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ABBREVIATIONS; R=right, L=left, T=turn, F=fork, B=bear, RD=road, FP=footpath, BW=bridleway, BY=byway, Y=yards, M=miles, ST=stile, KG=kissing gate, (X)-TK=(cross) track, junc=junction, W/M=waymark, cont=continue, immed=immediately, FiPo=fingerpost, opp=opposite, ahd=ahead, NT=National Trust, GW=Greensand Way, NDW=North Downs Way, Grid ref and approx mileage shown at start of paragraph.

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PLEASE ENSURE YOUR TIME IS RECORDED by Dave or John BEFORE YOU START

If the river bank is flooded you will be told to replace the first 2 and last 3 paras with the appendix

- 00.0M 163566 Leave car park by vehicle exit & **TR**. Cross RD at traffic lights & **ahd** along WATERWAY ROAD. 20Y after RD islands, **TL** to **cross** RD (you can use lighted crossing just under the bridge and come back if traffic is heavy). **Along** RD towards LEISURE CENTRE. When RD swings R **keep ahd** on tarmac FP to **pass** MOLE BARN.
- 00.6M 164557 **Ahd** over X-TK, **thru** metal KG & **along** L edge of field. In 500Y, **FL** thru wooden KG & **along** FP with river on your L. **Under** RD Bridge & 140Y later **TR** on FP between fence & hedge. **Under** railway, **TR** up steps, **thru** KG & **TL** across field. At far side of field **TR** along L edge. At field corner, **TL** to **go over** ST. **Follow** TK between fences. **Keep ahd** on concrete drive between buildings of BOCKETTS FARM (ignore "Pedestrians This Way" exit). **Leave** farmyard by **forking R** on the minor concrete drive which immed swings R. In 30Y, **TL** on BW.
- 01.6M 156549 In 500Y, **TL** on gravelled TK **up** to tarmac. **Keep ahd** to **pass** car park on your R. In 200Y **FR**. **Keep ahd** on this BY for 2000Y. **Cross** RD, **thru** 3 low posts & **BL** along NT PERMISSIVE PATH parallel with RD on your L. In 650Y (15Y after the tarmac on your L swings L to POLESDEN LACEY) **join** gravel TK from your L. In 160Y, **pass** turning on your R & 10Y Later, **FL**.
- 03.6M 135527 **Keep ahd** when TK turns to tarmac as it passes HOME FARM HOUSE to **go** downhill under 2 bridges. When tarmac swings L, **keep ahd** between 2 lines of trees. In 350Y, **TR** on TK coming up from your L. **Keep** to BW (drive, mainly unmade,) (**passing** YEW TREE FARM on your L) for $\frac{1}{2}$ M. **Thru** barrier (probably open) & 35Y later, at 55 (facing away) W/M post, **TR** on FP thru barrier.
- 04.9M 130509 In 150Y, **join** drive (coming from LONESOME COTTAGE) for 30Y then **FR** off drive **thru** barrier. **Keep ahd** for 450Y, **thru** another barrier & 10Y later, **keep ahd** to **ascend** out of dip. **Keep ahd** over grassy X-TK & **along** narrower winding FP. 8Y before a sunken TK (BY), blocked off **ahd**, **TL** gently down bank to in 30Y, **join** the BY. In 25Y, **TR** between prostrate tree boles **uphill** to RD.
- 05.4M 124504 **Ahd** across car park to **pass** notice board 15Y on your R, **thru** trees. **BR** to **pass** NT RANMORE COMMON badge on your L & 25Y later, **FL** to stay in trees (ie **DO NOT** go thru gap ahead to the open area). **Keep ahd** over all X-TKs for further 300Y. At T-junc **TR** on TK parallel with RD on your L. In 220Y, **BL** to **cont** along RD for 25Y then **BL** (FiPo:BW) (ignoring the minor FP on your L after 4Y). In 150Y, at T-junc, **TL**. **Keep ahd** for 500Y to **join** NDW.

The route now follows NDW for next $1\frac{3}{8}$ M+

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06.2M 120494 **Cont ahd** for further 140Y. 3Y after going thru gate, **FR** up bank. **Follow** this FP along hillside for 1100Y then **FR** on wider path **down** to RD. **TR** along RD for 12Y then **BL** thru 2 wooden posts. **Follow** main TK for 300Y as it ascends, levels & descends. **Thru** small gate (next to wide locked gate) & **ahd** on gradually ascending TK for 1000Y to pass BLATCHFORD DOWNS information board then **thru** KG.

