

WINTER TANNERS - 14th January 1996

ROUTE DESCRIPTION (JRW 28/12/95)

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 & TL along FP (railway on R). Keep ahead to go along RD (still with railway on R). At roundabout TL along RD to LEISURE CENTRE. When RD bends R, keep ahead on grass, thru small gate ahead & TR on drive. Follow over railway to BL over X-TK & across field. TR thru gate & uphill to junc where TL. Cross RD WITH GREAT CARE & down drive opposite.
GR 156550 BOCKETS FARM.
- 1.4M When drive bears L (into farmyard) keep ahead on TK. In 1100Y go R then L with TK to pass brick barn & 40Y later TL at X-TK. In 700Y keep ahead on BW across grass between bifurcating TK. Follow BW thru wood ignoring 2 TKs on R leading to fields. TR along tarmac drive. In 550Y BR between BW & cycle posts to leave drive. Keep ahead on BW then thru car park. TR along RD. In 250Y TL over stile, WL across field & over another stile. Along FP, thru barrier & downhill along L edge of field to RD. GR 159519 CHAPEL LANE.
- 3.8M TL along RD for 100Y then TR up BW. In 500Y (at ASHCOME) FL. In 200Y ahead over NDW & along enclosed FP. Ahead over X-TK to pass pylon. Join TK from L & Thru gate. At top of rise keep ahead to keep fence on R then along RD to A25. GR 162500 DORKING.
- 5.2M TR along pavement. In 200Y (at T-junc) keep ahead to cross RD then TR. In 25Y BL on FP with chain link fence on L. In 200Y (20Y after strand fence on L begins) TL between posts. In 70Y FR. TL along wide TK. In 1200Y (30Y after re-entering trees) BL on slanting X-TK. Follow TK downhill & across railway WITH CARE. Keep ahead on wide TK for 1000Y then TR (to avoid building works) & immediately TL to resume direction. After lake (on R) TR on tarmac drive to RD. Cross A25 WITH CARE then TL along BW gradually leaving RD. In 300Y cross tarmac & ahead for further 90Y then TL thru wooden posts into car park. GR 155487 MILTON HEATH.
- CHECKPOINT 1 Open 09.15 to 10.15
- 7.3M Leave car park the way you came. TR to retrace steps for 90Y then TL. Keep to tarmac for 400Y then keep ahead (R of covered gate) for further 25Y then BL (by house) down FP. Join RD from R & when RD ends keep ahead thru gate. In 100Y TR across footbridge & along FP. In 450Y TR over stile & footbridge then WL across field & over stile to R of wood. Keep to L edge of field, over stile & along FP to RD. GR 144473 LOGMORE LANE.
- 8.6M TL & in 10Y TR. Keep to wide TK until it swings R into Logmore Farm then keep ahead on BW for 500Y. TL on wide TK & in 150Y TR over stile on FP (with fence on R). TL on wide TK & cont ahead for 1100Y to RD. GR 135457 BROADMOOR.
- 10.1M Along RD for 10Y then FL on BW. Keep ahead on main drive for 500Y to pass THE HENMAN BASE CAMP then 400Y later FL. Keep ahead for 1400Y then BL thru earth bank & immediately FR. In 650Y pass cricket ground then TL on X-TK (cricket ground still on L at first). Keep ahead on descending TK to RD. GR 151441 COLDHARBOUR.

11.9M TR along RD. In 20Y TL on FP between hedges then along L edge of field. Over stile & thru plantation. TL on tarmac TK. In 200Y (20Y after tarmac ends) go over stile then VERY slightly R across field & over stile in RH corner. Cross next field in same direction for 450Y gradually easing over to the R side of the field then over stile in far corner. Along TK to RD. TR. In 150Y TR along drive GR 161430 BEAREHURST.

12.8M Pass house (on L) & thru gate. In 50Y ignore stile on R but 80Y later TR along FP & over stile. Ahead along R edge of 2 fields. Cont along R edge of 3rd field for 80Y then (at trees in field) TL downhill across field. Over 2 stiles & TK. Keep ahead across next field & over stile (10Y to R of gap in fence). In next field keep ahead to gradually get nearer to wood on L then BL to keep near wood. Thru gate & ahead over next field to go thru gate (just R of powerline pole with junction box). Ahead between houses & outbuildings. GR 154418 BUCKINGHILL FARM.

