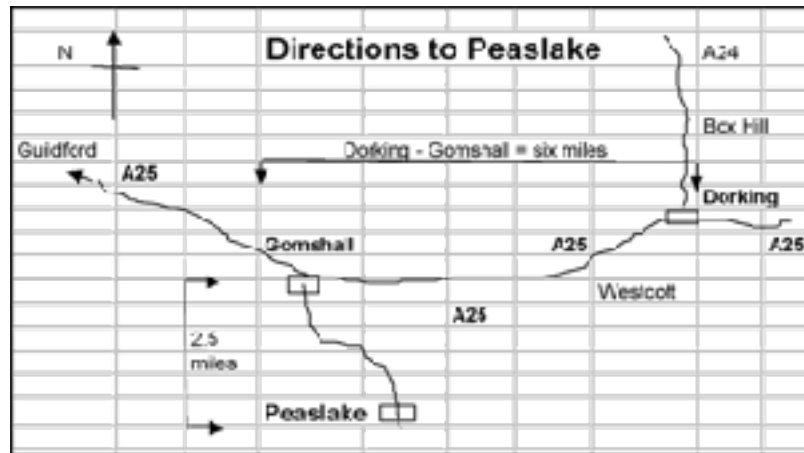


22nd FOUNDERS CHALLENGE – 16 mile route

Saturday October 13th 2018



PLEASE NOTE:

- Most of the route is on rough or uneven terrain.
- Some of the paths are becoming badly eroded in places, with loose rocks & exposed tree roots.
- There may be slippery stiles and descents, especially in wet weather.
- Watch out for cyclists.
- There are some road crossings & short sections on narrow roads & on roads with no pavement where Highway Code advice should be followed (*maintain single file and keep right except at right-hand bends*).

PLEASE TAKE CARE AT ALL TIMES - YOU UNDERTAKE THIS WALK AT YOUR OWN RISK

For those of you who have entered the Founders Challenge in previous years this year's 16 mile route is the same as in the last two years. Please follow Rights of Way especially between CP1 and Newlands Corner. The route diverges from the 27 mile route before St Martha's Hill and again just before Shere.

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Emergency Telephone: 01306 730851 (messages – Hurtwood Inn)

Maps: OS LR 187 (3ml on LR 186) or Exp 145 & 146.

All Compass bearings are from Magnetic North.

Distances are given in miles (m) and yards (yds).

Abbreviations:

AHD = ahead	FP = footpath	RD = road
B = bear	GW = Greensand Way	S = south
BW = bridleway	KG = kissing gate	ST = stile
cont. = continue	L = left	T = turn
E = east	N = north	TK = track
F = fork	NDW = North Downs Way	W = west
FB = foot bridge	NT = National Trust	X-RD = cross the road
FG = field gate	R = right	X-TK = cross track

1. START: PEASLAKE MEMORIAL HALL GR 086447 POST CODE: GU5 9RR

1.1 From the Hall exit to your L and go up paved BW opposite, passing church on your R. At the end of this path BL on BW and go round wooden barrier to pass graveyard on your R.

1.2 Ascend gently on broad sandy TK for 600yds then, at triangular clearing with cairn, FL. Cont. AHD. In 1100yds GW joins from L. *Follow the GW for the next 2½m, reassured by numerous GW posts.* After ¼m thru barrier to pass house on your R. At end of garden FR uphill (GW). Join TK from R, pass a metal seat at a viewpoint. Another TK joins from R then BL thru barrier (*Footpath Only*) to go round edge of hill. After next barriers, B½L on wide FP to seat and *PITCH HILL MEMORIAL TOPOSCOPE (commemorating LDWA's founders)*. Retrace steps for 25yds and TL to trig point.

1.3 Follow TK AHD (320°), for ¼m, down to car park and TL. X RD (**take care**) and cont. AHD on drive for 25yds. Then on GW thru fence next to MILL COTTAGE, AHD uphill on eroded FP then BL off sealed TK to pass windmill on your L. AHD (240°) for 150yds then, as TK goes L, cont. AHD on FP and after crossing two BWs descend. AHD for 40yds to cross RD (*Winterfold Heath Road sign visible opposite take care*). FL through car park, pass to R of Hurtwood Control notice board. AHD uphill on GW thru barrier. At top, visit viewpoint and "Contour" bench on L.

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REYNARDS HILL

2.5 miles

Enjoy the views/glimpses of the Weald below on your left, but don't be tempted to

wander down there!

1.4 After 250yds (GW post) go AHD. Soon FR, then L at GW post. TK joins from L then, at GW post before wooden barrier at RD, BL. Cont. parallel with RD. Later join RD. Do not cross RD. Pass deep gully on your L (*Jelly's Hollow*) and immediately TL uphill 210° at GW sign. Follow GW for 150yds, cross tarmac drive, cont. AHD 75yds then TR. After ¼m note cedar shingle "*Perspectives*" shelter on your L with a fine view and soon TR through low wood posts and car park (*leaving GW*). X RD, and in 40yds turn L on TK that runs parallel with RD. TK soon bends R, heading N. In 500yds X RD (Keepers Cottage sign on your R – **take care**).

1.5 AHD on broad TK. At end of paddock BR with wire fence on R. At X-TK (metal FG ahead) TL. In 270yds TR around large ash tree (faded waymark signs) on narrow FP which heads N. Follow winding FP for ½m ignoring early stile and TKs to R & L. At RD (cables overhead) TL and in 500yds X RD.

