**Brendon Incline 2019 Route Description Event issue 01 08 2019**

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### Abbreviations used throughout the Description

**TR** turn right **FR** fork right **SP** signpost **AH** ahead **GR** OS grid ref SS unless stated ST

**TL** turn left **FL** fork left **FP** footpath **CB** compass bearing

**R** right **L** left **SWG** small wooden gate **WM** way marker

**LWG** large wooden gate m metres **KG** kissing gate **RHS** right hand side

**LMG** large metal gate **BW** Bridleway **TP** telegraph pole  **RH** right hand

 **BR** bear right **BL** bear left **FB** footbridge **T** T junction

**Start – CP1 Brockwell 9.45 km (6.00 miles) 384m ascent (1260ft)**

* 1. **TR** in 50m **TL** into Car Park. Through car park to road. **TL** **take care** shortly no pavement. Pass 40 mph sign. **TR** on tarmac track before Steadway Farm sign. Track becomes gravel then grass. Downhill. As track bends to the right **TL** on narrow enclosed path. In 30m reach track and **TL** over cattle grid. **AH** on tarmac drive. In 400m **FR** **SP** Dunkery. Downhill on track to pass through **SWG**. **AH** through woods. Ignore **FP** on **L**, **AH** downhill to road. **GR 919398**

* 1. **TL** and immediately **R** through gate **SP** Dunkery Gate. **AH** downhill, hedge on **R**. Over bridge and **AH** on path. Through **LWG**. **AH** following stream on **R**. Ignore **FL** uphill. Pass timber guard rails. Ignore **FL**. **AH** **SP** Dunkery Gate. Cross stream. **AH** through **LWG**. **AH** tocrossstream**.** Follow track and **BL** uphill **SP** Dunkery Gate). **CB 225 GR 909405. (** Note this is not the Bridleway route as shown on OS maps).

* 1. Uphill on track. At top **BL** with track with hedge on **R**, ignore **LWG**. **AH** Through gap in hedge, **AH** hedge on **R**. **TR** through **SWG** (blue sign). **AH** uphill on indistinct path to blue **WM** post. **BL** on track uphill. **AH** on grass to pass through gap in bank and cross small stream. **AH** on track to pass through **LMG** in hedge. **AH** on track. Through car park to road. **GR 895 406**

* 1. **TR** on road. In 60m **TL** on track **SP** Dunkery Beacon. **AH** on track uphill to reach stone cairn (Dunkery Beacon). Magnificent views!  **TR**  on ridge path **CB 110** Track **BL** and **AH** on ridge for 1.3Km to reach road. Cross and **AH Brockwell.**
	2. Look ahead. The track you are aiming for contours around the hill on theright – not the track up the hill). In **300m FR** on stony track and **AH** for 2.0km eventually reaching edge of woods. **AH SP Brockwell** downhill on track ignoring 2 paths on right to reach cross paths.. **AH**  **SP BW Brockwell. AH** on wide track between trees, path becomes narrower. **AH** and continue to reach road junction. **TR** soonto reach **CP1** roadside. **Opens 8.40 Closes 10.15**

**CP1 Brockwell – CP2 Dunster 7.9 km (5.00 miles) 311m ascent (1023ft**

* 1. From CP turn **L** on road and shortly turn **L**. **SP** **Wooten Courtenay**. Through **KG**. **AH** hedge on **L**. Through **KG** toenclosed path over stile, **AH** **CB 60,** **AH** fence on **L**. Over stile, **AH** passing air sock to go through **KG**. **AH** then around right hand side of playing field, and in far right corner through gap and **SWG** to enclosed track. **TR** to road. **TL**, uphill to **T** junction. **TR** and in 200m at right bend **TL** over stile, **FP** **SP** Minehead. Yellow marker on post. **AH** uphill. Over stile. **AH** uphill in woods with hedge on **R** to cross tracks. **AH** uphill **CB 50**
	2. In 60m **TL** at **SP** with small yellow arrow to narrow enclosed path. Follow to wider track, **FR** uphill **SP** Minehead, to cross tracks. **AH** **CB 20** to reach **T** Junction with major track. **TR**. Join another major track **FR** **SP** Dunster. 350m **TL** through gap in bank and hedge with blue on post. **TR** **SP** Dunster Macmillan Way. Ahead on ridge path for 3300m ignoring any L and R turns, passing through two wooden traffic barriers, passing a seat and reaching multi-way junction to continue **AH** signed Grabbist Hill. **GR 972436**

