TR locate WM/ST on left. X ST, X field (CB 332) aiming for church. THRU wooden gate SLOT across field to ST right on gate. (GR 786 730) X ST to RD

**L15:** TR follow to T-junction. X Walgrave Road, TL AH to No Entry sign (opposite White Horse Pub), TR follow road through village, take righthand fork to pass War Memorial on your left, to reach small green, take righthand fork (ignoring Mill Lane) to CONT to national speed restriction sign in 220 Mts (passing Wold Farm industrial estate), TL, X RD to FP sign, X stone ST, TR THRU trees. AH for 1.6 Km to WM at end of 5th field (GR 798 748), bear R (CB 050) X field to X wooden FB, SLOT to WM at trees.

**L16:** Bear R to follow path (could be very muddy) THRU trees for 320 Mts ignoring all paths L and R to X ST to road. **(BLIND BEND PLEASE BE CAREFULL).** TR AH on righthand side of RD **(BUSY ROAD PLEASE WALK SINGLE FILE).** In 1200 Mts locate metal gate on R opposite BW sign on L (after chevron signs) (GR 815 749).

**L17:** Pass to R of gate onto scrubland. Follow BW through scrubland to enclosed BW, AH on enclosed BW, in 600 Mts X farm TK, AH after 600Mts locate wooden FB on R (before wooden fence) (GR 823 740). X FB, X field (CB 220) X access road to MW, X FB, TL, in 60 Mts X earth bridge, TR with ditch on R AH for 1.25 Km to pass to L of metal gate. X RD, TR and in 100 Mts TL, to FP sign, X ST (GR 813 728). X field (CB 190) X FB half way across field. Pass under metal bar, X ST to right of metal farm gate, X field (CB 200) aiming for tree

**L18:** Over ST X field to gate/FB/gate, X field to ST L of metal gates. Over ST AH on farm track to road (GR 807 717), X RD to ST opposite, X ST, AH with hedge on R, at end of hedge X field (CB 230) in 70 Mts at X track TL (CB 112) AH to ST

**L19:** Over ST, X byway, over ST, AH to ST, over ST AH to ST in L hand field corner. Over ST, TL on enclosed FT, AH to X ST to road. TR, AH on road to T-junction, TR AH for 30 Mts TR up School, Lane (signed Village Hall) to Checkpoint...

**HANNINGTON CHECKPOINT**

**MILES (21.2) GR 810 710 OPEN 11.30 CLOSE 16.30**

**LM20:** retrace steps down School Lane, at end of lane TL along Main Street. AH along Main Street for 200 Mts, TR X RD into Bridle Road, in 250 Mts pass to L of metal gate onto BW (GR 815 709). AH for 1.2 Km with hedge of L, bending L then R, at end of hedge AH between fields to bear R to metal farm gate (GR 822 702) pass to L of farm gate.

**LM21:** X road (**WITH CARE**) THRU trees to reach lay-by, TL along lay-by for 150 Mts TR on TK. AH to BW sign by double farm gate ignore single gate ahead. Pass THRU single gate to R of double gates, TL (ignoring path to R) for 200 Mts around field edge to TK, TR onto TK (GR 824 704). In 800 Mts TR with TK and 100 Mts at WM TL to go THRU metal farm gate.

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**LM22:** AH down right-hand field edge for 150 Mts to treeline, THRU gap, TL, AH with trees on L for100 Mts to field corner, TR for 100 Mts to end of hedge bear L (CB 105). AH to go THRU wooden farm gate, AH (CB 40) ignoring large wooden gate on L, in 130 Mts pass THRU single wooden gate to gravel TK, AH on gravel TK, AH to small triangle green at road (GR 838 702).

**LM23:** Fork L, in 30 Mts TR THRU gap (tree stump on R concrete block on L). AH X field (CB 022), around left side of trees. In 20Mts TL (CB 014) X field to gap in hedge. AH THRU gap. In 150 Mts at FP signpost. TR.

**SHORT ROUTE JOINS HERE**

**A24:** X field (CB 083) to tree line. At WM AH with hedge on your R to pass THRU large gap in field corner, AH with hedge on R, as track turns left AH THRU gap in hedge. AH for 800 Mts to WM, TR X wooden FB, X field (CB 180) to X wooden FB, Ah on path THRU crop to join tractor tracks going X field (CB 192). At WM X field to double metal at RD in Hardwick (GR 852 701). THRU gates bear R on RD to village green, fork R along RD, in 30 Mts TL into lane, pass NO THROUGH ROAD sign AH to gate, AH THRU single metal gate to R of large metal gate.

**A25:** At FP sign, go AH for a few Mts then bear R to pass rusty railway goods wagon on your L (hidden at first), AH to X field, X wooden FB, AH X next field. to X ST in corner, TL follow field edge to double metal farm gates on L. THRU single gate AH of you and with hedge on your L AH for 2 fields pass metal gate to road.

**A26;** TL, WITH GREAT CARE X to other side when safe to do so, in 120 Mts at BW sign (just before corner). TR onto enclosed path and in 50 Mts X ST on R to enter sports field. Bear L to pass in front of green portable cabins (cricket pavilions) to join gravel drive. Follow drive around sports field pass cricket square, then a rugby pitch on your R. AH following drive as it bends L to pass tennis courts on your R, at end of tennis courts TR, follow to end of tennis courts TR to pass in front of portable cabins, at end on cabins TL, AH to TR to finish

27 **MILES**