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**27 & 22 MILES**

**HIGH WEALD CHALLENGE**

**An LDWA KENT GROUP Event**

# HIGH WEALD WALK

**SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022**

**TAKE CARE CROSSING AND WALKING ON BUSY ROADS**

All distances and grid references are approximate

This Route Description is the definitive document, the GPX gives approximate co-ordinates only

Please ensure that all gates are closed

## **LEGEND**

WW – Weald Way; TWC – Tunbridge Wells Circular; SBP – Sussex Border Path  
WM – waymark (*often yellow*); CP – Checkpoint; R/L – Right/Left; RHS/LHS – Right Hand Side/Left Hand Side; BR/BL – Bear Right/Bear Left; TR/TL – Turn Right/Turn Left;

fp – footpath; fsp – footpath signpost; ST – stile; ahd – ahead; rd – road; yds – yards;  
ftbg – footbridge; jcn – junction; T-jcn – T junction; flw(ing) – follow(ing); btw – between;  
fld – field; X – cross; immed – immediately; opp – opposite; cnr – cnr

SMG/LMG – Small/Large **Metal** Gate; SWG/LWG – Small/Large **Wooden** Gate;  
KG – Kissing Gate; CombiG – a “2 for the price of 1” gate, with an SMG ‘inside’ or attached to an LMG, so choose latch carefully!!; RG – Ramblers Gate (*squeeze stile, with chains*);

Compass Bearings are shown as (XXX deg)      Grid References are shown as (**TQ 999 999**)

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## **LONG ROUTE (27 miles)** (MIDDLE Route starts at paragraph M1)

1. Exit thru gateway to L of car park entrance. **With Care**, cross busy rd and ahd on fp opp (Private Road), descending past squeeze ST. Cross minor road and ahd on fp btw wooden fences. Fllw L and up 6 steps and in 400 yds keep R at fork in fp. Ahd btw fences and then ahd on minor rd, eventually reaching more major rd. **TR**, soon crossing to LHS pavement, and ahd to main rd (A264). (TQ 550 391)
2. **With Great Care**, cross and ahd, and keep ahd on Barrow Lane as it descends. When **lane BL**, cont **ahd** on track, still descending. At end, at fp jcn, **TR** thru LMG (now on TWC), over concrete ftbg and up hill. At top of rise, BL to exit along drive/track (WM). Cont to minor rd. Cross and go to R of railings and ahd on TWC passing Sewage Works on L. Fllw fp with railings still on L, later swinging L and fllw fp down to reach track. (TQ 543 379)
3. Cross and then thru new KG. Keep to RHS fld. At end, up onto slatted ftbg, and keep ahd, with wire fence on L. With LMG ahd, **BL** on encl grass fp btw wire fences (TWC). On reaching driveway, TL over small concrete bridge, and in 40 yds BL ahd on **stony** fp (TWC). Fllw L at cnr, no more stones but occasional protruding tree roots and, at end, TR thru SMG into sports field. Keep to RHS, and TL thru car park. (TQ 531 373)
4. **With Care**, cross rd and around front of shop/post office to TL up Corseley Road, initially no pavement. After 50 yds, ahd on RHS pavement. X side rd and BR on fp / grass to pass bench, and up past Church, then School on L. TR with rd (WM) and in 150 yds, TL down what is *still* Corseley Road (WM). At foot of slope, **ignore** fp and cycleway on R and **keep ahd** past Water Treatment Works (on R). (TQ 529 365)
5. Over bridge and in **just 10** yds, **TR** over stepped ST (SBP) and ahd over fld. Over substantial ftbg and ahd, soon under railway line (*Uckfield to East Croydon*). In 10 yds, at fp sp, **BL (SBP)** thru crop, going gently up hill on (185 deg), with railway line still on L. At fld end, ahd to go down dip, where BR (WM), now on level ground, and keep ahd to go thru elongated grass field.