13.9M At tarmac (after 3rd gate) TR along TK then ahead along R edge of field. At corner (by gate) TL (with fence on R). AT RD TR. In 20Y TL along drive & ahead over grass & stile. cross field & over stile in LH corner. Thru wood, over stile & TR along R edge of field. Enter wood & in 100Y TR to stay in wood. In 300Y TL along TK. Over stile then across field slightly L & over stile by brick barn. Ahead along TK & 10Y after going under treble power lines BL across grass & over bridge & stile. TR. Keep to R of & roughly parallel to power lines across 2 fields. When power lines end keep ahead to stile. TR along RD. In 200Y TR over bridge. (NOTE: route follows orange arrowed trail to Leith Hill summit). Follow FP thru wood. TR on wide TK then immediately FL to follow wide TK uphill. TL along RD. In 40Y TR into car park. GR140430 WINDY GAP.

CHECKPOINT 2 - Open 11.00 to 14.00.

16.1M Thru car park & up stepped FP to LEITH HILL SUMMIT. At notice board TR then 15Y before tower, TsharpL. In 130Y FR & in further 120Y FL. In 650Y (at heather triangle) TR. In 700Y FL & ahead to RD where TR. In 250Y TL on FP between fences. Emerge into field & TR along R edge. In 100Y TL to cont along R edge of field. Follow FP R into trees & 50Y later TL on FP downhill. Cont ahead on tarmac then RD. TR at post box & in 5Y TL on FP. In 350Y FR & 20Y later TR on X-TK. At RD TL & in 35Y BR on BW. GR125452 ABINGER BOTTOM.

18.0M In 250Y keep ahead over X-TK & in further 200Y FR. Cross RD & along R edge of green then cross 2nd RD & along FP opposite. In 200Y (15Y after fence corner) TR. Ignore R fork at next fence corner & keep ahead for further 450Y then 10Y after TK (now narrow) turns L under power lines, TR. Follow FP thru trees to go over stile & across field. Over another stile, cross RD & ahead over green with churchyard wall on L. GR115459 ABINGER COMMON.

19.1M TL thru kissing gate (by lychgate) to go thru churchyard. Leave churchyard by gate opposite & along FP. Over stile, across open field & between fences then hedges. Follow TK R to go between farm buildings then, just before house with blue doors & yellow jambs, TL thru broken gate. TR along RD. In 20Y TL along FP. Follow FP across 2 fields. Thru gate & along R edge of next field for 30Y then TR to keep fence on R. Follow BW as it descends & widens. At brick barn (ahead) TL & in 15Y TR to go between barns. Follow drive to RD. GR101473 PADDINGTON FARM.

20.6M Cross busy A25 WITH GREAT CARE & ahead up BW opposite. Thru gate, along L edge of field, thru gate & along TK. At clearing BR & immediately FL. In further 25Y ignore next L fork to continue over L side of clearing then ahead on wide TK. Keep ahead on main TK (FL at green arrowed post) to RD where TL. GR 112482 WHITE DOWNS ROAD.

21.7M In 40Y TR on BW (not FP) with wood on R & fence on L. Keep with BW as it turns R then L to pass between farm buildings after WM. BL then R over X-TK to cont ahead on TK between fences. In 1000Y join drive from R. Follow drive (which becomes tarmac) for 600Y then when it bends R, keep ahead on FP. TL along RD. GR135487 BALCHINS LANE.

23.2M In 250Y TL over stile & along R edge of field. Over 2 more stiles & ahead up FP. On emerging from wood, keep ahead to field corner then ditch on R. Over bridge then TR thru trees to TK where TL. follow TK to cross railway WITH CARE. On entering trees FR at "Forestry Commision" sign, over X-TK & ahead uphill. In 40Y keep ahead between low posts (in direction of green arrow). Ignore small gate on R after 120Y. Keep ahead thru next gate then in further 15Y BR on FP gradually ascending along open hillside. In 650Y keep ahead over stile thru trees. Join TK from L (at acorn post) then in 15Y FL along TK to RD. BL over RD along TK to L of tile hung cottages. In 40Y FL & ahead to Alan Blatchford Memorial seat. GR140515 TANNERS HATCH YH.

CHECKPOINT 3 - Open 12.00 to 17.00.

25.4M Cont on TK for 500Y. TR at blue arrowed post in dip, across field. Pass to R of buildings then TL past BAGDEN FARM. Cross RD & up FP beside fence passing thru 2 gates then uphill thru trees. BR then L over first X-TK. TR at 2nd X-TK thru barrier. In 900Y (having gone thru 2 more barriers) pass CRABTREE COTTAGES & cont ahead for 400Y. GR158524 CRABTREE LANE.

26.7M 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 of NORBURY PARK. Pass seat & in further 140Y TL thru barrier on FP going downhill very steeply 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. 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. GR164557 LEATHERHEAD.

F I N I S H - 30 MILES

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 01483 303020 between 7 and 10 p.m stating your name, number and time you finished.