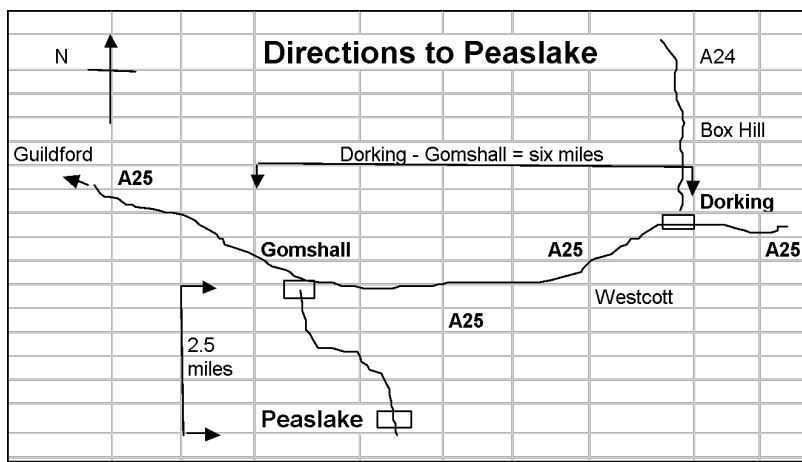


## **22<sup>nd</sup> FOUNDERS CHALLENGE – 27 mile route**

**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 27m route is the same as in the last two years. Please follow Rights of Way especially between CP1 and Newlands Corner.*

*Please note also that those on the longer route are expected to climb steeply & directly up St Martha's Hill. This is a Challenge Event! The route using the Downs Link path across the shoulder of St Martha's Hill is on the 16 mile route, a lesser challenge.*

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**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:**

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

**GR 073423**

**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.

**GR 036 462**

**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 After *Longfrey Farm* pass *Downs Link* on R (**ROUTES SPLIT**) and in 10yds at permissive FP sign TL. TR on FP for 275yds. BR in front of gate to rejoin BW. At fingerpost TR (*St Martha's*) to ascend steeply. At churchyard wall BR to join broad sandy TK (NDW) and keep low wooden fence on R. Keep AHD (do not FL on NDW) to pass pillbox on L (**ROUTES RE-JOIN**). AHD 275yds then BL into car park.

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

**GR 033485**

**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 ½L (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 ½m. BR then BL. Pass TK joining from R. Just before narrow waymarked TK going up on R, TL to pass cottages on R.

**GR 046484**

**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 ¼ 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 to RD. **ROUTES SPLIT HERE** TL on lane.

2.5 When lane joins RD (*Upper St*) cross over (**take care**), TL. After 30yds. immediately after house TR on broad track. In 150yds track bears right to run parallel with A25. When main track BR, ahead on narrow FP, through trees, to reach sunken cross track. **Do not cross the A25 here.**

2.6 TR and descend for 60yds then TL on TK to head north and **go under A25** (GR 072482). Uphill for 1000yds (soon becoming 60°) and at top TR on waymarked cross tracks on to NDW. Follow NDW for 1 mile then FR at NDW finger post (take care, easily missed). TR thru gap then after 80yds, in front of FG/KG, BL with fence on R and follow NDW for a further 700yds to KG (**take care: trip hazard**) & NT *BLATCHFORD DOWN* signpost. Cont ahd on NDW for 300yds to reach 2<sup>nd</sup> NT *BLATCHFORD DOWN* sign at X-TK & KG.

**GR 103488**

**BLATCHFORD DOWN**

**14.5 miles**

2.7 Through KG, cross TK and through 2<sup>nd</sup> KG. Continue on NDW for 1100yds. Go thru KG at NT *White Down Lease* sign. Cont. on NDW & in 200yds (where it TR to descend to road). **Leave NDW** and continue ahead on narrow winding path, which curves L around edge of ancient pit. Pass path on R over bank. Keep ahead on narrow

path through plantation, soon with sharp drop on your R. In 120yds turn R at T-junction. In 100yds pass beside railings of reservoir on your L. At end of railings turn R on track. In 50yds turn L on track. Ahead at BW signpost, heading North. Cross TK (SHEEPWALK LANE) and ahead on FP to RD by house. Cross RD (**take care**) and proceed up drive for 80yds (dogs on lead through farm & fields please).

