

LDWA Kent

High Weald Challenge 2017: Heart of the Weald



Report by Graham Smith

Our Heart of the Weald walk on July 2 was a huge success. We had a total of 101 walkers taking part (65 doing the 26-mile route, four doing 21 miles, nine doing 20 miles, 21 doing 15 miles and two people doing 10 miles), with four retirements.

Walk organiser Neil Higham received the following message from Tara Williams the day after the event:

'Just to say a big thank you to you and your team for giving us a great day out in the wilds of Kent. Your events are always very enjoyable as they are very organised but feel very relaxed. We were well fed and watered on the way round (with especially delicious home baked chocolate treats at CP4) and a healthy meal when we were finished.*

'Your RD is very clear and well written and the route is beautiful. I am planning a re-run hopefully later this month.

'Thanks again for a great day and I shall include the event report in my next Strider write-up.

'I checked on the RD and the 26 mile route had 56 stile crossings...of varying degrees of stability!'

Next year our High Weald challenge walk is due to be A Walk With The Smugglers, based at Goudhurst. More details will appear on the website.

*The chocolate – which was quickly devoured by the walkers at checkpoint 4 – was provided by Karen Bedwell, wife of Tim who did the marshals' walk and who was checkpointing for the first time.