

WINTER TANNERS - 15th January 1995

ROUTE DESCRIPTION (JRW 20/12/94)

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

0.0M Leave car park by pedestrian exit (opposite end from car entrance) in LH corner & TL along FP (railway on R). At end of FP keep ahead to go along RD opposite (still with railway on R). At roundabout cross main RD and along RD to LEISURE CENTRE (i.e. do not go under railway bridge). When RD bends R, keep ahead on grass to pass LEISURE CENTRE. Go thru small gate ahead & TR on drive. Follow over railway to BL over TK & across field. TR thru gate & uphill to junc where TL. Ahead to cross RD WITH GREAT CARE & down drive opposite. GR 156550 BOCKETTS FARM

1.4M In 60Y TR up BW. At top, TL on gravel crossing TK. In 20Y keep ahead across farm RD & 200Y later FR. Keep ahead for just under 1M ignoring all X-TKs to RD. GR 141533 BOOKHAM ROAD

3.1M Go along RD ahead (to Polesden Lacey). In 700Y, when RD bends L to house, keep ahead. In 200Y pass turning to GOLDSTONE FARM & 20Y later FR along BW. BL thru trees then keep ahead for just over 2M to RD. GR 125501 RANMORE COMMON ROAD

5.5M Cross RD WITH CARE & along FP opposite. TR on wide gravelled TK & immediately follow it as it bends L. Keep ahead over all X-TKs to go steeply downhill. At bottom TR on crossing TK. Follow TK (ahead) for just over 1M altogether going thru 5 gates, round a L hairpin bend, thru another gate, down L side of field, over railway and thru another field. 8Y after PARK FARM HOUSE drive, TR to go between barns then follow TK between wood & field. At RD TL. In 10Y BR on FP & in further 30Y (at gate) TR. Follow TK ahead for 200Y then (at WILBERFORCE CROSS monument) TL uphill. Keep ahead over brow to go thru barrier into car park. GR 109478 ABINGER ROUGHS

Checkpoint 1 - Open 09.30 to 11.30

8.3M TR to leave car park thru barrier. Keep ahead for 500Y then (at green arrowed post) TL on crossing TK. Follow this TK (mainly uphill) for 600Y then at far side of clearing BL (in direction of white arrow). In 70Y go thru gate then across field. Thru another gate & down enclosed FP. GR 101473 A25

9.1M Cross busy A25 WITH GREAT CARE & along drive opposite. Go between farm buildings then at cottages TL. In 15Y TR on BW. Follow TK between hedges then between fence & hedge. On reaching open field TL along L edge. In 30Y TR to keep along L edge of field then at next corner (just before buildings) BL with FP. Join drive from R. At RD TR. Keep ahead at VOLUNTEER PH then at next T-junct TR. GR 105459 SUTTON

10.1M Walk along RD WITH GREAT CARE for 60Y then TL (CARE AS YOU CROSS RD) up steps & uphill on FP. At RD TL. In 30Y TR to go along R edge of field. At next RD TL. In 350Y ignore RD on R (opposite notice board) but 20Y later TR on enclosed FP. Keep ahead on tarmac then follow FP ahead to go over stile, along R edge of first field, across second field, along FP by hedge & along drive. At junction (by BARNFIELD) TL. In 35Y TR. Keep on unmade RD for 250Y then 25Y after passing post box, keep ahead.

In further 100Y (at RYDINGS) keep ahead thru barrier & 20Y later FR on FP. At tarmac TL. When RD comes in from R keep ahead to go past barrier & along TK. GR 090450 PEASLAKE

11.5M In 250Y FR. Keep ahead for 550Y then TR at T-junct. In 100Y (at X-TK) TL. In 50Y FR then ahead over X-TK. Cross RD & along BW opposite. In 15Y TL & 10Y later FR downhill. 10Y before RD, BL to go parallel with RD for 160Y then TR to descend & cross RD. Go along GASSON FARM drive & TR at T-junct. 20Y before drive bends L into garden, FR between posts (lying down). Follow FP uphill in gully for 150Y then FR on the less distinct steeper FP to R of & gradually leaving gully. This FP in turn goes into a gully near top then emerges onto a wide crossing TK which cross & keep ahead on wide TK opposite. In 200Y (at X-TK) TL. Keep ahead (gradually ascending) over all X-TKs for just under 1M. Pass metal seat (on L) & 50Y later join TK from R. In further 20Y, FL to cont round edge of hillside. At next X-TK keep ahead for further 25Y. GR 083423 PITCH HILL

PLEASE NOTE THE BRONZE MEMORIAL PLAQUE TO ALAN BLATCHFORD AND CHRIS STEER ON THE TOPOSCOPE WHICH WAS UNVEILED ON 9th OCTOBER 1994. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF YOU WOULD LINGER HERE FOR A FEW MOMENTS AS A TOKEN OF RESPECT TO ALAN AND CHRIS.