**GR 111502**

**DUNLEY HILL FARM**

**17 miles**

2.8 TR at FP sign before gate to buildings (Ranmore Wines). Follow TK as it bends L, then go ahead on narrow path between fence and buildings. Over stile and turn half R (60°) to cross stile beside FG in far corner. Continue across field on same bearing to a KG in the middle of the fence ahead. Thru KG, TL immediately on FP winding through wood with many fallen trees/branches. FR near RD (CRITTEN LANE) and cross RD (**take care**) to go through KG. Go slightly L up bank, & follow FP eastwards crossing 3 stiles (*you may meet some friendly llamas*) and continue on drive. Cross RD (**take care**) at Friars Elm signs. Ahead on drive opposite (Haneys) and when drive bends R continue ahead uphill on FP. Cross next RD (**take care**) at Gatehouse Cottage and descend path past Hogden Cottage's garages.

**GR 125505**

**HOGDEN LANE**

**18 miles**

2.9 Cross TK (Hogden Lane) at bottom, and continue ahead uphill over roots. Cross TK at top and descend to next bottom where T half L (to 2<sup>nd</sup> ride on L) and go through barrier (45°). Keep ahead on grassy glade, bearing L where another glade joins from the R. Go thru old barrier, turn L, initially on surfaced drive, and pass *Lonesome Cottage* on your L. Bear R on grassy TK. Pass thru barriers on far side of a crossing TK, and continue. In 70yds BL through gate. Ahd on a wide track between beech trees descending to a cottage (GR 134515). Immediately after cottage, before gates, TR on TK (**this track is very slippery when wet, take care**) descending more steeply before rising to give view of *Polesden Lacey* on your L. Ahd to the *ALAN BLATCHFORD MEMORIAL SEAT* outside Tanners Hatch YH.

### **CHECKPOINT 2**

**TANNERS HATCH YH**

**(12.30 pm - 4.00 pm)**

**GR 140515**

**19 miles**

3.0 From Memorial Seat retrace steps for 5yds. FL on TK and in 20yds FL again. Follow this wide track going S for 1200yds to emerge beside *Fox Cottages*. TL on roadside grass and in 200yds TR to cross RD (**take care**) to car park.

At eastern end of car park TR at NT Notice Board, through gate, to enter *STEER'S FIELD*.

**GR 142503**

**STEER'S FIELD**

**20 miles**

3.1 TR (260°) onto broad level TK. Ahd 250yds thru KG. Ahd past *Ranmore Common* sign (NDW), ahd ½ mile on NDW. Pass barrier and KG (on L), ahd 40yds to TK by sign, FL on stony, downhill Byway (leaving NDW). At bottom of hill BR to join TK, downhill

30yds to junc with sign. BR signed *Bridleway* (250°) on slightly rising TK with field and railway down to L.

3.2 Ahd on level TK thru gate. Ahd ¼ mile to sign where TK bends R, TL thru gate (*BW*) (initially 190°) and follow RHS of field to go under railway bridge.

### **GR 127492**

3.3 TK swings R then L, then R again. Ignore FP on L to join concrete area by farm buildings and *The Empty Box Co*, then TL on broad TK, ahd 650yds to T-junc.

3.4 X tarmac lane and BL on FP with fence then gate on R. Ahd 400yds (on encl FP) becoming very narrow) to RD [*Coast Hill Lane*]. BL 20yds to main RD [*A25 Coast Hill*], TL on LHS pavement. Ahd 40yds, grass bank on L, TR to X busy RD at best visibility point (**take extreme care**) heading for gap in low bank opp. On far side TL on narrow footway, ahd 150yds to junc, *Rookery Drive* (**take care: RD with no pavement**).

### **GR 134483**

3.5 BR and after 15yds TR signed *BW* btw stone pillars. Ahd 350yds on tarmac, BR to X bridge over mill stream with waterfall on L. Ahd 50yds then, BL on *BW* which becomes stony. Ahd 450yds to reach metal gate on L and isolated ST on R. Pass R of ST, then ahd (GW)(180°), uphill.

3.6 Emerge from gully onto level ground. Over stile TR onto broad sandy TK, BL after 15yds, ahd 200yds. Just before RD, TL (GW). At sign *Pheasant Wood* BL (GW). Ahd 150yds then TR at sign *FP*, X ST.

