

The Herts Hobble 2025

Abbreviations: **AH** Ahead, **BL** Bear Left/Bearing Left, **BR** Bear Right/Bearing Right, **BW** Bridleway, **BWS** Bridleway Sign, **CB** compass bearing, **Cont.** Continue, **Enc** Enclosed, **EB** Earth Bridge, **enc** Enclosed, **FB** Footbridge, **FC** Field Corner, **FD** Field, **FI** follow, **FPS** Footpath Sign, **GR** Grid Reference, **Hg** Hedge, **HW** Hertfordshire Way, **IW** Icknield Way, **jct** Junction, **KG** Kissing Gate, **L** Left, **LHFE** Left Hand Field Edge, **LMG** Large Metal Gate, **m** meters, **M** miles, **MP** Marker Post, **MRd** main road, **mRd** minor road, **P** Path,

PedX pedestrian crossing, **R** Right, **Rd** road, **RHFE** Right Hand Field Edge, **SLOT** same line of travel, **ST** Stile, **STOOP** Stevenage Outer Orbital Path, **SMG** Small Metal Gate, **TK** Track, **TL** Turn Left, **TR** Turn Right, **WM** Waymark. **X** Cross/Crossing/Across/Go through.

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

GR TL 244 333

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1.1. Exit through gate.

X The Rowans and AHD to Tjct (Weston Way).

TL. AHD 800m ignoring side turns to TL at Ashtons Lane.

At end of lane AHD on enc FP to MRd (London Rd).

TL 250m to PedX. X Mrd & access Rd to shops.

TL then TR, Woodland Way.

As Woodland Way goes L and Chiltern Rd to R, AHD across grass area to X KG into Weston Hills Nature Reserve.

1.2. Ahd on wide TK to XTK at MP & Notice board. SLOT on narrow FP uphill.

In 200m ignore metal KG on L and Ahd to wooden KG.

X KG to leave Weston Hills Nature Reserve. GR TL 250 325 1.2M

1.3. Ahd, wire fence on L to X FB over MRD (A505).

Cont with wire fence on L and after 300m wood on R.

At end of wood ignore TK to R. BL on BW between FDs to Hg gap.

X Hg gap. BR X FD to Hg gap.

X Hg gap. X FD passing corner of wood on left to KG in HG.

X KG. Ahd RHFE to KG (maybe cattle in field).

X damaged KG to mRD. GR TL262 309 2.5M

- 1.4. X RD **WITH CARE**. TL to FPS on R (HW).
TR X LMG/gateway, (please close if not found open).
AH with fence on R. At fence corner TR to KG.
X KG, X Fd towards water tower to 2nd KG.
X KG BL across FD (CB 185) passing concrete trough to KG in corner by buildings.
X KG, AH between Hgs to mRd (Mill Lane).
TL to Tjct (Maiden Street).
X Rd, **WITH CARE**. TL on pavement for 160m.
At end of pavement at FPS (Church 400yds) TR into School Lane.
At end of lane ahd on enc FP ignoring all side paths 200m to SMG and enter church yard.
Ahd, Church on left to exit thru gates. NOTE: *Jack O'Legs grave on R.*
GR TL 266 299 3.3M
- 1.5. TR to Church car park, (FPS 025 on L, Halls Green Lane 1M).
At MP take FP Hg on L wire fence on R.
X Hg gap. Ahd RHFE to X KG.
X FD passing lone dead tree.
At FD corner X gap to LMG where TL X Hg gap.
TR RHFE to MP on R.
TR X KG. TL between Hg & tree.
BR X FD to pass trough.
Ahd SLOT to pass MP to KG.
X KG, BR 10m. TL on TK Hg on L, Wire fence on R. GR TL 271 287 4.2M
- 1.6. At MP Ahd on TK between wire fences to farm yard.
TL then TR around barn to mRD opposite "The Rising Sun"
TR on RD, **WITH CARE**, 208m to FPS 32 Walkern 1½.
TR X FD (CB160) to MP. X Hg gap & FB to FD.
X FD on obvious path to MP and Hg gap (20m L of pole).
X Hg gap into garden & Ahd under arch to KG (single file please).
X KG on Enc FP to X 2nd KG.
Ahd to MP at corner of wood. GR TL 280 280 5.1M
- 1.7. TR wood on L.
At end of wood Ahd to MP. Down steps to X FD SLOT (CB 164)
At X TK & MP SLOT X FD.
At FD edge TR on wide grass TK.
In 200m at seat & FPS 034 TL (STOOP)
NOTE: *STOOP is now followed to end of Para 1.12.*
Ahd between FDs then Hg on L.
At MP & TK Jct TL on TK. GR TL 281 263 6.3M

- 1.8. In 350m when TK becomes tarmac take parallel surfaced path on R.
At play area BR to garages. TR then BL on pavement.

Water Stop.

In 100m X RD to Moors Ley.

In 150m take Rd L to MRD.

X with care to FPS 41 & KG.

