

The 26th Winter Tanners

12th January 2003

ROUTE DESCRIPTION

30 miles: Pages 1 2 3 4 & 6. Miss out page 5.

21 miles: Pages 1 and 2 to checkpoint 1 then pages 5 and 6.

ABBREVIATIONS: R=right, L=left, T=turn, F=fork, B=bear, RD=road, FP=footpath, BW=bridleway, BV=Byway, Y=yards, M=miles SP=signpost, ST=Stile, Cont=continue. (X)-TK=(Cross) Track, junc=junction, NDW = North Downs Way, W/M = Waymark
Grid Ref and Approx Mileage shown at beginning of each paragraph.

163566 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 on FP to pass MOLE BARN.

164557 00.6M Ahead over X-TK (SP:NORBURY PARK) then thru gate & along L edge of field. Keep ahead along river bank thru gate under bridge & thru gate. Still ahead across field, thru gap between river & railway then along R edge of next field. Just before house, TL along drive.

169540 01.9M 25Y after passing entrance to MICKLEHAM PRIORY, TR to keep fence on your R for further 600Y then FL (ahead) off main drive (still up hill) thru barrier. In 110Y TL on BW (SP:WEST HUMBLE). In 500Y ignore 1st FP on L but 100Y later TL to go along L edge of picnic area then ahead on TK between fences. TK zig-zags past LODGE FARM & 70Y later (just before river bridge) TR thru small gate.

160525 03.2M 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. 45Y after seat, TR up steps, thru gate & TL on lane. Join CHAPEL LANE, over railway then ahead on WESTHUMBLE STREET.

171517 04.1M At A24, TL down slope then TR under subway. TL up slope & follow pavement over bridge & bend R & L. At BURFORD BRIDGE HOTEL, cross RD to cont on opposite pavement. In 700Y (just before steps) TR across RD & up drive. FL (ahead) at LITTLE PINEHURST turnoff then keep ahead up then down (becomes steep).

178526 05.1M Over X-TK & ST in valley bottom then uphill. BL to pass in front of seat. 10Y later ahead over X-TK & in further 12Y TL on crossing TK. In 50Y TR on FP into trees. FP goes over a ST & 200Y later TL (W/M). Winding FP still in wood then emerges to cont with wood on R & fence (fields) on L.

182528 05.5M Keep ahead along L edge of field, up stony TK, thru gap with remains of ST (when TK bends R), over drive (in dip) & along drive (signed: HIGH ASHURST O E C). Follow this drive uphill for 550Y then thru gateway & immediately TL (not sharp L).

193532 06.4M In 200Y TL to cont downhill. Keep to main TK as it bends in valley then goes steeply uphill. Ahead over 6 TK junction to pass a gate (on your L) 40Y later. In further 200Y ignore the R turn but go thru gate to keep ahead all the way to the car park. BR to keep along outside edge of car park.

205538 07.2M Cross RD then FR on unmade TK. Ahead over drive of WHITE LODGE. BR on TK at National Trust sign. At next junction TL (i.e do not take TK ahead). Join TK from your L to cont with field on your R for further 100Y then TR Over ST.

216537 08.0M Cross field diagonally L (do not take direction of finger post) to go over a ST in the tree line 50Y to the R of a power line pole. Cross next field gradually getting closer to the power lines (do not go under them). Enter wood 25Y to the R of a power line junction pole & thru trees (via a ST) to RD. Cross RD via roundabout island & BR on tarmac FP. Join BY from your L to:

CHECKPOINT 1 - LITTLE HEATH
OPEN 09.30 to 13.00

PLEASE TELL THE REGISTRATION MARSHAL WHETHER YOU ARE DOING THE 30 or THE 21 MILE ROUTE. To continue on the 21 mile route please go to page 5. 30 milers just read on

220533 08.5M Keep ahead on BY for further 650Y then (70Y after BY starts to descend steeply in sunken section) take the R of 2 BWs either side of the BY. After 20Y uphill the BW too descends. Keep ahead when BW joins NDW briefly. Thru gate (but do not go with the 21 milers who should TR with NDW). Cross field gradually easing away from fence on your R to go thru gate.

