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LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

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**THE SEVENOAKS CIRCULAR CHALLENGE WALKS
FIFTEEN & TWENTY MILE ROUTE DESCRIPTIONS**



SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2015

CHECKPOINT OPENING & CLOSING TIMES WILL BE STRICTLY ADHERED TO

Welcome to the Sevenoaks Circular Challenge Walks. Please ensure that your checkcard is endorsed at each checkpoint, and that your number is recorded. Entrants who arrive at checkpoints after closing time will be retired. However, if necessary, each checkpoint will remain manned after closing time in an attempt to account for everyone. It is therefore important that anyone wishing to retire does so at a checkpoint. If this is not possible, then the organisers must be notified giving your name and walk number, without delay.

TAKE CARE CROSSING & WALKING ON ROADS, ESPECIALLY AFTER DARK

GOOD LUCK!

Compass bearings are figures in brackets, e.g. (230°)

Abbreviations (alphabetically): **BL** — bear left; **BR** — bear right; **bw** — bridleway; **cnr** — corner; **cont** — continue; **DVP** — Darent Valley Path; **encl** — enclosed; **fb** — footbridge; **fld** — field; **flw** — follow; **FL** — fork left; **fp** — footpath; **FR** — fork right; **GR** — grid reference; **GW** — Greensand Way; **immed** — immediately; **jcn** junction; **k gate** — kissing gate; **L** — left; **LHS** — left hand side; **NDW** — North Downs Way; **opp** — opposite; **R** — right; **rd** — road; **RHS** — right hand side; **st** — stile; **thru** — through; **tk** — track; **TL** — turn left; **TR** — turn right; **wmk** — waymark; **X** — cross; **yds** — yards.

WARNING - There are many local waymarked walks in the area. In particular there is a series of short circular walks in the Sevenoaks district. These are waymarked with plastic 'Sevenoaks Circular' discs. **Note that these DO NOT refer to this event.** At all times follow the directions of the route description.

All 20 and 15 Milers START AT 10am

WEST HEATH SCHOOL TO DRYHILL PARK 7.2 MILES

1. Ahead along school drive to rd. WITH CARE, TL down RHS of rd (single file please) & in 70yds, at fingerpost on L, WITH CARE TL to X rd & along fp opp thru wood. In 550yds, at end, BL on drive & in 50yds X st by gate. Cont up encl fp for 440yds thru wood to pass houses on R to reach rd. TL along verge & when safe X & cont along opp verge. Where rd swings left TR at fp signpost to go thru gap by large oak tree. TL on fp parallel to and above A21 later with fence on L to rd. X rd, TL for 40yds & TR over st. BR on narrow fp. In 40yds, swing L with fence on R. In 80yds, FR on tk and cont with fence and flds on R for 370yds. (GR 531521)

2. Opp double gates & barn on L, TR thru squeeze st (GW) & down hill with hedge on L. At first gate on L, thru gap to left of it, immed thru next gate & ahead (160°) across fld towards large rd sign. TL with fence on R, thru gate in cnr & in 30yds TR to X st & under rd. TR alongside fence

and, 30yds after brow, TL on tk past farm. At end of buildings TR & in 50yds, X st by gate. In 20yds, at st, BL (240°) across fld towards church. (GR 529514)

3. X st to rd. TR & in 100yds, WITH CARE, TL to X rd & thru gate to R of bus shelter Fllw hedge on L down fld then cont ahead down thru scrub to X fb over stream. BR (270°) uphill to X st opp house & TR on tk, soon swing R with tk between buildings. After 15yds, TL between barns & thru gate into fld. B slightly R (280°) to wmk post & gap in tree-line, X fb & cont thru plantation to X st in fence. (GR 522513)

