

WINTER TANNERS ROUTE DESCRIPTION

9th January 2000

WALK NO

ABBREVIATIONS: R=right, L=left, T=turn, F=fork, B=bear, RD=road, TK=track, FP=footpath, BW=bridleway, Y=yards, M=mile(s), SP=signpost, Cont=continue, NDW = North Downs Way, Approx mileage shown at beginning of paragraph.

00.0M Leave car park at railway end & TL on FP down steps. Cross RD at traffic lights & ahead along WATERWAY ROAD. 20Y after RD islands TL to cross RD & along RD (SP:LEISURE CENTRE). When RD bends R, keep ahead across grass to pass MOLE BARN.

GR 164558

00.6M Ahead over X-TK (SP:NORBURY PARK) then thru gate & along L edge of field. Keep ahead thru gate (with river on your L), under RD bridge & 15Y later FR. In further 120Y thru hedge gap & TR between fences.

GR 163550

01.0M Under railway then TR up steps & thru gate. TL & in 12Y TL again to go along L edge of 2 fields (railway on your L). 100Y before end of 2nd field, BR (to cut off corner) over stile (by gate) at bottom of field. Down FP, over X-TK & up FP. TL along tarmac for 300Y then (10Y after 1st [JMW] seat) FR across grass.

GR 166539

02.0M Cross gravelled TK (at finger post) & ahead along BW for 600Y. FL on 2nd FP on L to go along L side of picnic area then ahead between fences. TK zig-zags past LODGE FARM & 70Y later (just before river bridge) TR thru small gate.

GR 162529

02.9M When field on your R ends, ignore steps on your L but keep ahead to descend on FP thru trees then along R edge of field. At railway fence, TR along enclosed FP. TL along CHAPEL LANE then ahead on WESTHUMBLE STREET.

GR 167519

03.8M At A24, TL down slope then TR under subway. TL to go up slope the other side & follow tarmac R to BURFORD BRIDGE HOTEL. Cross over RD to walk along LH Pavement (hotel car park then RYKERS car park on your L). In 600Y, up steps (still alongside RD) & in further 250Y TR up next steps & recross RD.

GR 172527

04.5M Ahead along HEADLEY LANE for 30Y then TL (SP:DOWNNS ROAD). In 20Y FL uphill (with fence on your L). In 950Y over X-TK & 250Y later FR off main TK thru barrier. Follow grassy TK completely across open space & BL on wide ridge.

GR 181536

05.3M Keep ahead on wide ridge for 750Y then duck under single strand fence to still go ahead on enclosed TK for further 1000Y to car park.

GR 193545

06.4M TR on TK alongside RD. In 200Y (when TK ends) cross RD & along byway opposite. In 130Y TR over stile. Keep to hedge on your L when it turns L. Ahead over 2 stiles & along L edge of next field. Over 3rd stile & keep close to fence then hedge to go over stile in corner. TR on TK for 40Y then TR on lane.

GR 200547

07.1M In 220Y (just after stables) TL along enclosed FP which goes thru a K-gate, over 2 stiles & thru another K-gate. Cross RD WITH CARE then pass COCK HORSE PH (on your R) & into churchyard. TR for 10Y then FL to exit churchyard. Keep ahead on FP between fences into wood. At crossing TK TL. Go under M25 & 300Y later FL. Cont to RD. GR 220555

08.5M TR along RD WITH CARE to junction. Ignore BW to THE COTTON MILLS (on your L) then BL past islands (on your R) to join lane. In 15Y TR along enclosed FP (to R of PILGRIMS). In 150Y keep ahead at X-TK then follow FP L & R to go thru barrier & ahead on wider TK passing BELL PH. Keep ahead for further 400Y then cross RD to: GR 227553

~~CHECKPOINT 1 - OPEN 09.45 to 12.30~~

09.3M TL on BW (SP: BANSTEAD HEATH) to pass notice board (on your L). Ahead over all X-TKs (follow blue arrows) for 900Y. At RD, TR along pavement for 60Y then (at 40.m.p.h. sign) cross RD to go thru barrier & along grassy TK. FR to keep trees on your L then BL round end of copse to pass green arrowed post (on your R). GR 237553

10.0M Over X-TK & immediately FR on TK over open grassland going downhill and passing another copse jutting out (on your L). At bottom, enter wood & 20Y later FR. In further 100Y TL thru barrier. Follow main FP when it bears R thru birches & 40Y later, TL on wide grassy TK. Keep bending R with TK to go thru barrier then TL along L edge of open space. Still keep ahead when main TK bears L to keep trees on your L for a further 30Y then TL thru trees. Over open space to pass notice board then thru another treeline. After 140Y, TK continues thru gate & between fences to RD. GR 247532

~~BIFURCATING NUMBERS CHECK - OPEN 10.15 to 13.30~~

The 20 mile route description is continued on yellow pages 5 and 6. The 30 mile route description continues on white pages below and 3 and 4. If in doubt about being able to complete the full 30 miles there is a later option to short cut for a total distance of 24 miles.