219519 09.5M Ahead on TK which becomes a lane as it passes houses. Go over railway & 300Y later (just beyond GLEBE COTTAGE) TR on FP. After enclosed section, thru gate & across field to go over ST in very far LH corner to cont along enclosed FP to RD.

216509 10.2M Cross busy A25 (using central island just to the R) WITH CARE. TL along pavement 15Y then TR down steps & thru trees. BR across field at first to cont along R edge. Keep ahead along R edge of cricket ground, thru car park to RD. Cross RD & TR along pavement.

213504 10.6M Keep ahead along OLD REIGATE ROAD (changing pavement sides as necessary) passing 2 junctions. When pavement ends, ignore FP on L but cont past the bus shelter for further 80Y then TL on BW.

207504 11.0M Cross field & TR at X-TK to cont with the field on your R. Keep ahead when TK turns R to keep field on you R as you TL at hedge corner then TR along TK 70Y later. At end of field BW continues enclosed. BL at junction (i.e. ignore BW TR & FP FR 5Y later). TL over bridge then along FP & RD to BROCKHAM.

196495 12.2M Keep ahead over main RD, past pump & along OLD SCHOOL LANE. Immediately after bridge FR on BW. In 450Y (before pond) TL over ST. Keep ahead along R edge of 7 fields (via STs). Leave 7th field via ST in RH corner, along R edge of open triangular area, TR along a TK for a 100Y then BR across field towards railway bridge. Over ST then TL along L edge of field for 50Y then TL over ST to RD.

186480 13.7M TR under railway & immediately TL over cattle grid. BR across grass & over ST (i.e. ignore concrete drive). Keep to R edge of 3 fields. Cross RD & along FP opposite. Keep ahead ignoring all TKs to L & R. Cross next RD diagonally R then along enclosed FP (concrete for 1st 25Y). On emerging on to green, immediately TL on FP going thru trees.

169472 15.2M Cross RD & ahead along FP with church on your L. In 450Y FL across clearing to leave it via barrier. In 25Y BR with main TK & 30Y later FL. Ignore R turn after another 200Y & 70Y later BL & BR across a divided drive to pass low post.

170465 15.7M Keep ahead on TK, gravelled at first then grassy as it climbs hill. At top, go beyond the seats but immediately TL (i.e. do not take narrower TK ahead). In 250Y TR at X-TK. In 100Y, at 5 way junction, FL thru barrier & 10Y later TL. In 120Y FR to go over a X-TK 10Y later (houses 60Y to your L) & descend across a small clearing. Over bridge & join FP from your L. Just before RD TR to car park.

CHECKPOINT 2 - MILL ROAD (SOUTH HOLMWOOD) CAR PARK
OPEN 11.30 to 14.30

173451 16.8M Leave car park by car exit, cross RD, up bank & ahead (slightly to R) over open area. Up bank in scrub gap & TR to war memorial. Down steps & TL to go thru subway. TL in front of HOLMWOOD TYRES & in 8Y TR along tarmac.

169447 17.2M In 350Y FR & 100Y later pass private RD sign. Tarmac deteriorates. In 300Y (just before house on L) TR along FP between fences & thru gate. TL over bridge & along L edge of field, Over ST & 4Y later TR over bridge & 2nd ST* then FR along winding FP thru trees.

NOTE: Approx 10Y after the 2nd ST*, a fallen tree blocked the FP on 14/12/02 and is unlikely to be cleared by 12/01/03. If this is the case the less adventurous may wish to avoid it. To do this, from the ST, take the L FP, TL, TR & TR again to rejoin the FP the other side of the obstruction. A diversion of approx 20Y.

163450 17.7M In 300Y keep ahead when you join a wider TK coming up from your R. Keep going uphill on wide TK for 600Y then at 5 way junction, ignore TK on your immediate R but take 2nd TK on R to cont uphill for further 100Y then TK descends. In 450Y ignore sharp TR but 80Y later TsharpL thru barrier to RD.

156458 18.4M Cross RD diagonally R & along narrow FP for 30Y then join wide TK from your R. In 200Y FR & 8Y later FL with main TK. TL along concrete drive for 60Y then TR along L edge of field. In 100Y (at ST step - cross pieces missing) TL thru gap & immediately BR to climb over barrier & along L edge of next field to go over ST in corner.

