

ESSEX WALKER

Final Route Description

Abbreviations: **AH** Ahead, **BL** Bear/Bearing Left, **BR** Bear/Bearing Right, **BW** Bridleway, **EB** Earth Bridge, **EBW** Enclosed Bridleway, **EP** Enclosed Path, **CB** Compass bearing **CNR** Corner, **Cont** continue, **FB** Footbridge, **FC** Field Corner, **FD** Field, **FE** Field Edge, **FPS** Footpath Sign, **GR** Grid Reference, **HDG** Hedge, **IGN** ignore, **IMMD** immediately, **KG** Kissing Gate, **L** Left, **LH** Left Hand, **LHFE** Left Hand Field Edge, **MG** Metal Gate, **MP** Marker Post, **P** Path, **R** Right, **RD** Road, **RH** Right Hand, **RHFE** Right Hand Field Edge, **SP** Sign Post, **SPW** St Peters Way, **ST** Stile, **TK** Track, **TL** Turn Left, **TR** Turn Right, **VH** Village Hall, **WM** Waymark, **X** Cross/Crossing/Across/Go Through.

Event start & HQ: Blackmore Village Hall CM4 0QW

HQ to CP1 Highwood Village Hall

- 1.1 From HQ TL after concrete bollards and Cont to RD. At road TR and Cont For 40m then X RD (**take care crossing road**). Cont AH for 300m to roundabout, then AH through village for 250m to T junction. TL at RD for 40m and X RD **with care** to FPS (SPW).
- 1.2 Follow marked P across FD to gap in HDG and go through wooden barrier. Keep to LHFE on grass path – AH then BL through gap in HDG. AH for 400m then TR and follow TK on LHFE for 500m. **1.65ml**
- 1.3 At gate AH on TK until joins RD. AH to gate. Pass through gate, then AH On RD for 500m. After RD sign and IMMD, after telegraph pole BL through MG then ENC path and after 100m TL through MG. IMMD TR AH over ST then follow fence line to next ST. X ST (trip hazard) then RHFE for 100m to TR to X wooden bridge in gap through HDG.
- 1.4 AH to metal gate, then exit gate to next metal barrier. After passing through, TR on TK BR still on TK for 700m. IGN first FPS on right and at left hand bend at FPS SPW, TR on P over Heath to car park. Cont to RD and TR along RD **with care** for 150m. TL at FPS into Hardings Lane and Cont along RD for 250m at MP, TR on EP **3.25mls**

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1.5 At WM Cont AH into FD and Cont RHFE. Cont AH X gap and TL on LHFE, BL, then R in FC on RHFE. IGN FPS in FC (maybe concealed) and Cont RHFE to far FC. AH to WM and Cont over ST then AH to wooden bridge and ST. Cont on LHFE at metal gate X ST. At RD, TR Cont on RD for 400m. At RH bend TL through wooden fence to FPS, over ST, TR and AH on RHFE. XST keep to RHFE and XST into wood. Follow the wire fence on the left and X FB. BL to X 2nd wooden bridge and TR RHFE passing FPS. 100 m before FC BR over FB and ST. **5.0mls**

1.6 AH and XST/gate and IMMD TL (**do not go under A12**) AH on RHFE, IGN path on right and AH into next FD then RHFE, leave FD onto stoney TK. AH for 600m IGN first FPS. Cont AH, TK becomes tarmac and at 2nd FPS, TL then straight X FD to HDG gap and X FB. AH on CB 260 to WM. TR over wide EB into next FD and X FD on CB 290 to WM in HDG. TL to gap in HDG and X into FD.

1.7 XFD for 400m on CB 262 to grey MP in HDG, then LHFE. 40M after telegraph pole in HDG on left, **TR** down fence post line and AH for 500m then AH into EP and X FB to RD then TR. AH with care for 200m. TL onto gravel path at bend in road and Cont past house on right. TR after house into wood. AH, IGN path on left and follow path through wood, BR slightly and before fence, TL onto path and AH through wood for 1100m **7.8mls**

1.8 Cont AH into FD, RHFE and TR after 50m at FPS (if one there) on wide grassy TK, Cont AH on TK for 300m, TR on wide grassy TK then AH 400m. X 3 FB until RD. TL on RD, Cont. on RD (**with care**) for 700m. At FPS, sign TL through tree trunk barrier. AH for 400m, then at FPS sign TR on track and AH to RD.

1.9 TR at the RD. After 150m, TL at FPS AH and follow EP. After 100m, TR and X FB then IMMD TL. AH at post and Cont RHFE to sign “no public access” TR over bridge and follow to RD. X RD (**with care**) and TR to Highwood Village Hall. **10mls**

CP1 Highwood Village Hall open 10:15 am – 12:30 pm

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2.0 Leave CP1, back to RD. TR for 20m. TR past red-dog bin on EP.
At FD, Cont RHFE, TL at WM at CNR of FD to reddish roof large house, keeping black netting on HDG on right. At WM X to next FD, TL to LHFE to RD. X RD **with care** to RD opposite. AH, past 3 x 15mph signs BR down EP AH with corrugated iron on left. At T-junction, TR and AH on gravel path which becomes Tarmac. AH, for 150m to **main RD**, IGN all left hand turns on tarmac RD. **11.5mls**

2.1 TL at main RD. After 50m, just before FPS TR into Metsons Lane. AH, CONT past bridge on right into wood. AH onto concrete path past riding stables then on to tarmac RD. At main RD X RD (**with care**) onto path by bus stop. AH into wood. Cont on obvious path.