GR TL 285 259 7.0M

- 1.9. X KG. Ahd fence on R X KG.
BR between bushes to KG in top R corner.
X KG. TL LHFE.
In 260m at FD corner TL X KG.
Ahd LHFE to corner MP.

GR TL 286 254 7.4M

- 1.10. At FD corner MP TR on TK.
At green railings on R X KG & Ahd LHFE 120m to MP & KG on L.
X KG, X gap to MP & Ahd RHFE.
At end of FD at MP take LH KG onto Enc FP, stream on L (River Beane).

- 1.11 X KG, X SMG. Ahd fence on L.
X KG SLOT X paddock.
X KG, SLOT to KG to L of tree.
X KG,FB, & KG to MP.
SLOT X paddock ignoring FP to R.

- 1.12 X KG. Ahd on Enc FP (River Beane on L).
X KG X center of paddock to KG.
X KG SLOT to MP & KG.
X KG, up steps, BR then TL on RHFE.
At MP and seat TL to FB, leaving STOOP.

GR TL 281 240 8.4M

- 1.13 X FB, BL to FD.
X FD (CB115) to mRD
X RD with care to FPS 2, Bennington 1.

GR TL 283 239 8.6M

- 1.14 Pass concrete blocks onto enc FP wire fence on L.
At end of fence Ahd on sunken path thru wood.
At MPs BL up bank and TR on RHFE wood on R
In 300m X KG to enter farm area (Lordship Farm).
At containers TL then TR to pass between buildings, T2 Square Ltd on R,
JN Imports on L.

GR TL 290 238 9.0M

- 1.15 Ahd on concrete TK and at right bend FL thru LMG/KG.
Ahd between electric fencing to LMG & KG on L.
FR to X KG to FD. House & Church visible ahead.
TL past large fallen tree trunk.
Ahd LHFE to MP.
SLOT downhill to X SWG,FB & KG.
BR X FD (CB175).
At trough Ahd to LMG & KG.
X KG. Ahd to X carpark to..

CP1 Bennington Village Hall. GR TL 298 237 9.6M

Open 10:30 Close 12:00

ROUTES DIVERGE HERE : 18mile route got to Para 3.1

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- 2.1 Exit hall. X road (with care). TR on pavement.
Immediately after pond at FPS Byway 13, TL, Duck Ln.
At end of surfaced lane, FPS BW10 Clay End, Ahd X barrier.
GR TL 303 240 10.0M
- 2.2 Ahd on enc BW.
In 340m at MP TR X Hg gap to FD.
X FD (CB 124) to MP by end of Hg.
TL LHFE to FC.
TR LHFE to X TK & trees.
SLOT, trees on R ditch on L.
At end of trees SLOT on TK, ditch on L for 2 Fds passing trees and
wooden FB.
At FC TL X FB & Ahd RHFE uphill 690m to enter wood at MP.
GR TL 322 236 11.8M
- 2.3 Ahd thru wood to MP & FD. BR to MP.
TL between Fds then Hg on L to TK jct.
TR on TK. At FC MP X gap, SLOT on TK.
At FC X concrete bridge & ahd to take enc path between trees.
When enc path ends ahd on TK, Hg on R to mRD.
GR TL 334 234 12.8M
- 2.4 TR on RD (with care) to enter Haultwick village.
Ahd to FPS 003 Green End on R.
TR between Hgs to SWG (horse in field, please refasten gate)
X paddock RHFE to X KG.
TL to FC, TR LHFE to Hg gap.
X & TR now on RHFE for 2 Fds.
At FC ahd X Hg gap (do not BL) to KG.
X KG LHFE, fallen tree on R, to X KG onto cricket ground.
GR TL 331 226 13.7M
Pavilion water stop.
- 2.5 Exit cricket ground by KG in far R corner
Ahd on Ln to mRD.
TL. At 'Green End Park' TR (Greenend Lane).
In 230m where lane bends L at FPS BW7 Bennington 2, FR on TK.
GR TL 328 223 13.9M

- 2.6 In 260m at MP by tin shed FR on enc BW.
At MP keep R.
X concrete bridge. TL on enc FP, Hg on L & wire fence on R.
X FB, ahd to FD.
Ahd LHFE then enc TK passing LMGs on both sides of TK.
Cont to mRD. GR TL 314 219 15.1M
- 2.7 X Rd (with care) to FPS Byway 042.
Ahd on TK to MP and black buildings on R.
TL X KG. X Fd, X Kg in wire fence.
SLOT, X Kg & SLOT under power line to LH FC.
X Kg. Ahd LHFE. TL X Hg gap to KG.
X Kg & LHFE & BL X Hg gap/ bushes to X Kg.
Ahd LHFE/bushes & at MP SLOT.
At FC MP TL to fence. GR TL 305 216 15.5M
- 2.8 Follow fence on R to X SWG into paddock.
Ahd to X SWG by trough.
TL on gravel drive and at end TR.
Ahd between buildings then SLOT between fences.
At MP X Hg gap. Ahd LHFE to MP.
BR X FD (CB 015) to mRD. GR TL 300 218 16.4M
- 2.9 X Rd (with care) to FPS Byway 039
BR on path. In 930m ignore MP on R.
Cont to pass short bollard to lane.
TR and 10m after driveway on L BL on faint path thru trees.
In 30m X lane to KG and FPS 029.
X KG & Ahd to MP by bushes.
SLOT X FD, young trees on L, to Hg gap.
X gap, down steps, X FB & KG.
Ahd SLOT X FD. Cont on wide gap between trees & at Hg TR.
X Kg to RD (Town Lane). GR TL 306 232 17.4M
- 2.10 TL on pavement.
In 800m where pavement end X RD (with care).
TL on opposite pavement.
Cont on pavement and 25m after pond on R X RD (with care) to
CP2 Bennington Village Hall. GR TL 298 237 18.1M

