

WINTER TANNERS route description

10th January 1982

Abbreviations: L=Left, R=Right, T+Turn, B=Bear, F=Fork, RD=Road, TK=Track, FP=Footpath, BP=Bridlepath, Cont=Continue, Thru=Through, Str=Straight, Y=Yards, M=Miles, &=and, GR=Grid reference, Junc=Junction, MDW=North Downs Way.

Go up RD to pass Leisure Centre on R and cont on FP to end. TR on TK, over railway & uphill to junc where TL & follow to bypass. TR along grass verge, cross when safe & cont uphill. Just before roundabout TL on TK. FR on TK after 200Y. Cross TK keeping str ahead along R edge of field. At far side FR (ahead) along FP between fences. Cross TK & go ahead between hedges to RD.

Go up RD ahead (to polesden Lacey), Pass turning to house on L & 10Y after drive bears R (to Goldstone Farm) FR along BP with hedge on R. TL on TK thru tree belt & follow, ignoring all turnings to Pigden Cottage on R after 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ M. 30Y after next cottages, TR to RD. Cross RD to go ahead on FP to L of TK. Over cross path then TL along grassy TK. Ignore all turnings off to L & finally BR up to RD. GR 122500.

TR for 200Y then, where RD swings R, BL along TK & keep ahead to RD. Cross to go along TK opposite. Pass broad TK off to R & 150Y later TR, at first alongside field on R, to pass house on L. When drive turns R, cont ahead on TK. BR at clearing. Pass under old estate bridge with house on R. Descend to go under 2nd bridge to end of RD at Honeysuckle Bottom. GR 095502.

TL by gate to go along valley bottom on TK. 40Y after fire sign FR along TK. 170Y after joining TK coming in from L, FL & keep ahead to go over diagonal cross TK, passing water tank on L. (signed BP to Shere). Over cross TK (NDW) & keep ahead to go steeply down hill. Pass pillbox on L & cont ahead when main TK swings L. Under Shere bypass and cont to car park. SOUP STOP 9AM GR 074480 Open 9.45 to 12.

From car park TR on RD for $\frac{1}{2}$ M. TL down Chantry Lane. After 200Y TR up narrow FP opposite brick shed on L. Thru kissing gate, ahead over field, thru kissing gate & along FP. Ignore R fork & cont downhill to stile. Cross field aiming to R of church. Cross stile, RD & stile opposite to go along R edge of field. Cross stile & go along wood edge. Cross quarry TK & cont ahead on FP thru Weston Woods, later merging with TK. Go over stile by gate, pass "Timbercroft" on L & cont ahead on TK. Pass houses on L & TL along TK for 20Y then TR up FP. Go thru gate & along L edge of field, thru gate at field corner & TR on TK. TL up TK after 100Y & follow to RD. GR 035485.

Cross RD & BL along BP. TR after 40Y, pass barrier & follow main sandy TK uphill to St Marthas church. TL round church to south gate. TL downhill, cross TK and cont steeply down narrow FP. At end TL along TK which later becomes metalled & swings R to RD. Cross A248 WITH CARE to go up TK opposite. Cross railway & cont ahead on BP to R of private drive. Pass white house on R cross TK & cont str ahead (parallel to houses on L). Ignore L fork, cross TK & go ahead on metalled lane. TR 25Y then TL on TK thru pines to reach very wide sandy TK. TL along this for $\frac{1}{2}$ M then TR on cross TK by grassy triangle with solitary silver birch on R. (50Y before narrowing TK forks to L & R). Go over cross TK and cont ahead ignoring all turnings off to pass white cottage on L after $\frac{1}{2}$ M. Cont ahead (ignoring parallel path on R) to reach Hurtwood control car park No 8. GR 052449.