2.2 At concrete RD TL, in 250m FPS, TR X FB and follow path through wood for 250m, when path forks right, take left-hand fork to FB and ST. After **ST** IMMD TR to **ST** then RHFE to ST in FC. After **ST**, AH on path on RHFE. At 2nd MP (currently obscured), TR and Cont LHFE in FD to FC. Wooden rails Then X onto RD. **13.5mls**

2.3 On RD TL for 100m, then TR at telegraph pole. AH to follow between barns. AH between MG, then AH and follow fence and X ST to next FD. LHFE, X blue rope and FB to Cont on LHFE, path swings left over FB then through gate. Horse in field. RHFE, exit gate and FB onto RD.

2.4 TR on RD for 50m, TL at FPS then on CB 293 to isolated oak then follow tree line to FPS on CB 295. TL before bridge (do not go over bridge), follow RHFE to white top MP and then X over EB into next FD then LHFE to X FB in HDG. BR to follow RHFE to EP between brambles and AH onto wooden walkway to RD and XRD onto path. TL along path for 50m then TR into Blackmore village hall.

Checkpoint 2 Blackmore village hall **15mls**

18ml 11:15 am–3:00 pm; 26ml 10:30 am–2:00 pm

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3.0 TL out of VH, TL again, cross carpark and through gap to football pitch 124631 heading diagonally across FD on CB 158 to L CNR of FD. X FB to grass path. TR for 150m and BL on gravel P with wooden fence on L. TL to RD, X RD to MG into FD keeping R with trees on R. IGN 1st P into woods, AH and BL slightly around copse on R and at next junction BR through wooden barrier and AH through churchyard to gap. AH on P through trees to FD. TL and LHFE for 100m to take P on L over concrete bridge. Cross FD diagonally on CB158 to MP in CNR and through gap in hedge with concrete step (caution) onto RD. TR for 150m.

3.1 At FPS, TL just before memorial over ST and through gate. AH between fences, after 150m X first ST and FB on R, AHD on boardwalk and X ST. AH to next ST over FB through gate. Keep MG on R, then AH on CB 197 X FD - AH CB 208. At log, AH to RD. TR and at bend and FPS, TL around green MG . AH X FD and follow WM over EB. TR at CNR of FD, TL at WM and AH to yellow MP and TR through wooden barrier into FD. AH diagonally to R of play area to hedge. TR along track to wooden gate on to RD
17.5mls

“Take care on busy RD; use grass verge on right when available”

3.2 TL onto RD (caution: very busy RD - use grass verges where possible). AH for 480m then at SP for Brentwood, TR onto RD (Pettits Lane). After LH bend and before white house TL (Emblems Farm). Pass through gate onto drive and take P to L of house with stream on L. AH into FD and LHFE for 800 m. Cont AH over 3 x FD and 3 x FB (Caution: missing slat on 1st FB and crumbled end on 2nd). After EB on L, Cont LHFE for 150m to X concrete FB in corner. AH and at FD TR and AH to TK. BL on TK alongside telegraph poles and AH (beware cattle grid) onto EP to RD.

3.3 TR and in 100m (caution busy road) X RD to FP on L and X ST. AH round MG (caution: barbed wire on ground) then AH X FB. At TK TR and then TL between 2 green signs(one public, one private) onto EP and follow LHFE to CNR of FD, then TR at WM along LHFE. IGN 1st FPS at Thoby Manor House and AH on FE to TK and TR to RD. X RD with care and TL to green barrier and X FD, keeping windmill on R to wooden KG. X FD on CB 48 for 30m, then CB 40 to MP and X FB. AH X FD to RD. X RD to X ST in HDG. AH to ST to RD

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- 3.4 X RD to MP and AH with HDG on L to FC. X FD on CB8 to see lake on R. AH for 120m to pass between brambles to ST. AH to cross ST to RD. TR on RD (caution busy RD) for 350m (passing church on L) to CP3 Fryerning VH.

CP3 Fryerning Village Hall 22.0mls
Open 11:45am – 4:15pm

- 4.0 Leave VH and TR on RD. In 200m TR into churchyard at FPS and follow P. TR after pine tree at 1st gap in HDG onto grass P. Follow RH edge round cemetery to CNR. AH X KG and AH RHFE to MP then X FD CB264 into wood X FB and CONT to RD. TR on RD for 300m (take care). TR at Spring Farm FP then AHD past barns and TL to TK. AH, slightly BR at MP on R with HDG on R. AH on EP X FB and ST. AH on board walk to X ST then LHFE to FC. X wooden barrier and AH to RD.
- 4.1 TL on RD for 720m. Before gate (Oakside) TL at FPS into wood. AH through wood for 800m to RD. TR on RD (caution: busy RD) for 800m and IMMD after white sign (Parish of Blackmore) TR and X ST. AH into FD. Follow RHFE and IGN 1st access on R. AH to FC and TR X gap to FD. AH LHFE and IGN 1st FPS and CONT to next FPS (SPW) where TL through wooden barrier and X FD for 250m to RD. X RD (take care) TL and after 40m TR into RD to village, passing between ponds. AH for 500m, keeping R at roundabout to reach VH sign. X RD to enter VH.

Blackmore Village Hall. Finish at **26.2 miles**

Congratulations and well done!

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