

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)

- 1.1 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**
- 1.2 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** to cross stream. Follow track and **BL** uphill **SP** Dunkery Gate). **CB 225 GR 909405**. (Note this is not the Bridleway route as shown on OS maps).
- 1.3** 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**
- 1.4 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**.
- 1.5** Look ahead. The track you are aiming for contours around the hill on the right – 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** soon to reach **CP1** roadside. **Opens 8.40 Closes 10.15**

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

- 2.1** From CP turn **L** on road and shortly turn **L**. **SP Wooten Courtenay**. Through **KG**. **AH** hedge on **L**. Through **KG** to enclosed 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**
- 2.2** 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**
- 2.3** 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.

- 3.1** 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.
- 3.2** **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**

to junction. **TR** between stone columns **SP** Roadwater 1 1/2. **AH** on metalled drive to pass Croydon Hall.

3.6 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.

3.7 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.

3.8 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.

4.1 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.

4.2 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**

4.3 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**

4.4 TL downhill, passing Brown cottage. **AH** through **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 field to **CP 4 GR 985 374** **Opens 12:30 Closes 17:00**

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

- 5.1 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 1 then 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**
- 5.2 TR** passing **SP BW** and passing cottage down on **R**. Then **TL** with path at **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**
- 5.3 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.**
- 5.4 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**.
- 5.5** 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.
- 5.6 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**.

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