150456 18.9M TR along TK then ahead along R edge of field, round ST & thru wood. $\frac{1}{2}$ L across gravelled TK to cont on narrow FP. At field TR to cont between fields & over 4WD barrier. TR along TK for 60Y then TL thru 4WD barrier & TL again. Ahead over next X-TK to go downhill. In 70Y ahead over another X-TK & 35Y later FL on FP mainly downhill.

139449 19.8M At gravelled Drive TR. In 100Y join another gravelled drive (from your L) & 150Y later TL. Follow FP uphill, over ST, thru trees & along R edge of 2 fields. Pass tennis courts to bend L with drive & 30Y Later TR over ST. FP bends R after 8Y then ahead downhill.

134451 20.1M TR along TK in valley bottom for 160Y then TL on narrow FP going very steeply uphill.

NOTE: The FP on the R is correct but if you take the slightly easier FP on the L you will need to move over R when you get to the level section.

133452 20.2M The FP levels out for 20Y but do not go up the next steep bank ahead. Here TR for 35Y to FL up the bank (where it is less severe). At top of bank TR. In 120Y (at 2nd W/M post - no W/M in your direction) TL on FP thru trees to car park.

132454 20.4M Leave car park via car exit, cross RD $\frac{1}{2}$ L, thru barrier into SEVERELLS COPSE & along FP. In 400Y (at T junc) TR (i.e. ignore false FP ahead L). In 300Y thru barrier & 10Y later TL on FP (indistinct at first) downhill. At bottom go thru barrier & TL on tarmac lane.

127457 20.9M Immediately after passing lake (on your L) TR to pass post box. In 350Y (at YEW TREE COTTAGE) BL. In 200Y ahead over ST (by gate). In further 500Y pass gates & PRIVATE notices either side & 80Y later TR. FP between fences ascends, over X-TK, descends & between fields. Ahead along L edge of wood, across field (the escape ST is just to the R of the Village Hall) & thru pub car park.

125476 22.1M $\frac{1}{2}$ L across busy A25 WITH CARE & along church drive. In 100Y TR over ST along FP with fence on your R. FP swings L (now between fences). Over ST to pass VALE FARM COTTAGE & TR along drive. In 450Y take 2nd turning on L. In 500Y pass COMBE FARM & 200Y later (just before THE EMPTY BOX COMPANY) TR.

127490 23.2M When concrete ends, follow TK soon with hedge on your R, under railway & across field. Ahead thru gate & TR on TK. 150Y after going thru 2nd gate, ignore BW on L but 80Y later (at X-TK & just after FORESTRY COMMISSION sign) TL.

131497 23.8M In 40Y FR (ahead). Ignore first gate on your R after 100Y but keep ahead on this FP uphill for further 1000Y thru trees, out on open hillside then back into trees (via 2 gates). Join NDW (from your L) for just 15Y then TL to pass gate then between fields to RD. TL along verge for 40Y then TR to cross RD and along TK. Thru barrier with hedge on your R for 35Y then FL along TK to ALAN BLATCHFORD MEMORIAL SEAT at:

CHECKPOINT 3 - TANNERS HATCH YOUTH HOSTEL
OPEN 11.30 to 16.30

30 milers PLEASE IGNORE PAGE 5 and continue on PAGE 6

21 mile ROUTE ALTERNATIVE

PLEASE NOTE THE 21 mile ROUTE DOES NOT VISIT CHECKPOINT 2
SO YOUR NEXT CHECKPOINT WILL BE 3

220533 08.5M Keep ahead on BY for further 650Y then (70Y after BY starts to descend steeply in sunken section) take the R of 2 BWS either side of the BY. After 20Y uphill the BW too descends. Keep ahead to join NDW. ROUTE FOLLOWS NDW FOR NEXT 1½ MILES. Thru gate & 20Y later TR over ST (leaving 30 mile route) on FP to RD.

214522 09.6M TL along pavement & shortly (when safe) cross RD & cont on opposite pavement then FP then pavement again. TR along THE COOMBE. In 60Y FL. At turning circle keep ahead thru gate on FP. 75Y after going over landfill site TK, ignore opening overlooking site but 30Y later TL downhill on FP (leaving NDW).