* 1. After 100m **FR** and continue **AH.** Ignore two tracks on R to reach seat and cross tracks. Continue **AH** and soon **FL** at wooden bench SP Dunster ½, downhill fence on left. Sh **FR** **SP** Dunster via cemetery. Downhill through woods, track narrows with stone wall on left to reach high **SWG** on your left. Through gate, **AH** on path, cemetery on right, go through another gate. **AH** on tarmac. Past allotments, turn **R** with cemetery on **R** to road. **TR** and immediately **TL.** Under 2 arches and then by notice board **TR** into **CP2** in Dunster Tithe Barn Car Park. **Opens 10.20 Closes 12.30**

**CP2 Dunster – CP3 Winding House (33 route) 18.00km (11.2 miles) 836m (2745 ft )**

**or**

 **CP2 Dunster – CP4 Pooltown (25 route) 11.26km (8.0 miles) 440m (1443ft) ascent.**

* 1. Leave CP and **TR** along road. 50m before joining main road **TR** by black lamppost into centre of Dunster. Pass to **RH** side of Yarn Market and **AH** to traffic lights. **TR** on road through traffic system (care) and follow road to pass Stags Inn. **TL** into Mill Lane. Downhill, stream on **L**. **TR** to road. **TL**. Cross river on footbridge. **AH** on track passing thatched cottage to reach cross tracks. **AH** uphill **SP** Bat's Castle. At next junction **FL** uphill. Follow track to reach large high gates on your left. **TL** and go through high **SWG**. **AH** uphill **CB 130**. Stony path becomes grass. Ignore grass track on **L** to descend slightly. Ignore track on **L,** **AH** to ascend on wide path. Ignore track on **L, AH** uphill past seat and wooden post. **AH** passing information board to summit.

* 1. **AH,** **CB 125** descending. Path narrows, ahead through wooden posts and ahead over 2 cross grass tracks to reach high fence and gate. Through high **SWG**. **TR** on track **SP** Bonniton. **AH** downhill. Ignore **LH** track. **AH** and ignore **FP** on right, in 80m **FL** downhill on lesser stony track **GR 989 415**

* 1. Join main track. **AH** **CB 220** to cross track. **AH** **SP** Long Combe. **AH** for 850m crossing small stream three times to cross tracks. **AH** **SP** Churchtown 2. Ignore track on **R**. **AH** stream on **L**. Eventually track diminishes then enters pine trees and at **GR 980 399** bears diagonally **R** uphill on faint path through trees for 200m to reach **T**. **TL** and ahead to major track. **TL** **SP** Luxborough 1 to track junction, **TL** **SP** Perley Combe.
	2. **AH** to multi-way junction. **AH** **SP** Druids Coombe 2. Ignore **RH** track and **AH** **SP** Rodhuish Common. **AH** to **LMG** **SP** Felons Oak. **GR 995 389**

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**AT THIS POINT THE 25 MILE AND 33 MILE ROUTES SEPARATE.**

**THE FOLLOWING 1 - 5, IS THE 25 MILE ROUTE.**

**IF YOU ARE ON THE 33 MILE ROUTE GO TO ITEM 3.5**

**Anybody on the 33 route arriving at this point later than 12.45 will automatically be transferred to the 25 route. This will be strictly enforced. On the marshals 33 walk from here to base was taking good fit walkers about 6hrs 30 mins**

