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**26 MILE HIGH WEALD CHALLENGE**

An LDWA KENT GROUP Event

# ANDREDSWEALD CIRCUIT

SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019

**TAKE CARE CROSSING AND WALKING ON ROADS**

*All distances and grid refs approximate ....*

**Abbreviations**

**CB XXX** – Compass Bearing XXX degrees; **ahd** – ahead; *asl* – above sea level; **BL** – bear left; **BR** – bear right; **cnr** – corner; **enc** – enclosed; **fld** – field; **flw** – follow; **fp** – footpath; **fp sp** – footpath signpost; **HWLT** – High Weald Landscape Trail; **kg** – kissing gate; **L** – left; **LHS** – left hand side; **obv** – obvious; **R** – right; **rd** – road; **RHS** – right hand side; **sp** – signpost; **ST** – stile; **thru** – through; **TL** – turn left; **TR** – turn right; **VGW** – Vanguard Way; **WM** – (fp) waymark; **WW** – Weald Way; **X** – cross; **Xing** – crossing; **yds** – yards  
eg **CHUCK HATCH** – name of hamlet / village

Roads etc are designated thus:

**main rd** (A22, A26) – **main forest rd** (B2026) – **rd** (two way traffic, perhaps fast) – **minor rd** – **track/driveway**

Path or track (particularly in the forest)? **track – wide fp – (forest) ride** are used interchangeably

You are permitted – nay, **encouraged** – to look all around you at the beautiful and stunning countryside.

***The 15-mile route visits Checkpoints 1 and 2***

***The 20-mile route visits Checkpoints 1, 2, 3 and 4***

**The 26-mile route visits Checkpoints 1, 2, 3 and 4**

Please follow **your** route, **not** necessarily the person in front; you could end up walking the wrong distance.

1. Leave Village Hall and TR, after 5 yds TR on pavement. After 50 yds, at pedestrian lights, **GREAT CARE** cross main rd (A22), TR on pavement. After 40 yds at lamp post, with fsp, TL thru archway, down steps and X car park. Ahd on gravel fp with wooden fence on L, behind houses. After 100 yds cross bridge and ahd on fp uphill.
2. After 130 yds, X ST and ahd on RHS fld. X ST in cnr, then BL and X 2<sup>nd</sup> ST at black wooden barn. Ahd with barn on L, after 20 yards, TL to X ST. TR down wide track between hedges. After 50 yds X ST, after 20 yds X 2<sup>nd</sup> ST (gate may be open). BL to cross field (CB 260) then X ST to continue ahd with wire fence on left and bushes on right. After 200 yds go thru kg to reach cross path.  
**TQ 417352**
3. TR to X stone bridge and ahd. After 60 yds, swing L then R on wide track and ahd. After 220 yds, at end of track, TR soon on tarmac rd. Ahd (*passing impressive ruins on R, Brambletye House*), flw rd L and then uphill, Xing Forest Way (*old railway line*). **1.0 miles** **TQ 419357**
4. **GREAT CARE**, X main rd (A22) and ahd up fp opposite. At top, ahd on gravel driveway to rd. **CARE**, X rd and pass barrier to TL on fp. *Enjoy your short visit to John Pears Field, by remaining* On fp as it passes 'Street Snooker' and Tennis Courts. BL to exit fld by gate in cnr. **ASHURST WOOD**
5. TR and in 30 yds TR up Forge Twitten (*narrow fp*), to TR on minor rd. Ahd (*dead end, Hammerwood Road*) for 500 yds. Just after passing white buildings / Ashurstwood Abbey on R, fork R on Cansiron Lane. **1.8 miles** **TQ 425367**
6. Ahd for 700 yds (ignore Xing fp) and at rd/track junction, BR soon past Nos 1 and 2, Grove Farm Cottages, and immediately TL over ST down steps and along LHS fld. At bottom of fld, just before large tree, BR on fp across fld (CB 110 initially), aiming for 'hole' in hedge (*if visible*) on skyline. Pass thru hedgerow and ahd uphill to X ST in hedge (at the 'hole').
7. Ahd same direction, to BR past telegraph pole by cnr, and now along LHS fld. Over ST / thru gate at bottom cnr and soon BR to ascend next fld. X ST, track and next ST and ahd along LHS fld to X ST / thru gate into large fld (now on HWLT). **2.9 miles** **TQ 442365**
8. At fence cnr on L after 30 yds, **BslightlyL** (CB 080) – **NOT** on main mown fp – and ahd down and across middle of fld aiming for far cnr. X ST, over wooden bridge, and ahead on broad fp thru woodlands. Continue ahd for 950 yds, along LHS of 3 flds (HWLT), to reach St Ives Farm campsite. **ST IVES FARM** **4.0 miles** **TQ 458367**
9. Over / around ST in L cnr and ahd as best can, to find **dirt track**. Swing R around top of pond, but after **20 yds BL** across grass to find clear fp across middle of fld (CB 110) – ***grass area may be obscured by tents, caravans etc (if in doubt, keep to LHS camp site / hedge to reach grass / fld join, then TR for about 50 yds to find fp)***
10. X minor road and immediately thru / X "**gated**" ST – beware, **flimsy gate**, stable ST – and continue same direction (CB 110) across fld. Over ST / thru gate and BR (CB 120) across fld to bottom LH cnr. **BL to X ST into trees** (HWLT) and TR on fp to X bridges. Flw fp as it descends. X ST at wood edge and ahd on LHS across fld. Over **ST** (*beware, gate "drops" on you, should you choose this option*) and cross top of next fld. **TQ 471363**