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6. At end of fld, ahd thru SWG and in 40 yds, at WM, **BL**, soon swinging R. Keep ahd (*stream down to L*), soon reaching Motts Mill – *no prizes for spotting sign!* – and ahd/BL to reach minor rd. **(TQ 523 354)**
7. **TR** along rd, gradually rising, and ahd for 400 yds. Pass white cottage on R and in 60 yds **TR** (WM on telegraph pole) up narrow fp. Up LHS fld to track at top. **TL**, passing *Private Parking*, and in further 30 yds **TR** under trees and ahd on fp on LHS fld. At end, BL to WM and ahd on drive. Reach busy rd (B2188). **(TQ 516 354)**
8. **With Great Care**, TR and **remain on verge / RHS rd for 120 yds. With Care**, cross rd into driveway, Cherry Gardens Organic Farm Shop – *shop may be open!* BR of farm shop and ahd on track. Ahd to go thru LWG (*please close*) and then thru SMG (L of LWG), now on RHS fld. At end, BR thru hedgerow and thru SMG. Keep on RHS fld as it descends and then ascends dip, crosses track, then ahd thru hedge gap, still RHS fld (*Hunt's Farm is on other side of hedge, in fld on R*). At **end** of fld (ie top R cnr), **ahd into hedgerow** to find 'hidden' fp. **(TQ 511 361)**
9. Soon cross drive / track (WM) and ahd skirting L of 2 large trees to go down LHS fld. Thru Ramblers Gate in hedgerow and ahd down LHS fld. At cnr, BL (250 deg) on fp thru crop, diagonally across fld to bottom L cnr. Down to rd. **(TQ 505 361)**
10. **With Great Care** (fast traffic) cross and soon into fld opposite. Fllw fp across fld initially on (240 deg). Thru hedgerow and ahd (initially with hedge on RHS) and ahd again across middle of fld. At end of fld, thru SMG, over wooden ftbg and **TR in 8 yds** (fppsp/WM). Fllw fp, fencing on L, as it goes behind houses. TR on concrete and emerge into cul-de-sac (Balls Green). **(TQ 500 363)**
11. Ahd and, at end/Post Box, **BR** down pavement for 230 yds to reach old railway line, where **BEWARE CYCLISTS**.
12. **TR** (*signed Groombridge 2¼*) and along this track for 1300 yds to pass under bridge. In **further** 330 yds (*fp not marked, quite easily missed*) **TL down steps**. **(TQ 512 370)**

13. TL to pass fence-post (WM) into fld. Ahd across fld (general bearing 330 deg) on clear fp. At far side BR thru bushes (WM) and ahd for 30 yds. **TR** on grass track to cross concrete ftbg and immed **TL** (WW) and along LHS fld, with stream on L. In 50 yds, at first cnr, ahd (010 deg) across fld on clear fp. Over wooden ftbg (WW) – with SMG – and ahd, gradually converging on (unseen) railway line on R. **(TQ 512 377)**
14. **TR** under railway, thru CombiG and up RHS fld. At cnr, BslightlyR (WW) to WM ahd. Over / past ST and uphill on fp. Thru SMG and keep on RHS fld as you ascend. After 140 yds, BR thru black SMG (WW) and ahd / BL uphill in fld. Thru CombiG and ahd. After 100 yds, fork R to go R of lone tree and heading for LMG (050 deg). **(TQ 518 383)**
15. Thru KG (on L of LMG) and ahd in fld. At far end, ahd thru **KG** (*ie middle gate*) and on fp (WW), soon BR down 10 steps and TL with fp to go thru KG to reach rd (A264). **(TQ 522 390)**
16. **With Great Care ahd on verge on LHS rd** and – after Pond House – **when safe, cross** to RHS. TR into Broad Lane, and almost immed TR into gravel driveway (*concrete fp sign on L, by fence*). BL with main driveway to **CP1**

## 27 MILERS - NOW GO TO PARAGRAPH 17

### MIDDLE ROUTE (22 Miles) ONLY

**M1** Ahd past Langton Green Pavilion on L, BL thru line of trees to tarmac fp, where TR, with school playground on L. Thru squeeze ST and ahd LHS fld. At end, **TL** on grass track (TWC) (*ignore any going R*), soon over ST and driveway, to BR thru squeeze ST and ahd with fence on L. At end, **keep L** and over ST (TWC) and btw fences. Ahd in fld, then over ST, fp and ST and along RHS fld. Ahd into bushes and ahd still, to cross fld. Thru KG to rd. **(TQ 535 390)**

**M2** **With Care**, cross rd, past white gates and **With Great Care** cross A264, and up slope to cross ST. Across fld (210 deg), heading just to R of houses to reach LMG in far cnr. Thru this and thru 2<sup>nd</sup> LMG to meet wide track.

