

The HertsHobble 2026

Abbreviations: **Ahd** Ahead, **BL** Bear Left/Bearing Left, **BR** Bear Right, **BW** Bridleway, **BWS** Bridleway Sign, **CB** compass bearing, **Cnr** Corner, **DPB** Dog Poo Bin, **EB** Earth Bridge, **Enc** Enclosed, **FB** Footbridge, **FD** Field, **Fllw** follow, **FP** Footpath, **FPS** Footpath Sign, **GR** Grid Reference, **Hg** Hedge, **junc** Junction, **KG** Kissing Gate, **L** Left, **LHFE** Left Hand Field Edge, **LMG** Large Metal Gate, **LWG** Large Wooden Gate, **Ln** lane, **m** meters, **M** miles, **MP** Marker Post, **MRd** main road, **mRd** minor road, **PedX** pedestrian crossing, **R** Right, **Rd** road, **RHFE** Right Hand Field Edge, **SLOT** same line of travel, **ST** Stile, **SMG** Small Metal Gate, **SWG** Small Wooden Gate, **TK** Track, **TL** Turn Left, **TR** Turn Right, **WM** Waymark. **X** Cross/Crossing/Across/Go through.

START. The Scout Hut, Park Drive, Baldock, SG7 6EN GR TL 244 333

- 1.1 TR on RH pavement with play area on R.
Fllw pavement to X Holroyd Crescent, Park Close and Holroyd Crescent (again).
Ahd to trees on L. BR X green bollards. Ahd to MRd (High Street)
TR on pavement. X Rd at PedX. TR.
At Rd junct TL (South RD).
At Ped X TR to X Rd. TR 5m to TL into Limekiln Lane.
Ahd on LH pavement.
At end of surfaced Rd cont on ENC track to X bridge.
0.95miles. GR TL 255 330
- 1.2 Stay on TK passing barn to Hg gap where TK turns R.
Ahd X Fd (CB120) to X SMG.
BslightL uphill X FD to SWG (Weston bench to L and views behind).
Enter Churchyard. BR keeping Church on L to bench.
TR down to SWG into FD.
Downhill on LHFE to SWG on Rd
TL **with care** 80m to Rd junct, Village hall on R
2.3 miles. GR TL 271 319
- 1.3 TR on lane. Fllw Ln to R bend then 50m to FPSP on L
TL X gap. TR then BL RHFE to MP in Cnr.
X gap to TK. TL on TK.
Follow TK ignoring all side paths 1.5M to X Br
Continue 400m to 2nd MP on L (100m after power lines)
4.5 miles. GR TL 287 291

- 1.4 TL to FD. Ahd on BW between Fds.
At TK Tjunc TR Hg on L 275m to RD.
Tron RD **with care**. In 120m at FPSP TL up concrete drive.
X LMG to barn.
5.0 miles. GR TL 294 288
WATER STOP 1. Open 10:00 Close 11:00
- 1.5 Ahd to KG into FD.
Fillw RHFE and BL to X KG & FB.
BR uphill X FD thru horse jumps to Hg and MP on R.
TR Hg on L to X KG by LMG on L.
Ahd between electric fences to X KG.
BL X FD. X 2 KGs on drive to RD.
X RD **with care** to drive opposite.
Ahd X SWG by LWG to stable yard and then with Hg on R to SWG.
TR on Enc FP X SWG. Ahd RHFE to RD.
5.8 miles GR TL 298 280
- 1.6 BR X RD **with care** to FPSP opp.
TR in FD to Cnr then TL on RHFE for 2 Fds.
X Hg gap BslightR X KG. X FD to Fillw LHFE.
At LMG/KG BL to MP.
TR thru trees and Ahd X FD (CB 196).
X KG. Ahd with Church yard on R.
At KG enter enc FP and down steps to Lane.
6.8 miles GR TL 293 265
- 1.7 TL on Lane **with care** for 110m FL to pass LWG.
In 50m at FPSP (FP14) TR between FDs (CB 170) to RD.
X RD TL to FPSP (BW011).
TR X barrier
Fillw RHFE downhill 160m to MP.
TL X FD (CB 116) to MP and steps into wood.
Thru wood. X FD SLOT passing lone tree.
At MP & trees cont Ahd to TK by wood.
7.8 miles GR TL 302 255

1.8 TR on TK, wood on L.
Pass thru farm buildings to RD.
TL on RD with care.
In 460m at LH bend TR FPSP BW9 on TK in front of houses.
In 70m at MP TR X Hg gap.
TL on Enc FP then LHFE Hg on L to MP at gap in Cnr.
8.7 miles GR TL 304 246

1.9 X gap into next FD. Ahd LHFE.
X gap. BR on TK to MP. X earth BR to MP at Hg.
TR Hg on R. In 370m TR X Hg gap to TK.
TL. In 65m at junc TR on lane **with care**.
Fllw to RD. TL for 350yds passing school to Village Hall sign.
TR X RD **with care** to Checkpoint.