1. **TR** on **BW SP** Druids Combe 1.5. Through gate and **AH** across field to go through **LWG** in hedge. **AH** hedge on left and going downhill. Follow track as it becomes stony to go through **LMG. AH** on stony track which bends right and continue downhill to **LMG** and road.
2. Cross road and **AH** on **BW** Druids Combe 1. Downhill through woods to join track. **TL SP BW** Follow winding track ignoring left turns and gently down to X tracks **GR ST 007 378. Turn very sharp right** and continue downhill to **SP** Private and turn sharp **L** following blue **SP BW** downhill to road.
3. **TR** and immediately **TL** on track bearing right uphill to track junction where bear left more steeply uphill on stony track. Continue uphill steep at times to reach **LMG** on right ( do not go through it) **BL** on lesser track **SP Restricted Byway** to **LWG.** Go through and **TL** uphill on grassy track quickly passing lone treewhere **BR** uphill on grass to old **LMG.** (do not go through). **TR** keeping with hedge on left. About 100m before end of field bear gently right to reach **LWG** with yellow marker. Go through.
4. **AH** on grassy track downhill to join larger track. **TL SP FP. AH** on mainly level path. Ignore LH track. Ignore RH FP. **AH SP** Kingsbridge ¼ track descending to road.
5. **TL** on road. Ignore right turn and continue **AH SP** Luxborough. At next junction (Royal Oak Pub on right) continue **AH** passing village hall and car park, then 200m to reach **CP 4** on right in field. **33 mile route rejoins here. To continue go to item 5.1**

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* 1. **AH** through gate, downhill with hedge on R to go through **LMG**. Ahead on enclosed path to cross road. **AH** on enclosed track to go through **LMG** and **AH** descending on metalled road to junction. **TR** between stone columns **SP** Roadwater 1 1/2. **AH** on metalled drive to pass Croydon Hall.
	2. **AH** on track to reach **RH** bend and stile **SP** Roadwater (Maybe hidden/overgrown) Cross stile and **AH** hedge on **L** to cross stile at side of **LMG** (Again, maybe overgrown). **AH**, hedge on **R**. Through gap in hedge, ahead hedge on **R** to cross stile in field corner. Immediately cross track and over stile. **AH**, hedge on **L** to road. **TR** downhill to **T** junction. **TR** on road.
	3. Pass church on **L** and immediately after Watersmeet Close **TL** **SP** The Old Mineral Line. Shortly **TR** **SP** Mineral Line. **AH** for 2.75km. At cross tracks (Pitt Mill) **AH** **SP** Comberow 1. Pass Pitt Cottage and **AH** through Black Metal Barrier.

* 1. In 80m **TL SP FP (GR 037 359)** uphill on track to **SWG**. Through and **AH** for 40m, then **BR** up bank (**CB 180)** for 20m. Then **BL (CB 130)** uphill (**Not towards house)** on faint path to **SWG** in hedge. Through to road. **TR** for 1300m to go under bridge, immediately **TR** up black metal steps. **TR** **SP** Winding House 2/3. **AH** uphill on the Brendon Incline to summit. **AH** on **RHS** path down steps past winding house to roadside **CP3 GR ST 023 344** . **Opens 12:15 Closes 15:30**

**CP3 Winding House to CP4 Pooltown 8.36km ( 5.20 miles) 211m (693ft) ascent.**

* 1. Return to summit of incline. Downhill 300m to cross tracks. **TL** **SP** Treborough 2 1/2. Uphill on track to **T** junction. **TL** **SP** Leigh Barton 1. Uphill **BR** to top (views). **AH** downhill passing **SP** **BW**. **AH** downhill **SP** Leigh Barton 1 1/4 (blue marker). **FL** **SP** **BW** eventually to join main track. **TL** passing waterfall on **L**. Follow track and in dip **FR** on smaller path (blue marker). **BR** **SP** **BW** (blue marker) passing cottage and **AH SP** Leigh Barton 1/4 to go through **SWG**. **TL** **SP** Cold Harbour 3/4.

* 1. Through **LMG**. **AH** on track to go through **LWG.** **AH** on track, hedge on **R**. Go through **LWG**. Ahead on grass track, hedge on **R**, valley on **L**, to top of field and **LWG.** Through and **AH** on enclosed track to **T** junction. **TL** on track passing cottage to road. **GR ST 014 360**
	2. Cross road, **AH** through **LMG** **SP** Treborough 1/2 and **CB 285** downhill passing large tree. **AH** downhill to gully which leads to **LWG** to road. **TL** downhill, then uphill passing Chapman's Farm to **TL** **SP** Luxborough 2. Over 2 stiles to field. **TR** to go through **LMG** by hedge. **AH**, hedge on **R**, to go over stile in field corner. **AH** hedge on **L**, passing row of trees, to descend steeply to reach stile in hedge corner and ladder to track. **TR** to reach road. **GR ST 999 368**