206514 10.4M After going down 3 steps TR along TK & 80Y later FL. Keep ahead on this FP for 900Y (mainly near to L edge of wood but goes deeper into wood at times - ignore STs on L into fields). Ignore the FP thru gate on L at BROCKHAM LIME KILNS. 100Y later thru gate & FL to keep to L edge of wood for further 500Y.

193508 11.3M Ahead over TK via 2 small gates (both next to wide gates) to cont with more open scarp on your R for further 300Y then (20Y after FP bends R uphill) TL down to go over ST. Follow powerlines along R edge of field & in next field ease slightly away from them to escape via ST in hedge 30Y to the R of the pylon.

182508 12.0M TL along lane. Under railway & 100Y later (at junction) TR up-steps & along FP & R edge of field then enclosed. Over 2 bridges then (at CASTLE MILL) TR. In 80Y keep ahead. Join RD from your L. At main RD TR under railway then TL along SWAN MILL GARDENS. At end of RD keep ahead on FP. TL at FP junction. Ahead under 2 railway bridges & 20Y later TR (chain link fence on your R).

170501 13.1M At A24 TR along pavement for 60Y to cross A24 via lighted crossing then TL along opposite pavement for 40Y & TR to pass 'phone box and post box. Just before L W TUTT & Co TR to pass PIPPBROOK MILL then TL & immediately FL on FP (enclosed at first). Keep to tarmac (ignore L turn to playground). At end of playing field keep ahead on enclosed FP (with football ground on your L). 200Y later ignore FP on L & ahead to RD. Cross RD, pass shops then TR along RANMORE ROAD.

160500 14.0M When pavement on L ends (30Y after ASHCOMBE ROAD junction on R) BL on enclosed FP. When FP bends R (to RD) TL thru fence to keep chain link fence on your L. In 50Y FR away from fence. Follow FP winding thru trees then emerge on to a wide TK on which TL. Keep ascending on this TK. In 1500Y (after a series of bends) Ignore sharp R turn to keep on main TK for further 300Y as it gently descends.

141500 15.1M At steps & W/M post (on L - no W/M in your direction) TR steeply uphill. Enter STEERS FIELD. FL on grassy TK up & across field. Thru gate & ½L across car park. Cross RD via 2 small bridges over ditches then TL along verge. In 200Y pass cottages then TR on TK thru barrier. In 40Y FL & cont to:

CHECKPOINT 3 - TANNERS HATCH YOUTH HOSTEL
OPEN 11.30 to 16.30

DISTANCES for 21 miler WILL BE 9 MILES LESS FROM NOW ON

140515 25.4M Ahead on TK past hostel. In 550Y (at W/M post) TR thru gate & across field. Ahead thru small gate to pass barn (on your L) then TL to pass BAGDEN FARM.

148521 26.0M Cross RD diagonally L & up BW going thru 2 gates. BR then BL over X-TK to cont uphill. In 140Y ignore 1st W/M post but 20Y later (at X-TK) TR. Follow FP for 800Y going thru 2 barriers (1 broken) then at CRABTREE COTTAGES, TL (SP:Bookham).

148536 27.4M 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.

154537 27.9M Pass seat on your R & 80Y later FL under powerlines to pass 2nd seat on your R. Ahead over chaiky X-TK then TL on next X-TK (i.e. ignore BW ahead) & in 15Y FR on FP thru barrier WALNUT TREE CLUMP. Ahead on grassy TK across clearing then on TK thru trees. Thru barrier & 20Y later join wider TK from your R.

158543 27.4M Follow gravelled TK for 400Y then when it bends R keep ahead thru barrier 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). Under railway & between fences.

THE REST IS THE START OF THE WALK IN REVERSE

29.1M 163550 At river TL (river on your R). Keep with FP when it bears L away from river along R edge of field. Ahead over X-TK, 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.

FINISH - LEATHERHEAD 30.1 Miles or 21 Miles GR 163566

The registration marshal will probably not be at the finish until approx 15.00. If you arrive before that time would you please note the time you arrive on your number card using the 24 hour clock and the distance you have completed then place the card in the box which will be at the pay machine in the middle of the car park.

The registration marshal will leave at approx 18.00. If you arrive at the finish after this having completed the whole route and wish to be included in the results, please ring 0208 949 1547 after 20.00 to register your finishing time.