07.6M 103488 In 14Y, **TL** on TK going downhill to **leave** NDW (ie **DO NOT** go thru 2nd KG). In 400Y, **TL** to pass dilapidated brickwork (old lime kiln) on your L. In 300Y, **TR** to cont downhill. 100Y after **passing** over railway, **BL** off main TK into wood. In 20Y, **TL** on narrow FP.

08.2M 101480 **Keep** to this FP for 500Y as it bends R, joining TK from R at dark green arrow and gradually gets nearer to the wood edge on your L.. At X-TK, **TL** in direction of dark green arrow. In 200Y, 10Y before W/M post (with 4 facing arrows), **FR**. In 350Y, **FR**. In 60Y, **thru** barrier into car park.

CHECKPOINT 1 – ABINGER ROUGHS CAR PARK - OPEN 09.30 to 12.00

08.8M 110480 From the point you hopefully entered the car park, immed **TR** thru fence gap to **pass** dark green arrow (1) on your L. **Follow** dark green arrow W/Ms for 1200Y ignoring all FPs on your R. Just after green arrow (with 4 on it) **emerge** to **go along** L edge of open area. 20Y after next dark green arrow, just before sandy TK, **FL** to leave the dark green arrow trail. In 80Y, **thru** gate & across field gradually **easing** away from then back to fence on your R. **Thru** gate & **between** hedges to RD.

09.9M 100473 **Cross** busy A25 WITH CARE & **along** drive to **pass** TROUT ELITE notice. **Pass** between farm buildings. At T-Junc, **TL**. In 10Y **TR** up TK (FiPo:BW). In 650Y (as BW levels out) **pass** FP on your R. 150Y later, **BR** to **cont** on BW between hedge on your L & fence on your R. At fence corner, **keep ahd** on sunken BW. **Join** drive from your R. **TR** along RD. **Ignore** L turn opposite THE VOLUNTEER PH. At T-junc, **TR** along RD WITH CARE to **pass** THE OLD FORGE.

11.0M 104458 In 60Y, **TL** up steps & **uphill** on FP between fences. **TL** along lane for 30Y then **TR** thru barrier with fence on your R. **TL** along tarmac. In 300Y **ignore** tarmac R turn but 15Y later, **TR** on encl FP. **Keep ahd** on tarmac (ALMA COTTAGE on your L). In 70Y, **pass** FOLLY COTTAGE & **ahd** on grass. **Over ST**, then **ahd** to descend & ascend thru valley. **Over ST** & **ahd** across field. **Over ST** & **along** FP to **join** TIMBERS RIDGE drive from your R.

12.0M 091453 At T-junc, **TL**. In 35Y, **TR** to **stay** on tarmac & **pass** FIELD HOUSE on your L (ie, ignore FP on your R after 15Y). 20Y after post box, **keep ahd** to **pass** AUTUMN COTTAGE on you R. In 90Y, **thru** barrier (by gate). In 20Y, **FR** (fence on your R). In 40Y, **TL** on tarmac.

12.3M 090449 In 150Y, **pass** SOUTHCOTS on your R then **BR** to **cont** on tarmac. In 100Y, **FL**. In 90Y, **ahd** over gravelled drive then **thru** gap (**passing** gate on your R). In 60Y, **TR** to **go thru** barrier & **along** FP between fences then **along** tarmac. At T-junc, **ahd thru** barrier then steeply downhill to RD on which **TR**. **Ahd** over X-RDs to **pass** HURTWOOD INN on your R.

12.7M 085447 Immed **TL** to **pass** church notice board then church both on your R. Immed after **passing** the church building, as the tarmac swings R, **ignore** the 1st grassy TK on your L but 16Y later, **BL** off tarmac (FiPo:FP). In 250Y, **thru** barrier to **pass** cemetery on your R.

12.9M 085444 In 600Y, **join** TK coming uphill from the R. In 130Y, at cairn (pile of stones) **FR** to **pass** open area on your L. In 160Y, **over** X-TK (1). In 700Y, **over** X-TK (2). In 50Y, **ignore** TK on your R. In 260Y, at X-TK (3), **TR**.

14.0M 084427 In 40Y, **over** minor X-TK (4). In 220Y, **over** X-TK (5) in shallow dip. In 120Y, at X-

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TK (6), **TL**. In 230Y, **join** TK from your L. In 50Y, at trig point **TL** across summit plateau. **Descend** on TK thru bracken/brambles etc for 20Y.