11. Over ST and continue in same direction in 3<sup>rd</sup> fld (*view of Hartfield Church spire ahd*). At 4-way fsp in hedgerow, TR inside **this** fld (leaving HWLT) and along LHS fld. Ahd thru 2 gates, X bridge, thru gate, TR (CB 190) across fld to next gate, thru tunnel under Forest Way (*old railway line – yep, same one!*) **TQ 472360** and thru next gate. BR across fld to go thru another gate and uphill thru wood (often muddy).
12. At top, keep R and thru yet another small gate, and ahd on LHS fld (maybe fenced). Thru large gate and on RHS next fld (maybe fenced), thru next large gate and keep ahd (on RHS farmyard) to ascend gravel track, passing houses. At top of track, **CARE** (*beware speeding cyclists from R*) X rd and TL on pavement for 130 yds. At Hook Farm House, TR (WM) up driveway.

**NEWTON'S HILL / GALLIPOT STREET**

<b>Checkpoint 1</b>	<b>HOOK FARM HOUSE driveway</b>	<b><u>5.7 miles</u></b>
<b>TQ 474353</b>	<b>Opens 09:45 – Closes 12:50</b>	

13. Pass by gate and fillw concrete fp ascending. BR and fillw fp. After dried out pond, TR on enclosed fp between fences and fillw this for 330 yds. At end, thru kg or gate and X tarmac drive, over ST (Pooh Bridge sp) and head down middle of fld on obv fp to far cnr. Thru kg and ahd down next fld to RH cnr. Thru kg and TL down minor rd (passing impressive Mole End). When rd bends L, go ahd (WM on R) and very soon ahd on gravel fp to reach **POOH BRIDGE**. **TQ 470339**  
*Twig / stick races optional – but no time allowance added.*
14. BR to continue on fp. TL at gate ahd (*sign to Car Park*) and soon over 'NOT Pooh Bridge' (*I made that one up!*). TR on fp going uphill and, after 270 yds, **at fsp on L, TsharpL** over wood plank and fillw fp over more substantial wooden plank to find and X ST into fld (WM). Along LHS fld to end. TR (WM) up track. At top L cnr, BL (WM) to go thru 4 small but high up gates (*easy to open & close if you are tall!*) crossing horse track and paddock. **GREAT CARE** TL over ST to main forest rd.  
**CHUCK HATCH** **6.9 miles** **TQ 475334**
15. **CARE** X rd (*fast traffic, max 40 mph, allegedly*) and TL on grass verge (facing traffic). In 200 yds (30 yds after passing mirrors), BR **down** fp ('hidden' white concrete sp on R). Down wide, dark, gully, turning L at first junction, to X wooden footbridge. Ahd on wide fp, gradually rising, for 575 yds to fp junction, meeting Weald Way (WW) - **fsp on L** / Hazard notice and **barrier** on R.  
**7.7 miles** **TQ 483335**
16. **TR** past metal barrier (CB 220 initially) and begin a remorseless ascent (on sandy / grassy track), passing occasional WW posts. *Now in Five Hundred Acre Wood*. After 700 yds, just past a Hazard notice, where track makes distinct turn L, **go ahd** thru (small) gate (WW) and continue ascending (**fp now**, thru trees) on this main fp – ignoring all possible deviations – for a further 800 yds. When view starts to open out, BR on wide grassy track (WW post), still uphill. **TQ 479323**
17. In further 350 yds, ahd at next junction (track joins from L), now at top (*phew!*) and continue on wide grassy track for 600 yds. **BL** in front of clump of trees, but soon TR to shimmy **thru** clump (WW), to TR on next track.  
**9.2 miles**