CP1 Bennington Village Hall. 9.4 miles GR TL 298 237
Open 10:30 Close 12:30

18 mile route go to section 3

Section 2 Long route only.**2.1 Exit Checkpoint to RD.**

X RD **with care**, TR on pavement passing pond and bus shelter.

At 30 sign X RD **with care** to opp pavement. TL.

In 190m at No102, TR on FP between buildings, brick building with metal shutters on L.

10.0 miles GR TL 308 227

2.2 BR on enc FP btween Hg & Fence to X Kg to Fd.

At FD (CB 250) to XFB to Kg in Hg.

X Kg and Filw RHFE to Hg in Cnr (fallen MP)

TR X FB. TL LHFE to MP.

TL X earth bridge.

Ahd RHFE 75m to MP on R.

TR down steps to TK.

TL for 390m to FD Cnr. TR. Hg on L.

Ahd RHFE 240m to pass seat.

BL between Hg and Fence to X barrier.

Ahd on lane **with care** passing houses to XRDs, pub on L.

11.1miles GR TL 308 227

2.3 X RD **with care into Hebbing End. Ahd to end of lane.**

At FPSP BW025, Pond Cottage on R, TR on TK.

At MP at FD TL. LHFE.

At MP BL through bushes to cont on LHFE.

At MP ion Cnr X Hg gap to TR on RHFE.

Ahd to MP just before FB.

11.8 miles GR TL 317 230

2.4 TR X SMG. Filw wire fence on L to X SMG.

TL X FB. TR X FD to SMG next to LMG in far L Cnr.

X SMG and TK to X concrete bridge.

Immd TR by double LMGs on RHFE, ditch on R.

Cont 600m to MP by bridge on R and LWG ahd.

12.6 miles GR TL 321 220

2.5 TL uphill on TK between Hgs and TL to enter wood.

Cont on TK through wood to exit at SWG by LWG.

Ahd on TK 135m. TK joins from L.

SLOT reach mRD.

TL (Hedgehog sign) **with care** to RD junct, "Green End Park" on R.

TL 100m at FPSP FP002 TR.

At end of lane X KG/LMG to cricket ground.
Ahd to pavillion.

13.4 miles GR TL 331 226

Water Stop 2. Open 11:00 Close 13:30

- 2.7 Cont LHFE to X Kg. Please do not cross field of play when game in progress.
X FD (CB 070) pass fallen tree to Kg in Cnr.
X and TL to flw LHFE for 2 Fds.
At Cnr TL X Hg gap. TR RHFE to Cnr.
TR RHFE 70m to TR X Kg.
Ahd LHFE to X SWG (close with rope loop).
Ahd between Hgs to RD (The Street, Haultwick) TL.
In 160m TR Frogshall Lane.

14.2 miles GR TL 336 233

- 2.8 Ahd on lane with care. At FPSP (Byway 20) Ahd on Enc BW.
In 50m TL with TK ignoring FP ahd.
Cont on TK ignoring all side paths 900m to Rd.
TL on Rd with care 190m (ignoring 1st FPSP and Tk on R) to
left bend in Rd where TR to 2nd FPSP.
TR (FP18) on RHFE to join TK at MP and notice board.
Ahd to MP where TL with TK, HG/Trees on L.
Cont on TK for 1.7Km to MP. TL & R with Hg on R to reach
Walkern Park Farm.

16.3 miles GR TL 315 247

- 2.9 Ahd between farm buildings and TL, silos on R.
Exit farmyard on TK downhill.
X gap between trees, wooden railings.
At MP BR X FD (CB 235) to MP.
Keep to L around old pit to MP to resume original line of travel.
At FD edge X earth bridge.
Ahd to MP at Hg.
TR X FD (CB 305) to MP.
X gap to TK. TL to KG/Barrier and FPSP (BW13 Bennington 640yds).
Ahd on lane (Duck Lane) to RD.
TR on pavement and in 50m TL X RD with care to CP.

CP2 Bennington Village Hall.
Open Close 15:30

17.8 miles GR TL 298 237

Section 3. Both routes.