The PITCH HILL information board and toposcope dedicated to the memory of ALAN BLATCHFORD and CHRIS STEER is a 30 yards detour (each way) if you turn right here.

The route now follows GW for 2¹/₄ miles

14.4M 082423 **TL** (or from toposcope **keep ahd**) to **follow** FP around edge of hilltop. **Join** TK from your L & 20Y later **FR**. In 40Y, **pass** metal seat on your R. In 60Y, at W/M post with faded W/Ms, **BR** downhill. In 200Y, **TL** on tarmac drive. **Pass** house on your L & **ahd** thru barrier. In 170Y, **ignore** 1st barrier on your R but 150Y later, **FR** off main TK **thru** barrier (1 cross piece broken) downhill.

14.9M 086429 FP winds thru trees then goes down steps. **TL** on TK. In 6Y **TR** down more steps. **Thru** KG. In 30Y, **BL** to follow fence on your R for 10Y. **DO NOT** follow fence when it bends R but **keep ahd** for further 12Y **then** **TR** with FP. **Join** drive from main school building on your R to **pass** football/rugby pitch on your R & **exit** DUKE OF KENT SCHOOL.

15.1M 089429 **Cross** RD diagonally L & **along** fenced FP. **Kink** L & R after 450Y & 350Y later, **join** TK coming from gate marked PRIVATE on your L. In 70Y, **TL**. In 220Y **FR**

The W/M shows GW ahead but route continues on GW permissive FP for nearly a further 1 mile

Cross RD & **ahd** into car park.

CHECKPOINT 2 – HOLMBURY HILL CAR PARK - OPEN 11.30 to 15.00

15.8M 098431 From the car park entrance, **go** along the R edge & **TR** thru low concrete round pillars. **Keep ahd** mainly gradually uphill over all X-TKs then **joining** several TKs from your L to summit plateau. **Pass** HOLMBURY HILL FORT information board on your L.

16.2M 103429 10Y later, 20Y before HOLMBURY HILL VIEWPOINT information board, **TL** to **pass** W/M post which has lost the W/Ms. **Follow** this undulating winding FP basically going round the top edge of the hillside for 750Y to **join** 2nd TK coming uphill from your R (there is a GW W/M at this point). 40Y later, **TR** (leaving the GW for the time being) on narrow grassy FP which soon goes steeply downhill more or less following powerlines.

16.8M 108433 **Cross** RD, **ahd** down steps, **over** ST & **along** FP enclosed then **along** L edge of fields. **TL** along busy RD WITH CARE. In 120Y, **TR** along UPFOLDS FARM drive. In 250Y **pass** house on your L then **TL** on BW between farm buildings.

17.4M 116431 **BR** & **keep** to fence and fields on your R for 550Y. **BL** & **BR** over footbridge to **cont** gently uphill for 700Y. **Ahd** over THE COACH HOUSE drive then **FL** to **cont** uphill. In 40Y **swing** L (i.e ignore FP ahead). **Cont ascending**, ignoring TKs on your L for 400Y (during which you join GW again briefly).

18.4M 130431 **TR** along RD for 10Y then **TL** thru low posts (FiPo:to the tower). **Keep ahd** on wide TK (or the alternative parallel FPs where available). 10Y before LEITH HILL TOWER, **TsharpL** to cont between low fences (leaving GW).

The next 2 paragraphs (3¹/₄ miles) is basically keeping ahd in a northerly direction to the A25 (ignore all Tks L & R)

19.0M 139431 20Y after low fences end, **ignore** FPs on your R. In 80Y, **FR**. In 100Y **FR** again. In 20Y **ignore** R fork. In 800Y **join** TK from your L. In 400Y **FR** (**ignoring** TK on your R to barrier). In

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550Y **TR** on drive & immed **TL** to resume direction. In 130Y **FL** off drive. In 650Y, ahd thru barrier & along tarmac with houses on your L.

20.6M 134454 In 350Y (during which once you again briefly join GW), just after SARIAH ARABIAN HOMESTEAD, **FR** off tarmac to pass THE GARDEN COTTAGE sign. **Pass** the cottage itself & 250Y later, **BL** (ignore ST on your R) as TK deteriorates. In 1100Y, **thru** 2 brick pillars then **BR** & **BL** along BW (leaving GW for the last time) to **cont** parallel with RD on your L. In 250Y, cross drive & **BR** on BY. In 400Y, **reach** main RD.