18. In 100 yds, at track junction, **BL** (*leaving WW*) and ahd on wide track (*paralleling unseen rd, some 100 yds to L*) with trees on R. (*After 330 yds, clear view - 60 yds to R - of Greenwood Gate Clump (and sign), this is the highest point of walk (223 metres / 731 feet asl)*). After 600 yds, cross old rd (lattice structure) and in 130 yds, TL down to

**Checkpoint 2****BLACK HILL CAR PARK****9.8 miles****TQ 474306****Opens 10:30 – Closes 15:00**

19. From car park, return past posts and in 40 yds **TL** on (*previous*) wide track. Flw this for 500 yds to where track splits (with road sign visible 120 yds ahd / to R), where **BL** down to (*your parallel*) rd. **CARE**, X and down drive for **10** yds. TR before gateway and then TL. Ahd to fork L at fp junction. Keep ahd where wider path joins. In further 530 yds, rounding slight corner, at multipath junction, keep ahd on L path (now on Vanguard Way (VGW)). *Views of South Downs now ahead – and you see the green ‘finger’ on the hillside at your 11 o’clock? Oh yes .....*

**10.6 miles TQ 481299**

20. Keep ahd on main path, passing occasional small ponds. Two thirds of way up slope, pass lonely small metal gate on L (*bonus point available for best answer to “why?”*). Keep ahd at top and cont to reach main road (A26). TL (VGW) on pavement for 180 yds. Just before **The Crow & Gate** pub, layby opp, **GREAT CARE**, X rd and ahd over ST (VGW). **POUNDGATE** **11.7 miles TQ 494288**

21. Down enclosed path, over ST and ahd on concrete path between houses. Thru gate ahd (VGW) and immediately BR with fence. At end, X ST on L (VGW) and along **RHS** fld. At end of fld, TL (VGW) on enc fp between fences. Over (or around) ST and ahd in wood, bearing R. Over ST at end and TL (VGW). Along LHS fld. Over ST **TQ 487282** and ahd in next woods.

22. Ahd at fp junction and pass lone house on R. Soon BR (VGW) down slope and down steps to driveway, at **STROODS**. **12.5 miles TR on driveway (leaving VGW)** and follow for 520 yds to end, thru kg. At main rd (A26 again), **GREAT CARE**, X rd and ahd on bridleway (WM, tarmac drive, No Entry sign). **TQ 484280**

23. Continue on drive for 425 yds to reach Barnsgate Manor. Cont past car parks on R, and TL downhill with drive for **20 yds**, but TR in front of building to pass “Fire Assembly Point” notice, and ahd to large wooden gate (no WM). **TQ 481283** Thru and ahd on fp in trees, flw fp up incline. At 4-way fvsp, TL and in 10 yds TL on tarmac track **13.2 miles TQ 479285**