1.6 In 20yds TR on sandy TK. AHD for ¾m passing TKs/FPs to R & L. Cont. thru narrow gully and descend to reach BW (power lines overhead & wooden fence on L). TL for 50yds to reach RD at cottage. TR and at end of tarmac cont. AHD. After 175yds BL at post with blue top. Cont. on a bearing of 280° across Blackheath SSSI. After 600yds pass bench on your L and cont. AHD 280°. BR through woods and after 150yds cont. AHD 260°, X two TKs and after 50yds reach post with blue top at corner of Blackheath Village cricket ground and immediately TR. At RD TR into car park.

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7.25 miles

1.7 On N side of car park TL on BW, between 2 low wooden posts, heading 020°. FL to join RD. TR and in 50yds FL into BW. After 30yds AHD X BW. X next RD (unpaved), cont. AHD to take Downs Link BW 030°. Join lane to X railway on bridge then cross RD (A248 **take care**) and cont. AHD past Lockner Farm (*St Martha's Church on the hill in the distance*).

1.8 In 600yds (after *Longfrey Farm*) at BW junction TR (**ROUTES SPLIT**) and follow *Downs Link* for ½m uphill. TR on sandy BW to pass pillbox on your L (**ROUTES RE-JOIN**) and cont. AHD 275yds then BL into car park.

CHECKPOINT 1 GUILDFORD LANE CAR PARK 10.30 am – 1.00 pm)

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9 miles

2.1 From car park TL on lane. Where lane TR, FL, pass to L of gate & immediately TR on NDW. Cont to climb steadily parallel to RD, descend steps to X RD (**take care – blind bend to L**) and cont. up on opposite side. Thru barrier, up 10yds then BR on NDW. At fork BL then as path opens out BL at NDW waymark sign to follow NDW along L field boundary (ignore path on your L at bench – follow contour). After ½m,

soon after entering wood, turn $\frac{1}{2}$ L (030°) towards Visitor Centre (public toilets; kiosk at *Newlands Corner*).

2.2 On reaching the car park, TR to follow car park access RD. At stony TK 25yds before RD (A25) TR down hill (Public Byway finger post). Descend for $\frac{1}{2}$ m. BR then BL. Pass TK joining from R. Just before narrow waymarked TK going up on R, TL to pass cottages on R.

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WATER LANE COTTAGES

11 miles

2.3 Keep L at garages, cont. AHD past metal gate on TK and in 700yds at cottage on R, BR on FP (110°). In 230yds BR (130°) on FP when TK starts to descend.

2.4 In 300yds X concrete access RD to quarry. AHD $\frac{1}{4}$ mile on FP, X stile and thru 2 KGs to X RD (A248 **take care, fast traffic**) and ascend with church on your R. AHD thru KG. Cont. AHD across field thru KG and into *Silver Wood*. Keep AHD thru wood, thru KG and then same line of travel (125°) across field/drive/field. Then thru KG to descend through trees. TR on RD. **(ROUTES SPLIT HERE)**

2.5 X Tillingbourne river and TL thru *Vicky's Gate*. Cont. AHD with the Tillingbourne on your L thru KG then along RD to X RDs at the centre of Shere Village. (*See notes on next page.*)

TR and pass the White Horse and William Bray pubs. X RD and just past wooden shop (*Trek Hire UK*) TR into Pilgrims Way. TL at end and cont. AHD on narrow FP to RD. X RD and BR up path to RD (*Pathfields*). TR and at end of RD cont. AHD (200°) on FP up into woods. Join FP from R and in 20yds FR. In 30yds FL and cont. to RD. X RD and cont. down over X-TK then TL to X railway line. **(TAKE CARE AND OBEY SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS)**

2.6 TR and pass houses on L. Continue in a southerly direction for $\frac{3}{4}$ m to Dilton Farm and BR on RD (*Ponds Lane*). In $\frac{1}{2}$ m at Lockhurst Hatch Farm BL after farm road and cont. AHD (200°) over log barrier on FP. BL and later join TK from R. Cont. AHD for 150yds then FL to a bearing of 125°. In 600yds TL at Yellow Arrow waymark on post to FP that then TR and goes uphill to join RD. BR on RD and cont. to Shere Road.

2.7 X RD towards Bentley Copse and take TK AHD NE for 150yds then E for $\frac{1}{2}$ m to Peaslake House. FR on drive and then TL on RD for 90yds. TR into Walking Bottom and cont. 500yds to

FINISH

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PEASLAKE MEMORIAL HALL

(2.00 pm - 6.30 pm)

CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE 22nd FOUNDERS CHALLENGE
16 MILE ROUTE
2018

NOTES ON SHERE VILLAGE

As you come into Shere on the left are some allotments with interesting flowers and vegetables, all guarded by a variety of scare crows. In the short front garden of a house on the right you will see the 2 flower pot men. A further 40 yards up on the right is the old Village Prison House.

At the cross roads there are public toilets to the left and Shere Delights (a tea/coffee/ice cream shop) is opposite.

Straight across from the crossroads is the village church which has featured in films such as Four Weddings and a Funeral, The Holiday and a number of BBC period dramas.

In 1329 the young Christine Carpenter volunteered to become an Anchoress and she was bricked into the North wall of the church. On the outside wall there is a plaque marking the site of Christine's cell. Inside the church you can see where she was given food and drink. The almost full story of Christine, originally written in Latin, is in the church with the English translation beside it for those of you who would like to read it.

After exploring Shere you have only 4 miles to go to reach Peaslake.