4. B slightly R (280°) downhill to X st by gate into farmyard & cont in same direction thru farmyard (GW signed to go thru gate to R of evergreen hedge. BL (250°) over brow to go thru gate and ahead thru second gate. Descend fld to X st by gate onto lane. TR up lane and in 700yds, at 'Sunnybrae' on L, FR on fp at wmk post steeply uphill on drive. At end of drive bash on up encl fp to rd. TR for 30yds. TL up fp to rd. TL on rd for 150yds. TR on fp & in 100yds FR. At rd, X & thru k-gate. Cont on fp, ignoring all L & R turnings, for 1,300yds to BR thru gap by gate to rd. (GR 514538)

5. TL for 800yds to rd jcn. X rd & ahead on bw (Green Lane Farm). At farm swing R & in 30yds ahead down bw. In 240yds TL thru k-gate & ahead with holly trees on L. At bottom BL thru k-gate. BR across rd, thru gap & ahead up bw for 900yds to reach T-jcn. TR down tk to pass Dryhill Farm. 100yds after Wellers Farm on L, TR thru entrance to

CHECKPOINT 1 – DRYHILL PARK. (GR 497553)
OPENS 9.10, CLOSSES 13.20 7.2 MILES

DRYHILL PARK TO KNOCKHOLT VILLAGE HALL 3.4 MILES (20 mile route)

DRYHILL PARK TO ROSE & CROWN, DUNTON GREEN 2.2 MILES (15 mile route)

6. From red dog-waste bin X grass (0°) to take fp to L of wmk post. Go down steps & thru k-gate into fld. Ahead along LHS of fld. TR in cnr & in 60yds, at wmk post, TL thru squeeze st to rd. TAKE CARE! X slip rd (traffic from R). TR along pavement for 30yds. Then TL to X west-bound carriage-way (traffic from R) to central reservation. Then X east-bound carriage-way (traffic from L) to go thru gap in barrier & TR across bridge. At end of fence on L, TL down fp to X slip rd (traffic from L). Ahead down steps & X st into fld. BL (10° – possibly encl) across fld, thru k-gate & cont along fp to rd. TL for 150yds then TL at rd jcn (to CHEVENING). (GR 500561)

The 15 mile route separates from the 20 mile routes at this point. Walkers following the 20 mile route should continue from para. 8, 15 mile walkers continue from para. 7.

7. Ahead on R pavement for 200yds. TR on rd just before the 'Bricklayers Arms', then in 25yds TL across parking bay passing information board onto DVP. Ahead with lake on R. X concrete fb. Cont behind houses. BR with fp behind school. At white cottage on L swing R, pass wmk post on L & along encl fp. At end, thru k-gate & TR on fp, passing fenced-in sluice gate on R. In 30yds, at DVP wmk post, FL (60°) across fld to reach gap in hedge & DVP wmk post on R. Thru gap & BL (30°) to X next fld, thru gap (crossing the course of a dismantled railway). BR (30°)

across fld to second isolated oak tree from the R. At tree and DVP wmk post, BL (350°) along isolated treeline towards motorway. In cnr (DVP wmk post), thru gap & TR along tk. In 10yds TL thru k-gate. In 8yds, TR with fence on L. In cnr, thru k-gate & TL under motorway bridge. In 30 yds (DVP wmk post), BR up steps and in 15yds, X st. Up steps and ahead (20°) on grass fp. In 80yds, ignore R fork & cont to go thru k-gate to rd. WITH CARE, X rd & ahead to

CHECKPOINT 5 (15 & 20 mile route only)

ROSE & CROWN Car Park, DUNTON GREEN.

(GR 506579)

OPENS 11.00, CLOSSES 16.40

9.4 MILES

Walkers following the 15 mile route continue from para. 13

8. Ahead on rd for 900yds to X motorways. Cont to rd jcn, X rd & ahead (NO THROUGH ROAD) to reach Chevening Church on R. TR on fp thru churchyard, TL at seat & thru gate. Ahead on enclosed fp. Cont in the same direction between fences, to X drive & cont ahead, still between fences, & thru k-gate. Ahead along LHS of fld to X st in top LH cnr. Ahead up encl path to go thru gate. Cont up LHS fld. In cnr, join NDW & TL thru k-gate to rd. (GR 484591)

9. TR & in 30yds ignore NDW on L. Cont along rd for 600yds to reach T-jcn with Harrow Road. TL past Three Horseshoes pub on L. At jcn, X Main Road & TL along on RHS pavement. In 220yds, TL to X rd, ahead to L of Knockholt Village Club & into rear car park to reach.

