

WINTER TANNERS ROUTE DESCRIPTION - 11th January 1998

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

0.0M Leave car park by pedestrian exit at railway end & TL along FP. Cross RD at traffic lights & ahead along WATERWAY ROAD. Pass roundabout then cross main RD WITH CARE & along RD (SP:Leisure Centre). When RD bends R, keep ahead across grass to pass Leisure Centre on your R. Thru gate & TR (SP:Hawk's Hill). Follow TK over railway then over X-TK & ahead across field. Thru gate & TR on FP to junction at top where TL (SP:Young Street). Keep ahead to cross busy A246 WITH CARE & along drive (SP:Norbury Park). In 70Y TR on BW (car park then farm RD on your L). At top TL on rough tarmac. GR 151549.

1.7M In 15Y ahead over farm RD to pass car park on your R. In 200Y FR (waymarked "byway") then keep ahead on byway for 2100Y (1.2M). Cross RD & ahead along RD (SP:Polesden Lacey). In 600Y (where tarmac bends L) keep ahead for further 200Y to pass drive to GOLDSTONE FARM & 12Y later FR (i.e. ignore FL to HOME FARMHOUSE etc). Keep ahead on main TK for 3000Y (1.7M) then (400Y after PIGDEN COTTAGE) TR at fence corner to pass "no horses" sign up to RD. GR 124506.

5.2M Keep ahead along TK to pass cottage on your R. Cont ahead between fences, down hill & up drive. Cross RD & along FRIARS ELM drive. In 120Y ahead over stile & along R edge of field then over stile & descend in next field. TR along RD for 20Y then TL. Ascend on FP with fence on your R & over 2 stiles. TR thru copse, over stile & TL along L edge of field. Over stile, TR thru gate & along TK between hedges. In 100Y TL along R edge of field for 170Y then ahead over stile. Follow FP thru wood, over stile & ahead with garden on your R. TR on TK to pass THE OLD MALTHOUSE. Keep ahead when main TK bends R (to house) then 200Y later TL between wooden fences. In 160Y FR off main TK & 150Y later FL. Follow BW around field then between fields with fence on your R for 600Y. 7Y before building, TR to pass gate then between fences. In 250Y fence on R ends as BW descends between banks & 40Y later fence up on L ends. 10Y after this BL up bank off main TK (no visible FP but point to leave the TK is 35Y before "Forestry Commission - OLDLANDS" sign ahead). At top of bank you can see FP ahead thru trees and approx 15Y away from field on your L. Keep ahead for 600Y over X-TK and bridge then TR on firebreak. TK bends L for 500Y then BR thru gateway (no gate) & TR on TK downhill under bridge & ahead to RD. GR 095511.

7.7M TL along HONEYSUCKLE BOTTOM. In 1200Y (when RD ends) keep ahead thru gate. In 200Y FR to pass wood yard on your L. Ahead on main TK for 1300Y gradually ascending then at GRAVELHILL GATE (seat on L) TR along NDW (acorns but no marker in your direction at this point). Ignore TR after 12Y. Keep to semi-metalled TK for 1M then TL at X-TK (13Y before concrete water tank) to leave NDW. Descend on TK into SHERE. GR 073479.

10.4M TL along RD for 30Y then TR along MIDDLE STREET. In 120Y TR along LOWER STREET. Pass ORCHARD ROAD then when RD bends R to ford, TL along WILLOW WALK. Ahead up steps at end then TL on FP. Follow R then along tarmac. TR at "H - 4 34" marker. In 35Y BL to go on FP ahead. Thru barrier, over PILGRIMS CLOSE & along FP. Ahead on RD & along FP with RYDINGS to your L. Join TK from your

R & 20Y later FL on sunken BW, later between fields. Ahead thru 2 gates then cross RD diagonally R to go over green thru trees to car park. GR 071469.

~~CHECKPOINT 1 - SHERE HEATH - Open 09.30 to 12.45~~

11.2M Cont ahead to pass "topped" tree & thru bushes. TL at X-TK (ignore green TK sharp L) to descend to crossing TK where TL. Cross railway WITH CARE. TR to go along RD in front of houses then keep ahead for 2200Y (1.2M) on TK then lane. At LOCKHURST HATCH FARM, BR on lane for further 180Y then TL. In 20Y keep ahead over X-TK. In 400Y (at 2nd drive on your L) TR over stile & along FP. At RD TL & in 20Y TR on FP then ahead across field. Over stile (by metal gate) then TL (do not go over 2nd stile). Follow FP alternately enclosed & along R edge of fields for 400Y then over wide X-TK & ahead on FP with fence on your L. In 900Y go round stile & TR. In 10Y keep ahead to ascend on narrow FP which winds thru trees. TL on wide crossing TK. Cross RD & ahead on TK. In 300Y TR at X-TK to follow powerlines across RD. 12Y before 2nd powerline pole (from RD) TL on X-TK. In 100Y TL on X-TK & follow main TK to car park. GR 063427.