**M3** **TR on track** (*ignore KG 'behind' you*). Ahd on track for 50 yds. At first cnr/jcn, barn ahd, **BR/keep ahd** (*leaving TWC*). Follow track for 400 yds as it

curves R, and narrows, then go thru LWG into woodland. Stay on the pleasant main track (Newpark Wood), ignoring all fps off, for further 900 yds as it gently descends to reach minor rd. **(TQ 524 383)**

**M4** TR on rd for 300 yds. After passing East Lodge, immed TL, fvsp, thru CombiG and descend. Flw fp as it remains in woodland, later BL to cross ST by LWG. Ascend steep hill (350 deg initially) heading for top left cnr and rd (A264). **(TQ 523 390)**

**M5** Thru KG and TL on pavement / verge. At cnr, with Great Care keep ahd on verge on LHS rd and – after Pond House – when safe, cross to RHS. TR into Broad Lane, and almost immed TR into gravel driveway (*concrete fp sign on L, by fence*). BL with main driveway to **CP1**.

**Now join with 27 milers, at paragraph 17, below – remain together until the very end**

<b>CHECKPOINT 1</b>	<b>STONE CROSS</b>	<b>TQ 522 391</b>
<b>Opens 10:20</b>	<b>Closes 12:10</b>	
<b>9.0 MILES DONE</b> ( <i>2.25 on 22 miler</i> )	<b>5.6 MILES TO NEXT CP</b>	

17. From CP, into fld (WW), with choice of ST and CombiG!!, and ahd on RHS fld. Thru SMG and ahd still RHS. On RHS next fld. Thru hedgerow, over track, and keep on RHS, then on enclosed fp (R of fld). Reach Fordcombe sports fld and ahd to reach exit at fvsp (just L of benches). With Great Care, step down to and immed cross busy rd to **TL**. **(TQ 527 402)**
18. **TsharpR** into The Lane (Fordcombe Lane) and keep ahd on lane. In 750 yds, keep ahd **on lane** (*ignore WW fp to R*) to **TL** at end/T-jcn. In 300 yds, TL down Coopers Lane (*16 milers join from fp on R*). **(TQ 536 407)**
19. In 240 yds, at first cnr, TR thru SMG (or use LMG) and, **PLEASE WALK IN SINGLE FILE**, descend fld diagonally (359 deg) – with view of Penshurst Place directly ahd, on near horizon. Thru hedgerow and cont on same bearing down next fld, to go thru SMG. **TR** on minor rd for 220 yds. Immed after 'last' house on L, **TL** btw hedges, fvsp, down grass fp. At end, thru

squeaky SMG and ahd to BR, keeping RHS fld to reach bank of River Medway. **(TQ 533 418)**

20. **TR** and over wooden ftbg, thru Rambler's Gate and ahd, keeping to LHS fld. **TL** onto 'fortified' ftbg, thru SMG into Penshurst Place Estate, and BR, barbed wire fence on L. At top of rise, ahd to go thru **SMG** (by LMG) and **TR thru hedge gap** to go along RHS fld – River Medway is soon on R. Over wooden ftbg and ahd on **RHS** in this next fld (*ignore map indicating fp going across middle of fld*). Cont on RHS for 640 yds to reach fp jcn (with large tree 20yds infield). **(TQ 530 427)**

**Routes split here .....**

Do **NOT** **TR** over ftbg (*this is 16 milers only*)