3.7 Ahd (230°) for 50yds BL (160°), down steep bank to tarmac drive. ½ L across drive to sign (*FP*), BR down bank to RD [*Sheephouse Lane*], (**!!! FP emerges directly onto RD with no pavement**)

### **GR 130474**

3.8 TL, ahd 80yds to reach *Damphurst Cottage* on R. Ahd on RD for a further 50yds to KG on R. Through KG (sign *Wotton Estate* on R), follow barbed wire fence on R for 20yds then BL (190°) ahd ¼ mile, initially parallel to sunken RD on L then bearing R, to junc at brow of hill, with TK from L.

3.9 Ahd 100yds to sign by double gates, BL (180°. wire fence on R) ¼ mile to T-junc. TR onto wide, initially grass TK (260°), after 300yds TK starts to descend, ahd steeply downhill. Thru KG, then before bridge TL. Follow TK, at cottage BR and ahd to X-RD. TR and follow path on L, beside road, up steps and through wood (fence on your R) to car park and CP3.

## **CHECKPOINT 3**

**GR 126457**

**FRIDAY STREET**

**(1.30 pm - 6.00 pm)**

**24 miles**

4.0 From CP3 take vehicle track to L of “disease control area”, (215°), winding through woods in SW'ly direction. Descend to X-TKs then ascend (240°) on track. Ahd

(260°) on FP (may be overgrown) for 350yds to RD. Cross RD (*Hollow Lane*) (**take care**) to FP on R side of green and cross another RD [*Abinger Lane*]. X RD with care, ahd 220yds on encl FP. At end of ranch style fence on R, BR (240°) for 20yds. Ahd (230°) over X-path on TK in gully uphill which becomes wide and rutted forestry TK.

4.1 Cont. ahd ½ mile. Then FL on narrow path down steep descent (**care**) & thru KG cont. ahead to RD (Horsham Road, Holmbury St Mary). TL on pavement for 120yds. At sunken white house on L with fancy double wrought iron gates (Pond House) cross RD (**take care**) to FP - on opposite side of the road (**easily missed!**). The FP immediately bears L climbing gently. In 100yds just before it reaches the corner of back garden TR on a bearing of 310° to go steeply up an indistinct and narrow FP through trees. As the path flattens out BL to a waymark post and a wider path on which TR.

4.2 Ahd 350yds ignoring paths to L & R to descend to wide X-TK. Ahd (320°) for 100yds uphill to path junc. Cont ahd for 300yds (290°), passing paths to L & R, to reach car park on R.

4.3 From far end of car park, ahd 100yds (270°) passing paths to L and R. At fork (R fork) ahd for 40yds (270°) to reach a clearing. Ahd then FR down sandy TK (310°), TK bends L then R to pass btw ponds, ahd uphill (290°). From top of slope keep ahd on main TK for 500yds (ignore X-ing path).

4.4 Pass 1<sup>st</sup> X-TK with 1<sup>st</sup> sign on your L, ahd 50yds to 2<sup>nd</sup> X-TK and 2<sup>nd</sup> sign (*FP & BW*). Ahd slightly L 10yds btw trees to 3<sup>rd</sup> sign (*FP*), BR (300°), ahd 50yds on faint FP thru trees to pass 4<sup>th</sup> sign (*FP*). Ahd ¼ mile on clear FP (280°) later keeping to partly sunken TK/gully swinging to 260°. At wide X-TK with sign on R, ahd uphill (280°), over 3 X-ing TKs, thru gap in wooden barrier and along encl FP.

4.5 Thru 2<sup>nd</sup> barrier, ahd on drive. Cross lane [*Plaws Hill*] ahd thru wooden barrier. Down steep earth FP, thru wooden barrier to RD [*Radnor Rd*] (**!!! path emerges blind onto road. The final 120yds are on RDs with no pavement: take extra care**). TR, ahd to RD junc and X *Ewhurst Road* (take care) to pass war memorial on your R. Ahd to pass *Hurtwood Inn* on R. Ahd on RD (*Walking Bottom*) past *Pedal & Spoke* cycle shop (old Peaslake Post Office, the birthplace of the LDWA) to the

### **FINISH AT**

**GR 086447 PEASLAKE MEMORIAL HALL (2.00 pm – 7.00 pm)**

**CONGRATULATIONS!**  
**YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE 22<sup>nd</sup> FOUNDERS CHALLENGE**  
**27 MILE ROUTE**  
**2018**