14.4M TL thru car exit, cross RD & along TK opposite. In 80Y FR & 20Y later FL to cont with wire fence then wooden fence then hedge on your L. Follow hedge when it bends L then 20Y later (by gas markers) TR thru posts. Ahead over X-TK & up FP. Over X-TK at top then descend. Just before fenced off well, TL to go thru barrier & follow FP as it bends R steeply uphill. At top, join TK from your R then keep ahead (following waymarked posts) for 1M up & down over all X-TKs & 2 RDs. After 2nd RD still keep ahead to descend, over X-TK in valley bottom & up other side going over a 2nd X-TK. Near top TL on TK. Keep ahead for 250Y over 2 X-TKs to descend on narrow FP. Bear slightly L as you go downhill then join drive from your R & FR at triangle to RD at GASSON FARM. GR 089439.

16.2M Cross RD & ascend on narrow FP opposite. In 15Y TR. Follow FP when it bears L uphill. At top TR on wide crossing TK. In 60Y TL (opposite 2 x "200 SV" markers) across rough ground. Cross RD & along FP opposite. Keep ahead for 1200Y over 2 X-TKs. Over 3rd X-TK then BR on TK just to L of tree "5BP". In 350Y ahead over X-TK & 90Y later FL to go L of triangle. TR on next crossing TK. In 200Y TL on X-TK (ignore sharp TL 10Y before). Pass cricket ground & keep to main TK down to RD where TL. In 40Y FL along RD (ignore drive to RINGWOOD COTTAGE). GR 111440.

17.9M Keep ahead on RD at KINGS HEAD. Join main RD coming from your R & 30Y later TR to cross RD & along BW. Pass FELDEMORE LODGE then when drive bends R (at shed) keep ahead on minor TK. In 700Y ahead over stile. Follow TK as it bends R (houses on L) & 100Y later goes parallel with powerlines on your L for 200Y then bends R again to leave powerlines. Keep ahead (ignore wide TK on R) until you come to powerlines again then FL under lines into trees. TL (ahead) on crossing FP to ascend to stile, cross field, down steps & cross RD WITH CARE. Ahead across L side of green & thru gap to car park. GR 115460.

~~CHECKPOINT 2 - ABINGER COMMON - Open 11.00 to 15.00~~

19.2M Leave car park the way you came then TR thru K-gate (by lych gate). Thru churchyard (church on your R) & ahead on FP. Over stile, across field then between fences then between hedges. TR with main TK to pass RAIKES FARMHOUSE & wooden barn on your L



then TL thru small gate. TR along RD for 20Y then TL on FP across 2 fields. Along R edge of next field for 25Y then TR to keep fence on your R. Follow TK which widens and descends. At buildings, TL & in 15Y TR on concrete drive to RD. GR 101473.

20.7M Cross busy A25 WITH GREAT CARE & up BW opposite. Ahead thru field. Leave field by gate ahead & 80Y later, join TK coming in from your L. Cross clearing on main TK (ignore both the TK along R edge of clearing and TK to your L by the seat). Ahead on wide TK for 500Y then FL with green arrow to cont on TK. At gate (just before RD) TL on narrow FP. GR 112482.

21.6 In 35Y cross RD diagonally ahead to go along BW opposite with fields on your L & trees on your R. BW goes between farm buildings & 30Y later TL on X-TK. Follow TK over railway & thru gate into trees. Keep with main TK as it bends L & then bends sharp R. In 35Y TK Bends R again & 40Y later FL to cont uphill. Near top join NDW (acorn markers) & then thru gate ahead. In 160Y FR off main TK then cont ahead on NDW for 2800Y (1.6M). 25Y before gate & field ahead, TL to leave NDW. In 12Y pass R of gate then between hedges. Cross RD then TL to go along verge for 50Y then cross drive & TR thru gate. Keep hedge on your R for 40Y then FL & keep ahead to ALAN BLATCHFORD MEMORIAL SEAT at GR 140515.

~~CHECKPOINT 3 - TANNERS HATCH YOUTH HOSTEL - Open 12.45 to 17.00~~

25.2M Ahead on TK past hostel. In 500Y (by blue arrowed post) TR thru gate & across field. Ahead thru small gate to pass barn (on your L) then TL to pass BAGDEN FARM. Cross RD diagonally L & up BW going thru 2 gates. BR then BL over X-TK to cont uphill. In 140Y ignore 1st waymark post but 20Y later (at X-TK) TR thru barrier. Follow FP for 800Y going thru 2 more barriers then at CRABTREE COTTAGES, TL (SP:Bookham & 20Y past seat). GR 154525.

26.5M In 1400Y (at grass triangle) FR & 35Y later (at fence corner) TR thru barrier. Ahead on FP for 600Y (ignore TKs to L) then BR to join TK coming from your L & thru barrier. Ahead over TK on FP & BL with powerlines across clearing. Pass seat on your R & 80Y later FL under powerlines to pass 2nd seat on your R. Ahead over chalky 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. Follow gravelled TK for 400Y then when it bends R (seat on your L) keep ahead on FP which soon descends steeply. Thru gate & TL to go along L edge of field. In 250Y 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. 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 to pass Leisure Centre on your L & 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 & along tarmac FP. Just before next RD TR into car park. GR 163567.

~~FINISH LEATHERHEAD OPEN 13.15 to 18.00~~

If you arrive at the finish after 18.00 having completed the whole of the route and wish to be included in the results, please ring 01276 65169 between 19.00 and 21.00.