Bennington to Finish.

3.1. Exit hall. X road **with care.**

TL on pavement.

Pass school and at end of pavement Ahd on mRd (with care)

to FPS (BW 004) on R

TR X SMG onto concrete TK.

Ahd on TK for 820m (at "PRIVATE" sign keep L) to mRD.

10.2/18.5 miles GR TL 299 250

3.2. TL. In 150m opposite 2 LWGs BR on BW FPS (BW11) Walkern 3/4.

Follow BW to enter wood and at MP FR to leave wood at FD.

Ahd on LHFE 155m to MP on L.

10.7/19.0 miles. GR TL 294 255

3.3. BL X Fd (CB310) to MP by wood.

Cont X Fd SLOT downhill to FB, MP and Hg gap.

X Fd SLOT downhill to Cnr. X Earth BR and AH on TK between Fds to BR at power pole towards houses.

X concrete BR to Rd. TR to wooden fence. TL on Enc FP to Rd.

11.2/19.5 miles GR TL 288 260

3.4. X Rd **with care** TR. Ahd on High Street, Walkern, for 480m passing shop, and The White Lion pub on R.

At FPSP on L TL brick wall on R.

11.5/19.8 miles GR TL 289 265

3.5. Ahd on TK. In 750m pass FPSP and seat on L.

SLOT ignoring Fps to L & R for 1.6Km to Dane End Farm.

13.0/21.3 miles GR TL 270 277

WATER STOP 3.

Open 11:30

Close 16:30

3.6. X Kg. TL on LHFE to Cnr. TR wood on L to X Kg to FD.

X FD (CB 310) under power lines to MP at Cnr of wood.

Cont wood on L to MP at Hg gap.

X to FD. SLOT X FD between electric fences.

At MP and Hg TR LHFE to X barrier to mRd.

14.0/22.3 miles GR TL 266 255

- 3.7 Ahd on RD **with care** TL with Rd.
In 160m at 2nd L bend FPSP FP23 X Kg. Ahd LHFE to Kg
Fllw wire fence X FD 720m passing water trough to concrete XTK.
TR X gate. BL X drive to KG.
BR X FD (CB 24) to Kg. Through trees to tarmac drive.
X drive to SMG. Ahd RHFE to KG into wood.
Fllw FP to exit wood at SMG.
SLOT X FD to X Kg (seat on L) to XTK.
15.1/23.4 miles GR TL 263 299
- 3.8 TL X broken gate to DPB on L.
TR RHFE Hg on R 90m to X ST on R.
X FD (CB 72) to Hg. TL to KG. Ahd and between houses to Rd.
Ahd on LH pavement to FPSP at RD (Maiden St).
TR to X Rd with care into Mill Lane.
In 45m at FPSP (FP10) TR on Enc FP to X Kg.
15.5/23.8 miles GR TL 262 304
- 3.9 BL X FD (CB 005) passing water trough to KG.
X FD (CB 030) to KG in Cnr.
X Kg. Hg on L. At end of Hg TL fence on L to X LMG to Rd.
X Rd **with care** and BL to FPSP and X KG.
15.8/24.1 miles GR TL 262 309
- 3.10 Ahd LHFE to KG & FB 20m to R of Cnr.
X FD to end of wood on R. BslightR (CB 242) to wide gap.
SLOT X FD to Hg Gap.
BL on TK between Fds to MP at wood.
Ahd, wood on L wire fence on R passing seat.
At end of wood BL with fence to X Bridge and Ahd.
BR with wire fence. Down steps to X Kg into Western Hills Nature Reserve
17.1/25.4 miles GR TL 250 324
- 3.11 Ahd on FP downhill.
In 100m at XTK SLOT another 100m to 2nd XTK.
Ahd on wide surfaced TK, MP and notice board on L, to exit reserve at KG.
17.3/25.6 miles GR TL 248 327

- 3.12 X Chiltern Road **with care** and Ahd on Woodland Way to Tjunct.
TL, Shops on L,
In 30m TR X access Rd to PedXing and X MRd (London Rd)

17.5/25.8 miles GR TL 247 329

- 3.13 TL. In 240m BR X barrier on enc FP to Rd.
Ahd on RH pavement to Tjunct.
TR on pavement. Ahd 810m to Park Drive.
TR and Ahd to X The Rowans to the **FINISH**.

18.3/26.6 miles GR TL 244 333

The Scout Hut.

Close 18:30

Congratulations! Have a nice sit down & cup of tea.