24. At junction, BR (*sp Hillside Cottage*). BL downhill on road by cottage - Weald Way (WW) joins from R, occasional WW posts - and in 50 yds TR onto fp (WW) still descending. X track (*bonus point if you spot WW sign!*) and ahd, soon passing lone white house on R (WW), still descending. Emerge from bracken and continue descending. Over wooden bridge, TL on fp, soon a mown strip, and then continue (WW) on track / driveway passing houses L & R. **TQ 472276**

25. After 'last' house, BR **up** fp (WW), X track and continue. TL onto wide fp (WW), descending and – careful – in 150 yds (at start of L bend), **TR** on smaller fp (WW) thru bracken. Keep ahd at junction (WW) and continue descending, passing over 5 wooden railway sleepers to reach a 4-way fsp ('open' fld to front L). **SELF CLIP A** 14.5 miles **TQ472270**
26. TR on wide mud track (leaving WW), over bridge and in **100 yds**, whilst **still on bend** (after steep but short incline), look for and **TsharpL** (CB 120) onto **level** grass **fp** thru bracken, heading towards trees. **BR** (smaller fp joins from L) and after 10 yds **TL** towards houses (*visible ahd*). TR on driveway and immediately BR on green lane (to R of Seely Cottage).
27. At end of garden hedge on L, BR / ahd into woodland and ahd, eventually reaching small grassy area. Ahd, soon on unmade rd. Continue to junction, where TL (unmade rd, still) and ahd to rd at end (opp playground). (*TL 50 yds for Foresters Arms, if needed*)  
**FAIRWARP** 14.8 miles **TQ 467266**
28. **CARE** TR on rd for 120 yds. Pass flagpole on R and (*sp in hedge on L of rd, Fairwarp Church*) BR up gravel track for 100 yds. **BL** up fp (WM). X Church car park and TR on pavement. 5 yds before (Church) gates, **CARE**, X main forest road and ahd thru a Rambler's Gate. In 5 yds TR and parallel road going uphill for 200 yds. At cattle grid on R, **over** gravel track but immediately BL (CB 330 initially) and along 'open' grassy track. Over wide X-track and ahd. **TQ 466270**
29. At multipath junction (*with large barn on L*), keep **ahd** (CB 300), initially on old road (lattice structure) for **50 yds**, but now BL (ie **keep ahd**) (CB 300 still) on wide grassy fp soon descending. Continue ahd, descending to foot of slope 15.7 miles **TQ458274**
30. TR over wide earth bridge just **BEFORE** memorial post (*Dr P F*) (WM), and head north (CB 000 initially) uphill under trees (both sides). Ahd uphill on wide grassy / sandy path, passing memorial to wartime airmen (*US and British*). Continue up this main path for a further 1,150 yds to reach

**Checkpoint 3****HOLLIES CAR PARK**16.4 miles**TQ 462287****Opens 11:45 – Close 14:40**

31. (*You may have some 20 milers for company on this paragraph*) From checkpoint, return past noticeboards but immediately **TR** on fp (heading roughly west). Remain on this 'level' fp for 900 yds (passing seat and next car park (*up on R, this side of rd*), and past small pond on R) to reach – but do **NOT** go thru – large gate ahd; instead **BL**. *20 milers go thru gate* **TQ 453286**
32. **THIS PARAGRAPH keep close to RHS ('hedge') at all times, for approx 950 yds to turn**  
After 40 yds, pass fallen tree, essentially gazing south at vista of South Downs. Track / hedge bears distinct R after 400 yds, keep descending on wide sandy track between vegetation. Pass by large wooden gate on R and descend. Vista opens out once again and in 140 yds, go R of (ie "behind") isolated hedge **inside** fld and, 30 yds after passing 2 trees, **BR** for 15 yds on fp between trees – with barn / building in view ahd / R – to reach obv wide gravel track where **TR** (WM on tree to L, by track). Turning is 120 yds before vegetation from L closes in again. **TQ 453277**

