

The Herts Hobble 2024 (18 miles)

Abbreviations: **AH** Ahead, **BL** Bear Left/Bearing Left, **BR** Bear Right/Bearing Right, **BW** Bridleway, **BWS** Bridleway Sign, **CB** compass bearing, **Cont...** Continue, **E** Enclosed, **EB** Earth Bridge, **EP** Enclosed Path, **FB** Footbridge, **FC** Field Corner, **FD** Field, **FI** follow, **FPS** Footpath Sign, **GR** Grid Reference, **Hg** Hedge, **HW** Hertfordshire Way, **IW** Icknield Way, **junc** Junction, **KG** Kissing Gate, **L** Left, **LGW** Letchworth Greenway, **LHFE** Left Hand Field Edge, **LMG** Large Metal Gate, **m** meters, **M** miles, **MP** Marker Post, **MRd** main road, **mRd** minor road, **NCR** National Cycle Route, **P** Path, **PedX** pedestrian crossing, **R** Right, **Rd** road, **RHFE** Right Hand Field Edge, **SLOT** same line of travel, **ST** Stile, **SMG** Small Metal Gate, **TK** Track, **TL** Turn Left, **TR** Turn Right, **WM** Waymark, **WTP** White topped post, **X** Cross/Crossing/Across/Go through.

The Scout Hut, Park Drive, Baldock, SG7 6EN

GR TL 244 333

1. TR on RH pavement with play area on R.
FI pavement to X Holroyd Crescent, Park Close and Holroyd Crescent (again).
AH to go X green bollards. AH to MRd (High Street)
TL on pavement. AH 300m.
At end of parking/ paved area AH between buildings to Rd (Hitchin Steet).
TR to X Rd at PedX. AH into Church Street. AH 280m to Rd Tjunct
X **with care**. TL 45m to FPS (PF1). TR and with A.B.L. Circuits on L keep R on EP
with tall railings on L to X railway tunnel.
FL up bank and AH on TK, Ivel Springs Reserve on R.
AH 330m ignoring side paths to reach Tjunct.
TR and AH 400m ignoring side paths to reach wooden steps.
CAUTION: Damaged steps.
Descend steps and TR on path thru trees.
In 180m at MP, TR between buildings to MRd (A507).

1.35M / 2.2Km GR TL 241 384

2. TL 150m, ignoring 1st FPS on R.
At 2nd FPS on R. (Byway 14, IW), X Rd **WITH CARE** to driveway.
Ivel Grange Farm.
AH to pass farm buildings on R.
After barn on R, AH X barrier. AH on grass track.
In 1.8Km BL with TK to pass mast and brick building on L.
BR with TK for 100m and BR to keep trees on L.
At end of trees AH with TK, LHFE, 900m to Tjunct with cinder track.
TR to Rd.

4.04M / 6.5Km. GR TL 267 374

3. X Rd **WITH CARE** 1/2L to FPS (BW4 A505).

TR RHFE for 610m (ignoring FB on R).

At MP TR on farm TK (ignore grass BW AH).

In 450m at TK Tjunc TL.

AH on track 950m bending R to mRd.

TL on Rd to pass under Railway bridge.

Follow Rd R then L to pass under Rd bridge (A505).

5.53M / 8.9Km.

GR TL 276 358

4. AH on Rd to pass Biogen on R.

AH on tarmac drive 950m to pass Bygave Lodge Farm on L.

At end of last barn on L BL on track uphill 275m passing 2nd hg on R to Hg gap.

Immediately TR Hg on R (DO NOT FOLLOW TK AH WITH WIRE FENCE)

AH RHFE 500m to Hg gap.

X gap SLOT Hg now on L.

When TK bends L, SLOT on grass track.

At end of Hg and Kg ahead TL (do not X Kg) on RHFE down to mRd.

TR on Rd (The Street) **WITH CARE, NO PAVEMENT**, 230m to checkpoint on L.

CP1 Wallington Village Hall.

GR TL293 338

7.4M /11.9 Km

Open 10:30

Close 12:30

CP1 to CP2. (6.2M / 10Km)

5. Exit hall and TL to Tjunct. ROUTES DIVERGE HERE

TR on Rd, Kits Lane, (Note. George Orwell's cottage on R).

AH on Rd **WITH EXTREME CARE, NO PAVEMENT**, 400m to FPS on L (100m after 30 limit sign painted on road)

AT FPS FL (IW) track between fields for 1.50km to 5 way junc.