11.5M Cross RD & BL along STUBBS LANE. At A217 BL to cross over dual carriageway via pedestrian lights. TL along pavement for 30Y then BR thru posts on BW thru trees then along R edge of field. 10Y before RD, TR on BW. In 600Y TR & TL with BW then in further 300Y TL thru 2 posts. After 700Y TL on tarmac then TR along RD. In 450Y TL along CROSSWAYS LANE. GR 263535

13.5M Keep ahead on BW to go under M25 then cont on TK for further 350Y. Cross RD & along drive past TOWER LODGE. In 40Y TR (NDW). In 450Y FL & in further 400Y FR (still uphill with NDW) to RD, which cross into car park. GR 262523

14.8M Pass tea hut & toilets (on your R) (open 10.00 to 16.30) to cross footbridge & ahead on NDW for 1400Y. At shelter, keep ahead but gradually ease L on to grass (leaving NDW) so that after 250Y (at metal gate on your R) you take the grassy TK ahead 15Y L of gravelled (NDW) TK bending R. GR 248521

15.8M Go thru trees then contour round open hillside for 850Y keeping scrub on your R until coming to a fence ahead. Here TR (fence on L). In 80Y TL thru gate (rejoining NDW). In 150Y FL for further 140Y then TL & 40Y later TR (leaving NDW). In 1500Y TL with BW & 45Y later TR to resume direction. In 850Y TR uphill on byway for 900Y to: GR 220535

CHECKPOINT 2 - OPEN 11.00 to 14.30

Consider the hour and the gathering gloom. You now have the option to short cut for a 24 mile certificate. If you wish to do this turn to yellow page 5 and continue from para 14.8. For the full 30 mile route continue below.

18.3M Cross RD WITH CARE then BL on FP opposite. In 50Y FL then over stile to cont thru trees for another 10Y. BR across field nearly on same line as powerlines (on your R) but very gradually easing away from them to go over stile. Keep same direction in next field to go over another stile then TL on BW. GR 216537

18.7M In 100Y TL with fence on your L & 240Y later TR on crossing BW. FL (at NT notices) then cross drive & RD into car park. GR 205538

19.4M Ahead to pass notice board (on your R) on main TK. After 900Y, cont ahead steeply downhill. At bottom keep fence on your L for 200Y as TK bends L then (20Y before barrier) FR uphill. In 140Y TsharpR. Keep ahead thru gateway & along tarmac drive of HIGH ASHURST. GR 192534

20.8M In 700Y (BELLASIS HOUSE back entrance on your L) keep ahead on rough TK uphill. Follow FP ahead along R edge of 2 fields then along edge of wood. FP turns L after 150Y to wind thru wood. GR 183529

21.3M At junction TR (as yellow arrow). In 450Y (via 1 stile) BL over X-TK thru grass for 8Y to TL on grassy TK uphill. In 60Y TR to pass seat (on your L) & twin birch (on your R) on FP steeply downhill. GR 178527

21.7M Over stile & X-TK in valley & ahead on FP. Ascend & descend (ignoring TKs on L) to join tarmac drive to reach RD. Cross RD WITH CARE & TL along pavement for 600Y. Recross RD at BURFORD BRIDGE HOTEL to go along LH pavement which follow R then L to descend slope & TR under subway. TL up slope, cross RD & ahead alongside A24. GR 171517

23.1M Ignore NDW TK after 500Y but 175Y later TR along BRADLEY LANE. Under railway & in 60Y take BW on L of LH RD. Follow line of trees on your R. When trees end, over X-TK & ahead up BW between grape vines. Pass under powerlines (trees on your R) & 200Y later BR over NDW X-TK. In 300Y TL on waymarked FP. GR 156513

24.2 Pass ASHCOMBE COTTAGE then ahead for 1400Y along tarmac/concrete then RD. At church, BR on TK into trees then along grass verge. Pass FOX COTTAGES and immediately TR thru barrier. In 30Y FL & ahead to: GR 140515

~~TANNERS HATCH YOUTH HOSTEL - DRINKS POINT - OPEN 12.30 to 17.00~~

Cold drinks will be set out on a table near the Alan Blatchford Memorial seat as you approach the hostel. If there is no one there please help yourself. If you would like a cup of tea, please knock on the hostel front door.

