

WINTER TANNERS ROUTE DESCRIPTION - 10th January 1999

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 MOLE BARN. Thru gate & TR (SP:Hawk's Hill). Follow TK over railway then over X-TK & BL 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). GR 156550

1.4M. In 90Y FR to pass car park (on your R). In 1100Y pass brick barn & 40Y later TL (SP:WESTHUMBLE). In 600Y, ahead on BW between bifurcating TKs across open space then thru wood (ignoring TKs on R - i.e. do not go thru barrier). TR to go along tarmac for 500Y then FR on gravelled TK between BW & cycling posts. In 600Y thru car park & TR on lane. In 25Y TL over stile then 1/2R across field. Over stile in fence at bottom of field, thru scrub, thru barrier then downhill along L edge of field. TL along RD for 130Y then TR on BW. In 500Y (when drive bends L), BR (ahead) on BW. Ignore stile after 25Y to keep ahead between fences at first then thru wood. At top, join TK from your L for 25Y then FR on BW. In 300Y FR again & 700Y later cross RD to cont on BW. On emerging from trees, TR on FP parallel to RD (with trees on your R). In 350Y (just after passing church) BR with TK into trees. Pass barrier (on your R) after 60Y & 200Y later BL across grass, RD & car park. GR 141504

5.3M. Thru gate & take middle (slightly R) of 3 grassy TKs. Ahead over X-TK steeply downhill then BR to go over stile in corner of field. TR along hillside with wood on your R. In 300Y (at seat) BL downhill on FP coming from wood. After 600Y thru gate into (but along edge of) wood still descending. Join TK from your R & 30Y later TR at X-TK. In 600Y (10Y before 3rd gate - ahead) TL thru small gate. Follow TK under railway & zigzag past buildings. Cont on drive to pass COMB FARM. At junc TR. Keep fence on your L for 400Y then 60Y later TL to go on FP R of VALE HOUSE. FP bends R to gently ascend thru valley. Over stile & TL along tarmac. Cross A25 WITH CARE & ahead thru WOTTON HATCH PH car park. Over stile & BR (slightly) to stile in fence on R. TL along drive for 500Y then TL over stile. Over stream & up to TK where TR. In 5Y TL. Keep between fences for 1000Y thru gate, over TK (bridge on your R) then ahead for further 500Y (FR at HIGH TREES) to emerge at FRIDAY STREET. TR along RD for 80Y then BL thru posts & 10Y later TR up steps. Follow fence (on your R) into car park. GR 125457

~~DRINKS AND CHECKPOINT 1 - FRIDAY STREET - OPEN 9.15 to 12.00~~

9.0M Leave car park in far LH corner (past one of the PROTECT WILDLIFE boards). Follow FP winding thru wood for 700Y (ahead - slightly R at 5 TK junc). Cross RD, along R edge of green, cross 2nd RD & along FP L of PASTUREWOOD COTTAGE. Ahead for 900Y then still ahead when TK narrows & descends steeply. Over stile & ahead to RD where TL. Along pavement for 140Y then at POND HOUSE TR to cross RD & up FP. In 20Y BL & in further 100Y (at garden) TR steeply uphill. Join TK from your L & thru barrier. Keep ahead on main TK over all X-TKs for 700Y to pass car park on your R then 100Y later (at point where there is a tree rooted earth bank & gate on your R) take middle of 3 TKs ahead. TK descends & bends L & R to pass pond then ahead to ascend on sunken TK. In 400Y BR on R of 3 TKs. BL (20Y before

gate). Keep ahead over 2 X-TKs, up earth bank. Cont with fence on your R for 70Y to join TK from your L. Ahead for 1000Y over all X-TKs & thru 2 barriers. At tarmac junc (by TOR COTTAGE) keep ahead thru barrier & descend on FP. TR on RD to cross main RD. GR 086447

11.8M. Pass HURWOOD INN then TL on BW to pass church. Follow tarmac uphill for 300Y then (40Y before gates) BL to pass cemetery on your R. In 1000Y FR to pass open triangle (on your L). Keep ahead on TK gradually ascending for 1600Y over 3 X-TKs to pass seat (on your L). In 60Y FL round side of hill. At FP post, keep ahead for further 20Y to seat & toposcope. Retrace steps for 20Y & TL. Pass trig (on your L) & keep ahead to descend to car park. GR 079426