* 1. **TL** downhill, passing Brown cottage. **AH t**hrough **LMG**. **AH** on track to cross ford. Immediately **TR**, through **SWG**. **AH** on track, hedge on **R** to follow grassy path down valley, passing through gap in hedge then **LWG** (yellow marker). **AH** on faint track, veering slightly **R**, then **L**, passing to **L** of **TP** to go through **LMG** by **TP**. **AH** to meet track and **TR.** Follow track to go through **LMG** to road. **TR** downhill passing Tarr Water, ignore left turn, **BR** over bridge and very soon **TL** into fieldto **CP 4 GR 985 374 Opens 12:30 Closes 17:00**

**CP4 Pooltown to finish. 9.17km ( 5.7 miles) 324m (1064ft) ascent**

* 1. **TR** out of CP over bridge **TR** uphill on road **SP** Dunster 5 ½. In 200m **TL** on **BW**. Shortly ignore **BW** on **L** and then **BR** with main track **SP** Chargott Wood 1. **AH**,passing **SP** Langham Hill 1then over cattle grid and **AH** on track passing pond down on your right**.** Ignore **L** turn. **AH** on track. Ignore **R** track to Woodmans Cottage and **AH** to **BL** and go through **LWG.** In 40m **TR SP** Kennisham Hill to zig zag downhill on path to cross stream and up bank to path. **GR 975 367**
	2. **TR** passing **SP BW** and passing cottage down on **R.** Then **TL** with pathat **SP** blue marker and follow to meet main track. **TL SP** Kennisham Hill to junction where **FR** blue sign**.** Join larger track **TR BW** Colly Hill 1, later to pass wire fence on right to reach clearing where **AH** into field Colly Hill ¾ **GR 968 367**
	3. **AH** close to hedge on **L** to go through **SWG** at end of field. In 20m cross stream and **BL** uphill on minor path passing blue **WM** on tree. **AH** on path to go uphill in gully and through **LWG. AH** 15m then **CB 300** uphill, passing 40m to **R** of lone tree and go to **LMG** in field corner. Go through gate and **BL SP FP** Colly Hill **CB** **320** to top field corner and go through **LWG** with yellow marker`.  **Note that for following item 5.4 use the route description. The OS map is wrong. We know that the first part is 2 sides of a triangle but that is to stay on the ROW.**
	4. **TR**,with hedge on right for about 100m, then turn sharply left on **CB 275** diagonally uphill across field to **LMG** with blue marker. Through and **TL** to follow fence to corner then **TR** with fence on left to **LMG** in corner of 3 fences. Through and **AH CB 260** to **LMG SP Wheddon Cross. AH CB 275** to **LMG** with blue marker. Through and **AH** fence on left to go through **LMG** with blue marker. ( Trig point just before on your left ). **AH CB 265** to **LMG** with blue marker. **AH CB 270** to go through **LMG** to road. Cross road to go through **LMG SP Wheddon Cross 2.**

* 1. Cross field **CB** **300** to go through **LMG** (blue marker) at end of row of trees. **BL,** **CB** **250**, to go through **SWG** in wire fence (not position indicated on OS maps). **TR** with fence on **R**. Through **LMG** (blue marker) next to row of trees and **AH** fence on right. Through **LMG** (blue marker) and **AH** hedge on **L.** Through **LWG** in field corner. **AH** on enclosed track to cross drive. Ahead with KENNELS on **R**. Through 2 green **LWG** and **AH** on enclosed track to end then **TL** through **SWG** (blue marker) into field.

* 1. **TR SP** Wheddon Cross. **AH**, hedge on **R** to go through **LWG** (blue marker). **AH** hedge on **R** to go through **LWG** (blue marker) onto enclosed lane. **AH** to cross tarmac track. **AH** downhill on enclosed track to road (Take Care! Lower down some of this enclosed track is smooth rock, which can be slippery). **TL** on road to reach junction by school. **TL** to reach junction by war memorial. **TL** 200 m to finish on **L**.

**WELL DONE**