33. After 80 yds, BL thru gate (WM) (*please ensure closed*) over track, BL and immediately at fp junction (WMs on tree to L), where **BR** and soon ahd across 'top' of fld (CB 280) of mainly bracken fern, soon descending on track steeply into trees and over earth bridge. In **5 yds, TR** on smaller fp gradually ascending (*WM on 'first' tree on L of track*). Ignore Xing fp and ascend. Near top (at 'ribbon' tree), **SELF CLIP B** BL to TR (WM) on fp, and then TR on gravel track (Clockhouse Lane), still slightly ascending, for 420 yds, to reach main rd (A22) in **NUTLEY**.  
**18.2 miles TQ 443277**
34. TR and ahd on pavement for 300 yds, passing church on L. Just after petrol station (*Londis shop, if needed*), **TR** on School Lane, which becomes gravel TK, as it swings L and descends. Continue descending and, at end, ahd on small path (WM) to begin the inevitable ascent. **TL** at track, up past house on L and, at cnr, TL on fp (WM). Ahd thru bracken, later woodland, rising gently. At small fp junction (*mown strip 10 yds to R, house beyond*), **BL** (CB 000). Over Xing fp and ahd. Over fallen tree branches and ahd. TL onto grass fp and ahd to rd. **TQ 449288**
35. **CARE** X rd and into rough driveway opposite; keep ahd for 380 yds to reach Nutley Windmill. BL and thru small gate. **TR for 5 yds, then BL down** thru trees (WM) on fp.  
(*20 milers rejoin you here, and remain with you to the finish*) **19.4 miles TQ 452291**
36. X wide track – *if you walk just 30 yds to R, you are rewarded with a stunning view of Old Lodge* – and flw downhill in same direction (ie keep trees on L). Over wide slanting X path, and keep ahd, still descending slightly, with trees on L. At end of tree line on L, **ahd in same direction** (CB 050) – leaving main track – and aim for and pass **small post** (WM) – **10 yds L of main track** - and keep ahd on this grass fp **into trees**.
37. (*In trees*) **BR** at fp junction and keep ahd (*ie do not descend*). BL to X wooden bridge, and flw fp as it winds uphill, then ahd (with fence on L, 'above' you) over a two plank wooden bridge and ahd. Soon TL uphill with fp (now wider) (WM on tree), to tall kg / deer gate. Thru and TR on enc fp. At end, over **dodgy** ST, thru hedge and TL up fld. **20.1 miles TQ 461296**
38. At top of fld, over ST and BR to X next ST. Ahd along LHS fld. At far end, TL thru tall gate (*beware, possible strange sounds & lights!*), to TR on drive. Follow driveway for 1,050 yds (*passing Old Lodge Nature Reserve*). Thru stone pillars and cont on driveway for 250 yds, rising to reach main forest road. **CARE** X and ahd, passing WW post, for 70 yds, to **TR** on wide forest ride for 320 yds. With road sign visible on R, TL on wide fp and (*reversing route from earlier*) flw this for 500 yds to TR to

**Checkpoint 4****BLACK HILL CAR PARK (again)****21.2 miles****TQ 474306****Opens 12:10 – Closes 16:15**

39. From car park, return past posts and ahd **over** wide grass track and **thru** tree clump (keeping L). At far side, **TL** for 40 yds, then TR on more minor fp. Ahd between two trees and at fp junction (with hedge ahead), **TR** (CB 050) for 85 yds to **TL** (CB 310) on a main grassy forest ride, soon becoming rutted, for 230 yds (with rd (and ice cream van?) visible some 500+ yds directly ahd). *Extensive views to R of where you were earlier, and with the **North** Downs on horizon beyond and ahd.*