22.3M 127478 **Cross** busy A25 WITH CARE. **Ahd** over ST & **between** fences. **Over** ST to **go** more steeply downhill **passing** misshapen beech tree on your L & jutting fence corner on your R. **Keep** gorse on your R to **pick up** FP thru trees & **pass** pond on your L. FP passes a redundant ST to join a grassy FP from your L. **Over** next ST to **pass** VALE FARM COTTAGE on your L. In 450Y, **TL** on 2nd unmade drive.

22.8M 130485 In 500Y **pass** COOMB FARM & 200Y later (just before THE EMPTY BOX COMPANY) **TR**. **Follow** main TK to go **under** railway then with fence on your L. **Thru** small gate (by locked wide gate) & **TR** on TK. TK goes thru gateway (gate open) then double gate (use the small gate). 250Y later (at X-TK & just after FORESTRY COMMISSION sign) **TL**

23.8M 131496 In 40Y **FR**. **Follow** orange arrows thru trees. **Thru** gate & **cont** gradually uphill on open hillside for 550Y. At KG, **DO NOT** follow orange arrow (6) into wood but **BR** to **cont** on open hillside with fence & wood on your L. **Ignore** 1st KG (into wood) on your L. 70Y after wood ends, **follow** FP as it bends L thru gate into STEER'S FIELD. **Cross** field on wide grassy TK going steeply uphill at first to **leave** field via KG.

CHECKPOINT 3 – STEER'S FIELD (Denbies Hillside) CAR PARK - OPEN 11.15 to 17.00

24.6M 141503 From the KG you entered the car park, **TL**. In 20Y **TR** to **cross** RD (via 2 footbridges). **TL** along grass verge. **Ahd** over 2 gravel X-TKs to **pass** cottages on your R & immed **TR** on 3rd Gravel X-TK. **Thru** barrier on TK with hedge on your R for 30Y then **FL**. In 1300Y **pass** the ALAN BLATCHFORD memorial seat on your L.

25.6M 140515 **Ahd** on TK past TANNERS HATCH YOUTH HOSTEL. In 550Y (when TK bends L at W/M post with blue arrows faded to white) **TR** thru gate & **across** field. At W/M post, **FL** & **thru** wider gate to **pass** open barn on your R. **Thru** another gate & **TL** to **pass** house on your L.

26.2M 148520 **TL** along RD for 6Y then **TR** thru gate. **Across** field at its narrowest part to **leave** thru gate ahd. **Cont** on BW with fence on your R at first. **BR** then **BL** over X-TK to **cont** uphill. In 140Y **ignore** 1st W/M post but 20Y later (at X-TK with ST 10Y on your L) **TR** (FiPo:FP). **Follow** winding FP for 800Y.

26.9M 154525 **Pass** CRABTREE COTTAGES & **ahd** on tarmac. In 400Y, **TL** thru car park. **Thru** 3 low posts as you **pass** information board on your R. In 500Y, **join** tarmac drive from your R. In 650Y **cont** with fence on your R. **Keep** to this fence for further 750Y (**passing** main entrance to NORBURY PARK HOUSE after 580Y). When fence bears away, **keep ahd** downhill on tarmac drive. **Ignore** BW on your L after 20Y but 100Y later, **TL** thru barrier on descending FP. In 400Y, **under** railway bridge.

28.6M 164543 In 80Y, **thru** KG & **TL** on TK (FiPo: LEATHERHEAD). In 250Y **thru** KG. **Ascend** on enclosed TK then **BR**. **Keep** to river on your R for 800Y going **thru** KG, **under** bridge & **thru** another KG. **Follow** FP as it gradually eases away from river along R edge of field. **Thru** a metal KG, **over** TK & **along** tarmac FP.

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29.5M 163557 **Keep ahd** along pavement of RD coming from your L. **Cross** main RD (using lighted crossing just under railway arch on your L if necessary). **TR** along pavement with railway up on your L. At traffic lights, **cross** RD via triangular island. **TR** along pavement & **TL** into car park.

FINISH - LEATHERHEAD

30.1 Miles

GR 163566

Registration marshal will be at the finish from 12.00 to 19.00 approx. If you arrive earlier, please note time on card (24 hour clock) and place in metal tool box chained to the post of pay machine. If you arrive later, please text/phone 07929 274169 or 01483 487705 to register your finishing time.