13.4M Retrace steps for 25Y then TL to pass trig. Keep ahead on FP downhill then TL thru car park entrance. Cross RD & up FP opposite. At WINDMILL FL to keep close to gardens then when drive bends L, keep ahead to go across 2 more drives to RD. GR 075425 CRANLEIGH ROAD

14.0M Cross RD & along RD opposite for 25Y then TR on BW (finger post). Keep ahead for 1000Y passing thru a single gate then just before double gate TL on crossing BW. In just under 1M TR on drive & 200Y later BR on BW. In 300Y join RD from L. Keep ahead for just over 1M altogether on RD then TK then RD. When RD bends R, TL to go over railway level crossing - LOOK OUT TRAINS. Follow FP other side of railway for 20Y then TR. Keep ahead (FL) at multi junct then follow FP as it bends L to cross RD & along BW opposite. In 300Y join sunken BW from L & 70Y later FL. Just before river, TR thru gate. Keep ahead on FP, drive then RD to village centre. TL to go along MIDDLE STREET. At T-junction TR then in 50Y TL to rec. At end of buildings TL then up steps. GR 074479 THERE

Checkpoint 2 - Open 11.30 to 14.30

18.0M Leave checkpoint down steps & TL. Go thru car park & gate then TR up sunken BW. Go under A25 & 250Y later FR. Cont uphill on main TK then 80Y after it levels out, keep ahead over X-TK to descend on gravelled TK. In 90Y, ignore L fork & 600Y later (just before concrete water tank) Tsharp. (still on gravelled TK). At gate keep ahead thru small parking area then along driveway to join RD from R. GR 077496 COMBE LANE

19.4M Along RD WITH CARE for 25Y then BR on gravelled TK. Just before TK rejoins RD, TR on BW. Follow BW thru fields then in 1000Y (at 3 gates) TL. At tarmac, cont ahead then just after last house on L, FL to cont on BW. At concrete, TR in front of fence & follow concrete drive to RD where TR. GR 083509 PEBBLEHILL FARM

20.5M In 130Y TL on drive to CHALK HILL. Go between barns/stables then at concrete X-TK, TL. In 80Y cont to follow drive but keep to fence on R. At fence corner, TR to follow fence

on R. At gate BL with BW on to open common. In 150Y (at white banded post) TsharpR. In 300Y (at another white banded post) TR. Follow BW to RD which cross & along BW opposite. Follow TK as it ascends & descends. GR 094502 HONEYSUCKLE BOTTOM

22.2M Keep ahead over RD & up TK opposite. Go under 2 bridges. Keep ahead at cottage then 1/2M later TL at X-TK. Keep ahead (fields on L) over 1st RD then 50Y before 2nd RD, FR. In 200Y over X-TK then 300Y later (at ladder) TL. In 350Y enter main wood then in further 12Y TR. In 40Y (at FORRESTRY COMMISSION sign) TL. Keep ahead for 1400Y then TL on crossing TK. Cross RD WITH CARE then immediately TR to go along grass verge beside RD. In 200Y cross drive & 40Y later (in dip), TL on BW. Keep ahead on BW for just under 1M then keep following BW as it bends R then bends L (i.e. ignore FP on R) & ahead to Alan Blatchford Memorial seat at GR140515 TANNERS HATCH YH

CHECKPOINT 3 - Open 12.30 to 15.30.

25.7M Cont on TK for 500Y. TR at blue arrowed post in dip, on TK across field. Pass to R of buildings, then TL on TK to pass BAGDEN FARM. Cross RD to go up FP beside fence passing thru 2 gates then thru trees. BR then BL over first X-TK to cont uphill. At next X-TK TR. In 800Y pass CRABTREE COTTAGES & cont ahead for 400Y. GR 158524 CRABTREE LANE

27.3M 30Y after fields end, TL thru car park & ahead on BW. In 500Y join drive from R. Follow drive for 1000Y to pass sawmill then bend R & L to pass gate to Norbury House. When fence on R ends (at seat) cont on drive to go more steeply downhill for 140Y then TL thru barrier on FP going very steeply downhill at first. Pass under railway & TL on TK (by cottage). In 300Y (at top of rise) BR to keep river on R. Cont on FP (mainly by river) to go under RD bridge. FP ends between walls then over TK to pass Leisure Centre (on L). Join RD from L. Keep ahead to main RD which cross WITH CARE & TR along pavement (keeping railway on L). At traffic lights keep ahead on FP (still with railway on L) then just before next RD TR into car park. GR 164567 LEATHERHEAD

F I N I S H

NO DRINKS AT FINISH

Registration at the finish will continue until 6.p.m. If you arrive after this time having completed the whole of the route and wish to be included in the results please ring 0483 303020 between 7 and 9.p.m stating your name, number and time you finished. If you leave it to the following day it will be too late.