CHECKPOINT 2 – KNOCKHOLT VILLAGE HALL.

(GR 480595)

OPENS 9.50, CLOSSES 15.00

10.6 MILES

**KNOCKHOLT VILLAGE HALL TO ROSE & CROWN, DUNTON GREEN 4.2 MILES
(20 mile route)**

10. Retrace steps to X rd. TL on pavement for 1500yds (ignoring all side turnings) to reach church on R & school on L. 50yds after school, at bus-stop in small lay-by, TL to X rd and pass immed to R of Crown House. Ahead along encl fp & X st into fld. Ahead (140°) across fld to X st. X next fld (135°) to the L of clump of trees & cont to reach hedgerow (at NDW wmk post). TL at hedgerow & cont to fld cnr where turn L (NDW). Cont to finger post where TR down steps to X minor rd & thru k-gate opp. Cont along RH edge of fld to reach k-gate in far RH cnr. Thru k-gate & cont on path with wire fence initially on R. Fllw fp thru trees ignoring minor fps to L or R to go thru k-gate (NDW wmk). TR with fence on R to reach two curved brick structures on R. Cont with fence & trees on R & fllw path as it curves to the L around the RH fld edge to go thru gate in cnr (ignore gate to R to keyhole). Cont along RHS fld to pass thru k-gate into next fld. Cont with trees & fence on R to go thru k-gate to rd. (GR 484591)

11. TR & in 30yds, TL (NDW) thru k-gate & ahead along LHS fld to reach & pass thru k-gate in top LH cnr. BR with trees on R. In 20yds, BR along wide tk between trees. At end, thru k-gate, TR & in 30yds, do not go ahead thru gate but TL along RHS fld. As fld narrows, cont to fence cnr, where TR between trees past NDW wmk post. At next cnr, (NDW wmk post), TL on fp past red-topped post & thru k-gate in cnr. TL & cont. Cont with barbed wire fence & later metal fence on L to reach fence cnr on L. BL with metal fence on L to reach NDW marker post. Ahead over

open section of fld & in 120yds, join metal fence/trees on L. X next open section of fld passing a pair of prominent trees on R to reach NDW wmk & k-gate in LH cnr. Thru k-gate flw LH edge of fld. In 100yds, at wmk post, DO NOT CONT AHEAD AS IN 2012 but TL thru old rusty k-gate (almost doubling back) on narrow fp thru trees. After 35 yds, at crossing path, TR (130°) and in 50yds, thru gate into fld. (GR 495584)

12. Ahead along LHS fld. In 250yds, in cnr, do not go thru squeeze st on L but TR and crack on down LHS fld with hedge/fence on L. In 220yds, in cnr, do not go thru gate ahead but TL thru squeeze st/hedge gap & immed TR down RHS fld. Cont ahead with metal fence and farm buildings to R. Just before cnr, go thru gap by gates and ahead to rd. WITH CARE X rd & TL along pavement opp to reach roundabout. TR (Morants Court Road). X motorway bridge. At end of the crash-barrier, X rd & TR on pavement opp. In 650yds, TL into car park &

CHECKPOINT 5 (15 & 20 mile routes only)

ROSE & CROWN Car Park, DUNTON GREEN

(GR 506579)

OPENS 11.00, CLOSSES 16.40

14.8 MILES

Both 15 and 20 mile walkers follow the same route to the finish from this point.