40. Ahd over X track for further 300 yds and, at end, BR onto another main ride – you are now on the Vanguard Way (VGW). After 20 yds, at multipath junction, BL. After 90 yds BR and in 120 yds, at small post(s) (VGW), BR on **small** fp for 35 yds to reach main forest rd opposite an entrance to Gills Lap car park. *Ice cream van may be in car park* **21.0 miles** **TQ 467316**
41. **CARE** X rd to go between two concrete blocks (VGW) and ascend horse ride. At top, TR on main track (VGW) and keep ahd, after 350 yds passing trig point (30 yds on R) and Gills Lap Clump. Keep on main track for 200 yds and TL – before more major descent – thru / past wooden barrier (VGW) to viewpoint / memorial (A.A. Milne, E.G. Shepard). **12.5 miles**
42. Exit viewpoint at **other** end (VGW), TR down small fp to wide grass path. **TL** and fillw this fp for 330 yds to cnr of hedge on R. **TQ 467322**
43. TR downhill on wide fp, with open ground to L, over Xing track and continue descending (*dead foliage forms hedge on R*). Ahd on sandy track, swinging L, for 275 yds, with woods on R (*ignore small fps going into trees*). At major track junction, TR (CB 315) down wide sandy track (now between trees) and continue down as, later, track becomes rutted and passes buildings and gardens on R. Continue to pass wooden barrier and TL on minor road. X bridge - *or ford stream!*  
**NEWBRIDGE** **23.5 miles** **TQ 457326**
44. **TR** on rd (**CARE**) for 120yd. Pass over bridge, then immediately **TL** (VGW) along fp, soon going uphill. Meet and TL along track. In 40yd BR (ahd) along fp (CB 250) to continue uphill. After 200 yds ignore fp leaving on L, continue uphill (CB 280) for 360 yds. Just before main fp bears L, **BR** (CB 320) **into trees** along minor fp to pass cricket ground & pavilion on L.
45. X minor road diagonally L, then BR and ahd on wide track (VGW) to go **behind** bowling green (on R). Ahd on track to reach rd (VGW). **23.8 miles** **TQ 447330**
46. **CARE**, X rd & ahd for 40 yds, then **TL** along level fp (CB 240) (VGW). After 260 yds, TR onto brick & gravel track (leaving VGW) and fillw for 350 yds down to end, by wooden barrier (WM), with house on R. **TQ 444334**
47. Golf Course, **always be aware of flying golf balls**, **CARE** – X diagonally over fairway (CB310), to pass behind yellow hydrant. TR on rough grass, but almost immediately TL thru obv gap in trees (CB 310), rough grass still. Immediately TR on sandy path on next fairway, but in 50 yds, **CARE**, BL (now CB 300) for 60 yds, directly across fairway, heading for nearest tree (WM) and low noticeboard (*LHS of fp*).
48. Fillw fp down, to pass idyllic houses on R. X concrete stepping stones and ascend on main fp to soon pass along top of (*golfing*) green. **24.9 miles** **TQ 438337**
49. Ahd on track / driveway (“150 yds to 14<sup>th</sup> tee”). Ignore fp at (first) cnr, but after 30 yds TL on fp (WM, *tree*) and ahd. BR at next WM (*tree*), and ahd behind houses to reach and X wooden bridge. Soon negotiate fallen tree and reach edge of another fairway (WM). **CARE** X directly ahd over fairway (CB 300), passing by the two trees and **CARE** continue to **strange** post (WM) near fairway edge.

50. Here **TL** (CB 240) for 40 yds (*passing lone tree on R, and 30 yds before conifer ahead*), to find distinct fp on R (CB 270 initially) going into low bracken. Flw down into trees and TR down and onto grass bank above next fairway. TR **on** grass bank and soon go down to X fairway **CARE** and X handrailed bridge (WM). **TQ 432339**
51. **CARE** BslightlyR over next fairway and soon TL up gravel driveway (WM). Ahd up thru (tarmac) car park, continue on driveway, **CARE** swinging L. Keep **L** of **GIVE WAY** sign. **25.5 miles**
52. Ahd, soon bearing R (ahd) on Highgate Road, which becomes unmade. Continue, past houses both sides, and descend to meeting of unmade roads. **TR** into Spring Meadows and, at end, continue on narrow tarmac fp by gates. **TQ 426346**
53. Ahd on fp across top of grass triangle, and continue ahd on fp between houses. Thru metal barrier, X rd and TL on pavement downhill. TL to X rd again and TR to **CARE** X main rd via pedestrian crossing.
54. Ahd past front of Co-op and almost immediately TL into Lower Road, passing car park on R. Ahd for 190 yds and, just after Cynrel Bakery, at low white concrete cone on L, TsharpL up slope, to X minor rd to **FINISH** **26.4 miles** **TQ 425322**

## Congratulations