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LONG DISTANCE WALKERS ASSOCIATION

LDWA KENT GROUP

**THE SEVENOAKS CIRCULAR CHALLENGE WALKS
THIRTY MILE ROUTE DESCRIPTION**



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 30 Mile Entrants START AT 8am

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.

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)

7. 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)

8. 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 LIMPSFIELD CHART 9.0 MILES

9. 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) (GR 471586)

10. TR along LHS of fld & thru gap in cnr. TL with hedge on R. In 200yds, immed before cnr, TR thru gap (NDW wmk post) & cont along LHS of 2 flds. In cnr, BL to go thru k-gate (NDW) & ahead with hedge on R. Keep ahead on RHS of 3 flds to go thru k-gate. X rd & thru k-gate. Cont on RHS of fld & thru k-gate to rd. (GR 459573)

11. X rd & thru k-gate. Ahead LHS of 2 flds to go thru k-gate or gap in cnr (NDW). TR with fence on R & in cnr ahead thru gap to TL (NDW) inside tree line. Fllw winding path thru trees to go thru k-gate in cnr & BR (NDW) on encl byway. Cont to reach sharp R bend in byway. TL thru k-gate. TR along RHS of fld to go thru 2 k-gates in cnr. Ahead along RHS of fld to cnr fp sign. TL down fld with hedge on R to NDW wmk post. Ahead on encl tk for 60yds. (GR 449567)

12. BL on narrow fp to go thru k-gate by NDW wmk post. BL (270°) to pass feeding trough then cont with bank on R to go thru k-gate by gate. Ahead on tk for 100yds to fp NDW wmk post. TL down fp to go thru k-gate. Go steeply down fld (160°) to power poles. Thru k-gate & down steps. At NDW wmk post TR along top edge of fld to cnr & cont ahead thru bushes. Ahead on winding fp. 10yds before gate and fence, TL downhill & thru k-gate to fld. Cont down RHS fld 250yds to fingerpost in hedge on R. TR to rd. EXTREME CARE—FAST MOVING TRAFFIC.

WESTERHAM HILL (GR 441560)

13. X rd WITH CARE! Ahead up The Avenue for 1,300yds. Drive becomes metalled at Kent/Surrey border. Cont for 400yds to postbox at jcn. TL along rd for 1,000yds to reach rd jcn. (fingerpost in hedge) WITH CARE BL to X B2024 to rd sign. TR for 10yds. TL (NDW)down steps & thru k-gate. Down fld (190°) leaving NDW, to go over st. Crack on down RHS of fld & X st to rd. TR and in 800yds, just before 1st. house on L, TL at bw fingerpost. Fllw tk (later thru wood) to X motorway bridge. Cont on tk ignoring all side turns to pass farm & then sand quarry. Ahead on metalled rd to reach A25. (GR 421533)

14. X WITH CARE! Forward on bw, thru metal gate & cont to fld. Cont (150°) on tk across fld and, at end, thru smaller gate. Ahead & thru gate into wood. TR & in 10yds BL (200°) up narrow bw. Cont for 200yds to pass wmk post on your R. Cont ahead (generally on 160° and with fld 30yds to R) on winding bw and in 250yds, TR and immed TL (may be signed) with row of mature trees on L. At wmk post FR & cont to reach rd. X rd. Ahead thru parking area and cont along bw (later gravel tk), to the L of houses to reach rd. Cont on rd to reach Stoneleigh Road sign at jcn. Ahead on rd 135yds to reach on L

CHECKPOINT 3 – ST ANDREW’S CHURCH HALL, LIMPSFIELD CHART. (GR 427518)
OPENS 11.10, CLOSES 14.50 19.6 MILES

LIMPSFIELD CHART TO IDE HILL 5.8 MILES

15. Retrace steps for 110yds to jcn. TR at fp signpost GW. Ahead on fp for 280yds to reach GW wmk post. FL (GW) along path for 100yds. BR (55°) & in 35yds reach GW wmk post at tk jcn. Ahead (70°) crossing all X-tks for 660yds to reach 5-way jcn. BL (50°) along broad tk for 150yds to tk jcn. Ahead (90°) on narrow fp into trees. Cont with fence on R, later between fences to rd. (GR 438521)

16. X & ahead thru clearing for 90yds to tk jcn. TR (GW) along tk for 200yds to go thru k-gate. In 30yds pass house on R. In 65yds reach tk jcn. TL (GW). BR after 15yds & in 175yds reach X-tk. Ahead (GW). In 40yds FL & in 45yds pass GW wmk post (in middle of path). In 100 yds FR (do not FL as in 2012). Ahead (GW) to reach clearing after 220yds. X tk and BR to bench and fingerpost. TL and immed FL along tarmac, not gravel, drive (GW) to reach clearing behind house after 350 yds. X clearing (110°) and ahead (GW) into trees. In 30yds, at wmk post, cont ahead on bw (GW), ignoring all paths L and R to go downhill to reach T-jcn. BR on bw (GW). Ahead on tk up to rd. (April Cottage sign). (GR 449515)