DUNTON GREEN TO FINISH 6 MILES

13. Return to pavement. TL for 80yds to reach rd jcn on the L. TL & in 50yds, at Chaucer Garage, TR to X rd & TL on opp pavement. In 150yds (just before Donnington Manor Hotel), at NDW signpost on R, TR along fp to reach NDW wmk post. Ahead between hedge on R & fence on L to reach open fld. Cont along RH edge of this fld, gradually ascending. Just before brow, FR to pass NDW wmk post & go thru fringe of trees to emerge into the open at NDW wmk post. B slightly R (70°) past flint cairn to X fld to gate & st on opp side. Do not go thru gate or X st but TR (leaving NDW) to flw LH fld edge (with fence & railway on L), to reach gate. (GR 514583)

14. Pass thru & ahead to pass thru next gate. Ahead, staying with fence on L. In 150yds, FL at DVP wmk post on fp thru trees to emerge on fld edge once more, where TL with black metal fence on L. In 50yds, at DVP wmk post, keep L by fence on fp & ahead to reach metalled tk. BL under motorway bridge. In 40yds, ignore fence gap on L and in 40yds (DVP wmk post), TL thru fence gap. BR on fp and in 60yds swing L to reach T-jcn. BL then BR under railway bridge. Ahead to X st into fld. X fld (90°) to far LH cnr (if in doubt ahead to LH fence & flw to far LH cnr). X st by gate in cnr to rd (Rye Lane). (GR 519578)

15. TR along verge & later with CARE along rd. Cont ahead passing houses & farm building on L to pass 30 mph signs. In 60yds, BL (DVP) along drive to reach & pass thru k-gate to the R of No. 20. Ahead (DVP) on encl fp. In 500yds, ignore fp to R (wmk post on L). Ahead passing electricity sub-station on R to go thru k-gate & X small concrete fb. Cont on encl fp (Sevenoaks Wildfowl Reserve on L) to pass thru k-gate & emerge from trees. Immed TL & in 20yds go thru farm gate. Cont ahead for 300yds along encl fp to reach & TR onto metalled track. In 350 yds reach main road (A25). (GR 522563)

16. TL along pavement & in 230yds BL on rd leading to Knole Academy. In 40yds, at 'roundabout', TR along rd (on pavement on L) thru underpass. In 10yds TL up pavement & in 140yds, TR along Bradbourne Road. In 850yds (with church on L) reach multiple-rd jcn. Keep on RHS pavement to main road (A225). WITH CARE, X main rd via pedestrian Xing on R & ahead along Holly Bush Lane. In 280yds, at rd jcn, cont ahead (still Holly Bush Lane). In 160yds, at fingerpost on R, TL to X rd & along drive (school on L & hockey pitches on R). In 160yds (30yds before end of fence on L), TR on fp. In 10yds (café on L) TR on fp & in 15yds TL along rd past car park on L. In 100yds, at T-jcn, X rd & BL (130°) down grass field, aiming for L end of wooden fence. At far side, TR to squeeze thru gap to R of gate & down to rd. TR on pavement & in 50yds (at end) WITH EXTREME CARE TL to X rd & thru wooden & metal gates in wall into Knole Park. Please ensure gates are closed. (GR 534553)

17. TR on fp & in 30yds, TL on metalled tk, swinging R along valley bottom. In 500yds, where tk rises more steeply, BR (230°) along grass valley. In 530yds ahead over raised X-fp & in 160yds BL (160°) on valley bottom. In 120yds, X raised drive by 'passing bay' sign. Cont ahead (150°) on grass valley & in 350yds, at jcn, TR (215°) along adjoining valley bottom. In 350yds pass deep hollow on R. At end of hollow, FL/ahead (210°) on worn, ascending fp for 275yds to prominent clump of pine trees. At clump of trees, TR & in 30yds, thru k-gate in fence (please ensure gate is closed) & ahead on fp thru trees to rd (A225). BR along pavement & in 300yds X entrance to Sevenoaks School. In 15yds, WITH EXTREME CARE, TL to X rd via traffic island. TR on pavement & in 15yds TL along RHS of Solefields Road. In 800yds, at T-jcn at end, WITH CARE, TR up rd with houses on R. In 200yds, at T-jcn, TR & in 30yds, WITH CARE, TL to X rd & along drive of West Heath School to

FINISH
CLOSES 18.00

(GR 527529)
15.4 / 20.8 MILES

WELL DONE!!!!!!