Close 15:00

Bennington V.H. to Baldock Scout hut

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- 3.1. Exit hall. X road (with care)
TL on pavement.
Pass school and in 90m FR, (Old School Green).
In 200m, opposite FPS on R, FL.
In 80m at FPS 006 on L TL X FB to FD.
TL on LHFE and follow 250m X gap to emerge onto concrete TK.
GR TL 298 242 10.1/18.6M
- 3.2. TR on TK for 790m (at "PRIVATE" sign keep L) to mRD.
TL. In 150m at FPS opposite 2 LWGs FR on BW11 Walkern 3/4.
Follow BW to enter wood and at MP FR to leave wood at FD
GR TL 294 253 11.0/19.5M
- 3.3. Ahd on LHFE ignoring paths to L & R to FC.
X tree gap to FD & cont LHFE.
At MP on R at X paths Ahd between FDs to mRD.
GR TL 296 261 11.5/20.0M
- 3.4. X mRD (with care) TL 20m to FPS 14 St Mary's Church 640yds
TR on FP across FD (CB 348) to lane (Church End).
TL, X LWG, Ahd to FPS (017 Cromer 1 ¹/₄) on R.
TR up shallow steps.
Ahd, X KG, Follow LHFE, Church on L, to X KG & FB.
to FD.
GR TL 294 268 12.0/20.5M
- 3.5. Ahd across FD (CB 18) to MP & HG gap.
X gap TO MP TL to X KG.
TR on path thru wide grass area, Hg on R.
X KG gap in LH corner and Ahd LHFE 900m (2 FDs)
At FD corner TR 30m and TL to emerge onto mRD (Ardeley Rd).
GR TL 298 280 12.8/21.3
- 3.6. X RD (with care) TR 10m to FPS (41 Cromer 300 yds)
TL on FP LHFE. X SWG.
Ahd on Enc FP 10m to X SWG on L.
TL X SWG. Ahd LH side of yard to driveway and RD (B1037).
GR TL 297 284 13.1/21.6M

- 3.7. X RD (with care) to FPS Ardeley (040 & 044).
Ahd up RH concrete drive. X KG to X 2nd KG. BR to X KG by LWG.
Ahd to X KG by LMG.
TR Hg on R. X wide gap BL thru horse jumps down to X FB & KG.
Ahd LHFE to X KG.
- Water stop. GR TL 294 289 13.6/22.1M
- 3.8. Ahd to mRD. TR on RD (with care).
In 100m at FPS, Byway 21, Hickmans Hill 2¹/₂ TL.
Ahd on TK, HG on R for 400m.
At 2nd MP at Hg corner TL between Fds. Later Hg on R.
X gap in trees to MP at X TK. GR TL 287 293 14.1/22.6M
- 3.9. TR on TK (Byway) X wooden bridge and cont 2.7km ignoring all side paths
to reach mRD (Hickmans Hill) GR TL 269 315 16.0/24.5M
- 3.10 BR on RD and in 45m TL on Byway
(Horse and cart and "stunt motorcycle" signs)!
At end of houses on R Ahd on TK.
In 450m pass fenced area and TK on L.
Cont.. 320m to MP (hidden in trees) on R & XTK.
TL (IW/HW) GR TL 265 322 16.5/25.0M
- 3.11 Ahd on TK between Fds.
In 650m pass farm buildings.
Cont Ahd to X FB over MRD (A505).
Ahd on enc path and in 100m BR
Ahd on path later widening to TK, ignoring side paths to reach tarmac lane.
SLOT, Park Homes on R, Cont on RH pavement to Rd Jct (South Rd).
GR TL 249 334 17.7/26.2M
- 3.12 TR to X RD at PedX.
TR 10m to FPS. TL on enc FP.
At end of FP X RD (Pinnocks Ln). TL on pavement to jct (High St).
Recross Pinnocks Ln to X High St at PedX.
TR. In 210m TL at end of low wall on L.
Ahd thru green bollards and pass triangle of trees on R.
Ahd, Osbourn Court on L, X Holroyd Crescent, Park Close and
Holroyd Crescent again.
Follow play area railings on L to finish.
Baldock Scout Hut. GR TL 244 333 18.2M / 26.7M

Well done!