Cross RD to go along TK starting from R side of open area opposite. Ignore paths off to L then TL on sandy cross TK. Pass Mayor House Farm complex & $\frac{1}{2}$ M later go over TK thru gate & immediately TR on FP along field edge. Cross remains of stile & cont ahead along wide ride, parallel to sunken TK on R. At end where ride turns L, cross stile &

immediately TL on TK & follow to road. Cross going slightly L to go up metalled TK (private RD to Winterfold). Pass to L of Winterfold Cottage & TL up narrow path after 50Y. Cross broad TK & go ahead up narrow FP by posts. Descend to TK. TR along TK to pass Wickets Well on L. GR066432.

TL up TK which later bears R at hilltop. Go over cross TK & when main TK swings R, keep ahead down the dip & up the other side. When TK again swings R, go str ahead downhill on small FP, over TK & up the other side. Descend, cross TK & go up the other side. Cross RD & go along TK opposite. Cross 2nd RD & go downhill on path opposite. Cross TK & go ahead uphill on FP. Cross another TK & cont uphill to merge with TK at top. Go over 2 cross TKs & keep ahead steeply downhill on small FP which veers L to merge with sunken TK. Pass Gasson Farm & BL to RD. GR 089439

Cross & scramble up bank opposite. TL on FP Parallel with RD. TR up TK after 150Y & follow over TK, minor RD, another cross TK & $\frac{1}{2}$ M later keep ahead over grass passing houses on L to join metalled lane. Where this lane turns L, go between trees 20Y to R of Colmans hill sign & go uphill on small FP between holly bushes. TL at top & ignore L forks to meet & cont ahead along lane. TL at T Junc. Meet & cont ahead along RD (using pavements). TR at T junc. Where pavement ends, cross RD WITH CARE to cont along pavement. Where this ends recross to go up Red lane opposite. TL after 90Y & follow BP for $\frac{1}{2}$ M. At end TR on TK to reach A25. TR along pavement for 350Y. TR along B2126. Over bridge to car park on L. Tea stop 21M GR 097473 Open 12 to 3.

Retrace steps to A25. TL for 120Y then TR on lane between Abinger Arms PH & Abinger Hammer clock. Pass Hackhurst Farm after $\frac{1}{2}$ M & keep ahead to cross railway WITH CARE. Follow BP, over stile & diagonally R uphill. Pass Blatchford Down sign and cont up sunken TK. TR on grassy cross TK (NDW) FR by brick pillbox on L & later BR to reach RD by pillbox. TL up RD for 120Y then TR up bank (NDW sign). TL along FP parallel to but some distance from fence on R. In 1000Y, just after FP bears L into scrub, TR on narrow cross path. At T junc TL uphill. Enter wood & go along causewayed TK. FR & follow acorn & yellow paint marks ahead for $\frac{1}{2}$ M going over 2 cross TKs alongside open area on R & thru woods. 20Y before wood end, TL & follow yellow paint marks to Rammore Common RD. Cross to take TK alongside tile-hung cottages on R. FL on TK after 40Y, still following marks to Tanners Hatch Youth Hostel. GR 140515.

Cont along TK for 300Y then, where TK bends L, TR thru gate & across field. Pass to R of buildings then TL on TK & pass Bagden Farm to RD. Cross to go uphill on FP. Take 2nd TK to R near top of hill. Pass Crabtree cottages on R & cont ahead. In 400Y (just before picnic table on R), TL to go along FP parallel with wood edge. Later join drive coming in from R. In 1100Y BR at TK junc. Cont downhill for 400Y then look carefully for & TL down FP. Pass under railway & TL on TK by Lilac Cottage. In 300Y at top of rise, BR keeping river on R. Cont on FP, mainly by river to go under RD bridge. Cross stile to go over drive ahead. Pass to R of Leatherhead Leisure Centre, join RD coming in from L. TR on RD to main gates of Leatherhead Football Club.

FINISH 30M GR 163560

W E L L D O N E

Roy Barnsley will be checking in at the finish but he is also doing the walk. If you arrive before him please enter the time you finish and time taken on the checkcard and post it through the window of a light blue Vauxhall Viva GYR 580J into the box provided.

Checking in will continue until 6.p.m. If you wish to be included in the results and you finish after this, please phone John Westcott - Chobham 6672 with the details.