26.2M Ahead on TK past hostel. In 550Y (by blue arrowed post) TR thru gate & across field. Ahead thru small gate to pass barn (on your L) then TL to pass BAGDEN FARM. Cross RD diagonally L & up BW going thru 2 gates. BR then BL over X-TK to cont uphill. In 140Y ignore 1st waymark post but 20Y later (at X-TK) TR thru barrier. Follow FP for 800Y going thru 2 more barriers (1 broken) then at CRABTREE COTTAGES, TL (SP:Bookham & 20Y past seat). GR 154525

27.7M In 1400Y (at grass triangle) FR & 35Y later (at fence corner) TR thru barrier. Ahead on FP for 500Y (ignore TKs to L) then BR to join TK coming from your L & thru barrier. In 5Y FL then ahead over TK & BL with powerlines across clearing. Pass seat on your R & 80Y later FL under powerlines to pass 2nd seat on your R. Ahead over chalky X-TK then TL on next X-TK (i.e. ignore BW ahead) & in 15Y FR on FP thru barrier "WALNUT TREE CLUMP". GR 155538

28.8M Ahead on grassy TK across clearing then on TK thru trees. Thru barrier & 20Y later join wider TK from your R. Follow gravelled TK for 400Y then when it bends R (seat on your L) keep ahead on FP which soon descends steeply. Thru gate & TL to go along L edge of field. In 200Y TR across field to pass end of tree line (on your L) & thru wooden gate (in hedge just to L of metal gate ahead). GR 162510

29.7M Under railway & between fences. At river TL (river on your R). Keep with FP when it bears L away from river along R edge of field. Over X-TK to pass MOLE BARN & ahead on RD. Cross main RD WITH CARE then TR on pavement with railway up on your L. At traffic lights, ahead across RD, up steps & immediately TR into car park. GR 163566

30.8 Miles

~~FINISH - LEATHERHEAD - Open 12.30 to 18.00~~

If you arrive at the finish after 18.00 having completed the whole route and wish to be included in the results, Please ring 01276 856672 after 20.00.

20 MILE ROUTE ALTERNATIVE

Follow route description on white pages 1 and 2 up to the Bifurcating Numbers Check at the end of paragraph 10.0M then continue on this page. All the rest of the 20 mile route is described below then overleaf11 so you do not have to revert to the white sheets even though you rejoin the 30 mile route for paras 12.2 and 14.8. Para 16.4 is partly the same as the outward route in reverse

11.5M TR to pass MINT PH. RD deteriorates & at car park entrance BL along MARGERY WOOD LANE. Go over M25. At end of lane go thru gate, over TK & on to grass for 15Y then TR on grassy TK.

GR 248521

12.2M Go thru trees then contour round open hillside for 850Y keeping scrub on your R until coming to a fence ahead. Here TR (fence on L). In 80Y TL thru gate (joining NDW). In 150Y FL for further 140Y then TL & 40Y later TR (leaving NDW). In 1500Y TL with BW & 45Y later TR to resume direction. In 850Y TR uphill on byway for 900Y to:

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GR 216537

15.2M In 120Y FR (ahead) thru trees then along L side of 2 fields. At field corner (150Y after pylon) TR to cont along L edge of field. Ahead over stile & TK on FP with fence on your R. join TK from your L & in 70Y TL up steps over stile. In 40Y over stile & along R edge of field. In 100Y note position of Headley Church away to your R but cont ahead to go over stile.

GR 208542

15.9M TR over fields aiming just to the R of church (hidden from view intermittently) going over 5 stiles then thru a stile gap. Cont ahead between fences then just before next stile, TL thru K-gate into churchyard. follow FP which bears R then TL thru lychgate & ahead to pass COCK HORSE PH.

GR 205548

16.4M Cross RD WITH CARE & along TK opposite. In 10Y TL along enclosed FP which goes thru a K-gate, over 2 stiles & thru another K-gate. At lane TR. In 220Y TL on BW (LANGLEY LANE). Keep on BW to RD which cross then TR on TK which goes alongside RD.

GR 195545

17.3M At car park BL & immediately FR with broken metal fence on your R. Keep ahead for 2400Y crossing STANE STREET & a tarmac drive after which the path narrows. At RD, TR to cross busy A24 WITH CARE.

GR 173552

18.7M TL along pavement for a few yards (depending where you crossed the A24) then BR on BW between 2 posts. TK become gravel then tarmac. Follow RD when it bends L to cross main RD then TR along pavement. In 90Y TL along THORNCROFT DRIVE. Cross river & immediately TR thru barrier. GR 167558

19.4 Keep river on your R until reaching RD where TR to re-cross river. At '7.5 T' sign TsharpL along flagstone pavement (now with river on your L). Just before next bridge TR up steps then cross RD WITH CARE. TR along pavement. At traffic lights keep ahead thru barrier onto PP & immediately TR into car park. GR 163566

20.2Miles

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