

The Herts Hobble 2024 (26.5 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).

1.35 M / 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.

4.04 M / 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 TL 293 338

7.4M /11.9 Km

Open 10:30

Close 12:30

CP1 to CP2. (6.5M /10.4Km)

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

(Note. George Orwell's cottage on R).

TL on Rd WITH EXTREME CARE, NO PAVEMENT,

Where Rd bends L AH to FPS 27, X Kg.

X Fd (CB150) to Kg.

X Kg . Take RH FP(CB 167) Black silos on R, X Fd to MP at Hg gap.

Note: If path not clear fill RHFE.

X gap, AH X Fd (CB 175) to ST in FC.

X ST. ½L X FD (CB 135) to KG.

X KG and FB. TL LHFE to fence on L.

AH and at fence end 1/2R X FD (CB 87) to HG corner.

AH HG on L then driveway.

10M before Junct with RD TR " The Thatched Cottage" on R.

8.2M / 13.2Km. GR TL 299 328

6. AH on Enc byway 1KM (becomes surfaced after 700m) to Shaw Green.

At FPS on L where byway becomes drive to Shaw Green Cottages leave surfaced

TK and AH on centre of narrow paddock to LH FC.

X gap and AH on ENC path through trees 510m to MP and steps on L.

TL up steps.

AH RHFE X gap and cont RHFE to RD, bus shelter on L.

9.7M / 15.6Km. GR TL 302 315

7. X RD WITH CARE to RD opposite (No Through Road).

AH on RD uphill WITH CARE, NO PAVEMENT 240m to RD on R.

TR (Treacle Lane) WITH CARE, NO PAVEMENT.

At end of metalled lane AH on ENC TK.

At FD AH LHFE to MP.

TL RHFE to MP at FC TR X gap.

AH on EP thru wood following MPs.

At path junct BR between ponds to MP at FD.

AH RHFE 500m (turning R at corner) to MP at FC.

TL downhill, wood on R.

At end of wood MP TR X gap.

AH RHFE to FC X gap to MP.

T1/2L (CB 177) X FD under power lines to MP at EB.

X EB and AH between Fds to MP.

Cont on sunken path then RHFE descending under power lines to join lane (sewage works on L).

Ah on lane 400m to RD.

11.5M / 18.5Km.

GR TL 317 293

8. X Rd WITH CARE to Warren Lane opposite.

AH to Tjunct, Church on L.

X RD WITH CARE to continue on Warren Lane opposite WITH CARE, NO PAVEMENT.

In 160m at FPS 008 on L X KG and T1/2R (CB 118) to MP.

X Hg gap/gate TR. RHFE to FC.

X KG to R. TL on Enc FP

In 560m at fence corner MP AH 15m to 2nd MP.

TR, X FB. TR, TL with wire fence on L to mR

12.2M / 19.6Km

GR TL 322 284

9. X Rd WITH CARE TR 10m to FPS 021.

TL LHFE to MP.

TL X FB TR.

X FB TL on Byway for 310m to MP.

TR wire link fence on L.

TL with fence. At fence end and MP TR 10m to FPS.

T1/2R to lane.

TR on lane WITH CARE, NO PAVEMENT 190m to FPS on R opposite

Park Cottage.

TR RHFE to FC and WTP.

TL LHFE to MP.

TL to MP TR LHFE to reach fence on L.

At fence corner TL between houses to RD.

TR on RD WITH CARE, NO PAVEMENT 350m to Village hall on R.

CP2 Ardeley Village Hall

13.9 Miles / 22.4 Km

GR TL 308 272

Open 11:30

Close 14:00

CP2 to CP3 (7.8M / 12.5Km)

10. Exit hall and TR on RD WITH EXTREME CARE, NO PAVEMENT.

Where Rd bends R, TL. FPS 39 Byway.

AH 650m to TK junct.

TR, X barrier, AH on TK.

At MP AH between Fds.

At tree gap & MP SLOT between Fds.

At FC, AH Thru trees ignoring Byway to L & R, to X KG.

AH on FP thru trees to MP at FC.

AH RHFE 150m then BL to pass churchyard on R then down steps to RD.

15.2M / 24.4Km

GR TL 293 265

11. TR on RD WITH CARE, NO PAVEMENT X ford.

AT FPS 35 TL X KG.

AH RHFE, In 65m ignore FP to R.

AH 200m to KG in RH FC.

X KG to RD junct.

AH X grass triangle and SLOT on RD (Totts Lane) WITH CARE, NO PAVEMENT.

AH on lane around R,L & R bends to reach RD Tjunct (Walkern High Street).

15.6M / 25.1Km

GR TL 289 262

12. X RD WITH CARE TL 85m to Froghall Lane.

TR on lane.

In 400m at end of tarmac surface cont AH on ENC TK.

In 360m at FD and MP TR (STOOP).

AH RHFE 460m to Tjunc with crossing TK.

TL on TK (STOOP) ignoring all side paths 1.6Km to farm on R.

Pass all farm buildings to KG.

17.5M / 28.1Km

GR TL 270 277

13. X KG, TL to FC, TR wood on L to KG.

X KG, X FD (CB 309) under power lines to RH corner of wood.

AH SLOT wood then Hg on L to MP at gap.

X gap, AH (CB 328) X FD to MP at Hg.

TR. LHFE to RD.

AH on RD WITH EXTREME CARE, NO PAVEMENT around L bend.

In 150m at 2nd L bend AH to KG FPS 23.

18.5M / 29.8Km.

GR TL 265 286

14. X KG. AH LHFE to KG.

X KG AH to follw line of fence posts.

At end of posts AH wood on R to drive.

TR X gate and immed TL to KG.

X KG. AH LHFE to KG.

X KG to mRD.

TL **WITH CARE** to Tjunct.

TR on RD (Damask Green Road) **WITH EXTREME CARE, NO PAVEMENT**

In 150m at FPS on L TL **WITH CARE** into Rowan Close.

19.5M / 31.4Km

GR TL 258 298

Note. Routes converge here.

15. 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.

21.7 Miles / 35 Km

GR TL 231 278

Graveley Village Hall

Open 12:30

Close 16:00

CP3 to Finish. (4.7M / 7.6Km)

16. 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 to 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). 24.4M / 39.3Km. 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. 26.4M / 42.5Km. GR TL 244 333

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WELL DONE!