AH SLOT passing open barn on R.

AH on track 500m to mRd (Warren Lane).

X **WITH CARE** to FPS and cont AH on Icknield Way between FDs to Mrd (A507).

9.2M / 14.8Km

GR TL 269 323

6. X **WITH CARE Fast Road** to FPS (IW).

AH 260m ignoring side paths to MP at treeline.

TR on permissive path, wood on L.

At wood corner TL to keep wood on L.

AH to Tjunc.

TL and in 20m TR on gravel track, fenced area on L.

AH up track 550m to junc, seats on R and MP (HW).

SLOT on track 580m to Rd (Ashanger Lane).

10.4M / 16.7Km.

GR TL 262 309

7. X **WITH CARE**. TL to FPS on R (HW).

TR X LMG, please close.

AH with fence on R.

At fence corner TR to KG.

X KG, X Fd towards water tower to 2nd KG.

X KG BhalfL across FD (CB 185) passing concrete trough to KG.

X KG, AH between Hgs to mRd (Mill Lane).

TL to Tjunc (Maiden Street).

X **WITH CARE**. TR passing Weston Village Hall on L to crossroads.

TL on Damask Green Road **WITH CARE, NO PAVEMENT**, 250m to FPS at Rowan Close on R.

Note. Routes converge here

11.2M / 18Km

GR TL 258 298

8. X Rd **WITH CARE** on to Rowan Drive.

AH on L pavement to X SMG .

AH X FD (CB 248) to X SMG.

SLOT Hg on L.

X Hg gap, seat on R.

SLOT on track between fields and later fence wires.

At gap BL on track between Fds (CB 200) to wood corner.

AH wood on R, X belt of trees.

AH wood on R.

At end of wood AH on path.

In 600m follow path as it bends R, L, R and L again to join Hg on R

At MP (Brooks Hill) enter enc path and descend to lane.

AH on lane, pass church on R and TL on pavement on top of bank.

TR with pavement (Church Lane) and AH to Rd junc.

TL X Church Lane **WITH CARE**.

AH 70m to CP on L.

GR TL231 278 13.6M / 21.9Km.

Graveley Village Hall

Open 12:30

Close 16:00

CP2 to Finish. (4.7M / 7.6Km)

9. Exit CP, X RD **WITH CARE**.

TR, X Oak Lane. AH 220m to FPS (Milksey Lane) on L.

FL up cinder track 140m to junc with tarmac path (NCR 12).

TR to X barrier to RD.

TL to road bridge (A1M).

X RD **WITH CARE**, TL under bridge.

At FPS (Great North Way/ NCR 12) TR, up slope and AH LHFE.

In 1Km X gap and SLOT RHFE, Hg on R.

At Fd corner BL X gap by power pole and SLOT downhill on wide grass track RHFE.

25m before Fd corner TR X SMG to mRD (Roxley Court Lane).

TL WITH CARE, NO PAVEMENT to FPS (NCR 12) on L by Parking area.

TR X FB. TL with path. At corner TR.

AH Hg on R trees on L.

At end of trees TL with fence X gap.

AH LHFE passing farm entrance.

AH to X KG, SLOT (CB 002) X FD to X 2nd KG.

TR on enc grass TK to lane.

TR 100m to MP (LGW4) on L.

TL on path LHFE 675m to X wood post barrier to Rd.

X WITH CARE, TR and TL to Pegasus Xing.

X MRd A505 (Letchworth Gate).

16.3M / 26.2Km.

GR TL 233 312

10. TR then BL into Baldock Lane.

AH to enc path between Hg and fence.

At end of enc path BR on grass verge Hg on R.

In 300m pass thru trees and AH to join tarmac path.

AH 420m to Rd junc (Pryor Way).

X WITH CARE to FPS.

TL on enc path, notice board on R.

AH passing Pryor Way allotments, Woolgrove School and Woolgrove allotments to reach path junc MP (LGW16).

TR. In 650m (after small bench seat) BR at trees and AH down to FD corner (A1M ahead).

TL, AH RHFE to X gap to path junc.

TR under Rd bridge.

AH ignoring all side paths 400m to Rd (Weston Way).

X WITH CARE TR.

At Park Drive TL.

AH 70m and X **WITH CARE** to Finish. GR TL 244 333

18.4M / 29.6Km

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WELL DONE!