17. WITH GREAT CARE, BR across rd & BL up bw (GW) to top. 5yds after wmk post on L TL on fp (GW) for 40yds to X tk. Ahead on path for 150yds to fork. Ahead (40°) GW for 340yds to reach wmk post on R. Cont ahead & in 20yds, swing L (30°) steeply downhill to rd (CHARTWELL). WITH CARE X rd & along encl fp (GW) opp. Fllw 400yds to rd. X rd & ahead on bw (GW) for 150yds to reach wmk post & tk on L. Cont ahead (40°) & in 400yds, at wmk post on L, T sharp L (230°) on fp (leaving GW) for 40yds to TR on metalled tk. In 270yds reach T-jcn. (GR 459528)

18. TR on rd and in 70yds, at fingerpost on L, TL downhill (110°) between fences. At bottom, cont along encl fp between flds. Thru k-gate, X fb and X st. Up fld (100°) X st by gate in cnr. TR along tk to pass farm buildings. Keep ahead to X st by wooden gate. Along RHS of fld to X st into wood. Fllw path uphill for 60yds to go over X-path. Ahead for 400yds (passing thru barrier) to T-jcn. TL along tk for 60yds to X over tk. Cont for 340yds (passing thru barrier) to reach obelisk on L of clearing. Forward on main tk & in 100yds, FL on main tk. In 40yds FR on fp (four coloured marker posts on L) & fllw to go thru car park to rd.

TOY'S HILL

(GR 470516)

19. X rd. Ahead on fp (GW) and in 30yds, BL on wide fp (GW) for 260yds to reach jcn. X tk & immed BR (110°) on tk with red marker for 200yds to reach X-tk. Ahead (125°) down fp (GW) for 280yds passing L of house to marker post. Ahead (115°) down fp to pass thru squeeze st. TL with fence on L to reach 2 gate posts. BR (GW) (120°) down fld, thru gap (old gate) into next fld. Cont (120°) to go thru gate. X fb/go thru gate in bottom RH cnr of fld. Up LHS of fld to cnr where BR to go up tk on RHS of fld keeping hedge to the R. Thru k-gate and cont (70°) up tk. When tk fizzles out, cont up RHS fld still keeping hedge to the R to go thru k-gate in top cnr. Ahead on lane to rd. TR and in 40yds TL on pavement. Pass shop and in 60yds, TL into The Cock Inn car park. Pass thru car park, passing wooden hut to L to

CHECKPOINT 4 – SCOUT HUT, IDE HILL

(GR 486519)

OPENS 12.00, CLOSSES 16.40

25.4 MILES

IDE HILL TO FINISH 5.2 MILES

20. From scout hut retrace steps to X pub car park to R of pub. At rd B half L up to main rd. WITH CARE TL along rd & in 250yds pass village hall on your R. At rd jcn X rd to grass verge & TL along grass verge for 50yds. TR on lane for 20yds to bw sign (GW). BL along bw for 185yds to turning circle. T sharp L (0°) uphill for 120yds. Turn sharp R (180°) on bw (GW), soon swinging L with fence on R. Ahead on main path along ridge for 260yds. BR at fork. In 180yds, at jcn, TL on bw (GW). In 50yds, at T-jcn, TR, (then ignore fp to L) and cont (90°) on bw (GW) for 340yds to pass thru car park to lane.

YORKS HILL

(GR 497518)

21. X & ahead on bw (GW) for 450yds to go between green posts. In 50yds ignore fork to R & cont ahead up fp between barriers. In 370yds reach wmk post. Cont & in 8yds, by large fir tree, TL for 310yds (passing metal barrier) to rd. DO NOT TR as in 2014 but, WITH CARE, BR to X rd & along fp opp thru wood. In 220yds, TL down tk with fence on R & in 400yds, at bottom, over X-tk & ahead (10°) up tk. In 550yds, at multiple-tk jcn, BR (45°) with wmk post and brick tank both on R, down tk. In 250yds, at 2 wmk posts, BR up tk & in 100yds, at T-jcn at top, TL on tk. In 120yds, thru k-gate in fence & BR around broken tree on clear fp passing wmk post on R. Descend thru hedge gap, pass powerline pole then wmk post (both on R) & ahead to pond. Swing L, thru k-gate on R & X fb. (GR 508533)

22. In 8yds (wmk post on L), swing L on fp up bank. In 30yds (wmk post on R), BR up fp. In 200yds, with metal gates to L & R, cont ahead (120°) on fp & in 230yds pass to R of metal gate. Cont on bw, becoming metalled, down to rd. WITH CARE, TR up RHS of rd. In 230yds, immed after passing under A21 road bridge, TR on encl bw. In 600yds emerge from wood & cont on tk. In 175yds, BR on metalled drive & in 60yds, at hedge triangle, FL. In 20yds, TL on drive to rd. WITH CARE, TR & in 10yds, TL to X rd & along byway opp (vehicle restriction sign on R). In 300yds, cont ahead on drive to rd. WITH EXTREME CARE, TR on rd & in 140yds, at fingerpost, TR thru gate & along tk. In 530yds (3yds before wmk post on L & 50yds before house) TsharpL (30°) up fp thru wood to rd. WITH CARE, TR & in 70yds, at West Heath School, TR to flw drive to

FINISH
CLOSES 18.00

(GR 527529)
30.6 MILES

WELLDONE!!!!!!