13.7M. TL across RD & up FP by MILL COTTAGE. At top BL (fence on your L). When drive bends L, keep ahead on FP over 2 drives to RD. Ahead along RD opposite for 20Y & TL into car park. BR on FP between HURWOOD CONTROL boards uphill. In 300Y FR & 100Y later TK bends R where another TK comes in from your L. In further 200Y, ignore TK on R & follow FP round hillside. 20Y before RD, TL on TK approx parallel to RD. When TK joins RD, keep ahead for further 35Y then TR on signposted BW (i.e. ignore sharp R turn). FL (ahead) after 200Y. 20Y before gate (ahead), BL to cross wide TK & 6Y later, FR on BW. TR at garden hedge then follow hedge when it bends L. TR along drive. FL to cross RD diagonally & ahead on BW. In 200Y pass stile (on your R) & 10Y later keep ahead on narrow FP up bank. FP winds thru trees then TR on driveway. In 500Y (when fence on R ends) ahead over X-TK & 8Y later FL (ahead). In 70Y FR (ahead). Ahead over stile, along L edge of field & over stile ahead. Ignore stile (on L) after further 50Y but TL over next stile 60Y later along FP with fence on your R. TR at junction to keep fence on your R. In 300Y join TK from your L & 40Y later BL over X-TK on L of 2 TKs ahead. Keep ahead for further 800Y to cross RD. GR 051447

16.4M. TR in car park to walk close to RD for 100Y. At HURWOOD CONTROL notice, BL across grass to go thru "FOOTPATH ONLY" barrier (behind ROMAN TEMPLE excavations). Keep ahead over 8 X-TKs. Still keep ahead past powerline junction & 50Y later ignore FP on R but in further 75Y FR to cont on FP winding thru trees. TR on wide TK. In 450Y keep ahead over 4th X-TK (with 230/232 post) then 50Y later (at next X-TK) TR on BW. In 100Y TL on BW. In 60Y FR & 45Y later ahead over wide TK then take L of 3 TKs ahead. In 55Y TR (off main TK) & 150Y later, descend to keep ahead on BW (at 237 post). In 800Y go under railway bridge & 350Y later (TK bends slightly L), BR off tarmac (i.e. ignore sharp TR at same point). In 50Y ahead over drive & in 2Y FL. Follow FP to cross RD into car park. GR 060467

DRINKS AND CHECKPOINT 2 - ALBURY HEATH - OPEN 11.00 to 15.00

18.2M. TL between low posts. In 240Y join TK from your L (by seat) to pass 2nd seat then keep to main TK (i.e. ignore FPs on L into trees). TL on wide (motor) TK. TR along RD. In 250Y (at SOUTH LODGE) ignore kissing gate on L & keep ahead on BW. Keep to main TK for 800Y as it bends L & descends. At blue arrowed post, FR (uphill for 20Y before descending again) between fields. Keep ahead on tarmac between houses. Descend to cross RD then ahead along THE SPINNING WALK. Keep ahead on tarmac then TK for 1100Y. At GRAVEL PITS FARMHOUSE, TL on drive to RD. Keep ahead along HIGH VIEW. In 225Y TR under railway bridge. Pass 1st drive on L (with gate) but 7Y later TL on farm TK (TOWERHILL FARM). In 80Y keep ahead on FP on L. TL on driveway (TWIGA LODGE on R). At RD TR. GR 088477

20.4M. Along pavement for 500Y. Cross A25 WITH GREAT CARE where "JUNK" juts out & TL on grass verge. In 15Y TR up TK. In 500Y

under railway bridge & 1000Y later TR thru gate on NDW. Thru next gate & TR. After 3rd gate keep ahead over BLATCHFORD DOWN to go thru 4th gate & immediately TL (leaving NDW). In 130Y over X-TK & 140Y later FR. In further 240Y thru barrier & TR along gravelled drive. In 900Y ignore TK on L but 200Y later (at X-TK with BW barrier on your R) TL along tree lined FP between fields. Ahead over RD & along drive. TR just before entrance to tea rooms. Follow TK L & ahead on FP to L of building. Over stile & TR across field to stile. Keep same direction in next field but the exit stile is not seen until nearly across. 2Y after stile TL on FP thru wood. Descend to cross RD diagonally R. Thru gate & steeply uphill in field. Over stile & along L edge of next field. Keep ahead over stile, along drive, across RD & down HANEYS drive. When drive bends R, keep ahead on FP & across RD. Descend, still ahead over X-TK (by fence corner) & up bank. Ahead over multi TK junc then descend to 5 TK junc (in dip) & BL uphill thru barrier. Ahead for 500Y, thru barrier & cross drive (diagonally) of LONESOME COTTAGE. In 100Y, ahead over X-TK (thru 2 barriers) & 90Y later BL thru another barrier. In 500Y (just past house) TR & follow FP to ALAN BLATCHFORD MEMORIAL SEAT at GR 140515

~~DRINKS POINT 3 - TANNERS HATCH YOUTH HOSTEL - Open 12.45 to 17.00~~

25.3M 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

26.6M 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. Over X-TK to pass MOLE BARN & 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.