21. **Keep ahd** on fp. In 60 yds, fp veers away from cnr, ahd (270 deg) to cross fld. At far side, ahd on fp, initially thru trees (WM). At track, **TR** for 10 yds, **TL (before LWG)** on fp under trees. **TR** at next track and in **5 yds TL** (300 deg) across fld on clear fp to far cnr. Across ftbg, up steps and over low metal railing, by fbsp. **With Care** **TR** on RHS rd, over bridge and, when safe, cross to LHS. **(TQ 523 431)**
22. At bend, fbsp, **TL** thru gateway and ahd down drive. When drive swings R, **ahd** on grass track. 20 yds before LMG ahd, **TR** up fp rising gently. At top, at fbsp, **TL** along top edge of fld (house on R), swinging R with fld to reach concrete track at The Warren. **(TQ 520 434)**
23. **TL** and soon ahd on fp along RHS fld. At bottom cnr, **TR** thru SMG and cross middle of fld, thru SMG and over ftbg. Ahd for 220 yds, thru KG and immed **TR** to flw fp around 2 sides of fld. Thru KG and after next KG **TR** on track (*hedge on L, fence on R*) to flw to end. **TL** and in 10 yds **TR** onto tarmac driveway. **(TQ 512 433)**
24. Flw this uphill, BL at cnr, now on track. Past pond, track swings L, becomes tarmac again. At jcn, by barn, **TL** on driveway. In 240 yds, **BR** thru SMG (WM) and diag cross fld to far cnr. Thru SMG and ahd to rd and

<b>CHECKPOINT 2</b>	<b>ROADSIDE</b> (nr LEW CROSS FARM)	<b>TQ 504 440</b>
<b>Opens 11:10</b>		<b>Closes 14:15</b>
<b>14.6 MILES DONE</b> (7.8 on 22 miler)		<b>3.5 MILES TO NEXT CP</b>

25. **With Care**, X rd, thru KG and ahd to flw fp thru woodland for 280 yds to reach wooden KG. Thru and in 75 yds, BR on secondary fp and flw. Thru wooden KG on R and TL up fld to soon crest rise. Ahd on fp btw trees. With sports fld entrance on R, glance L at your 10 o'clock (300 deg) where you may spot the Chiding Stone. Ahd to rd, at Chiddingstone. **(TQ 502 451)**

*For a brief visit to the Chiding Stone, TL, in a few yds TL again to flw fp. And then return. Diversion is all of **400** yds!*

26. **TR** on rd for 50 yds. X and TL **before** cemetery, down gravel driveway. BR on fp before LWG ahd, skirting garden, and continue down. Ignore fp on L, and soon pass over substantial ftbg (*X-ing River Eden*). In **30 yds** TR thru SMG. TL with hedge on L. FP bears R to cross next fld to opp hedge, where TL uphill. At top (*with tree, water trough and fallen ST on L*), **TR** and in 30 yds **ahd** thru gap in hedge and keep ahd on RHS fld. Ahd, passing farmyard 'materials' to reach minor rd. **(TQ 508 460)**
27. X and ahd down track, X ST (*ignore arrow, points to house*) and ahd, soon curving L and across fld (060 deg) aiming for gap in hedge. Thru gap, TR down RHS fld. At cnr and fsp, BL (045 deg) to reach and cross ftbg. X next fld directly ahd to internal cnr, then keep ahd on RHS fld to SMG. Ahd still, with trees now on L, passing lonesome gate, and ahd to go thru LMG. Keep on LHS fld as it curves to R. Drop down to go thru LMG. Ahd for **20 yds** then **BR** to cross earth bridge to next LMG. Thru and TL alongside fence, thru next LMG and keep on LHS fld to reach SMG and rd (B2176). **(TQ 522 460)**
28. **With care**, TR on RHS. After 60 yds, X rd and ahd down track. Flw track L and R, then past open barn, then ahd (WM), still on track. Thru next gate. Ahd on RHS fld to LMG, ahd on RHS fld. Thru gate and keep on RHS to end of fld. Over ST and ahd on driveway. Keep ahd at minor rd for 650 yds, swinging R uphill to reach busy rd.

29. With care, X over rd and TL for 30 yds to reach CP.

<b>CHECKPOINT 3</b>	<b>PENSHURST PARK/CINDER HILL</b>	<b>TQ 534 459</b>
<b>Opens 10:55</b>		<b>Closes 15:30</b>
<b>18.2 MILES DONE</b> (11.4 on 22 miler)		<b>5.5 MILES TO NEXT CP</b>

***From here, all flw same route back to Langton Green***

30. From CP go ahd up track (*do not TR thru SMG*). At end BR and ahd to LMG (with barn on R). Go thru SMG and flw track down, then up, bearing L, still on track. Just before top (with WM visible up on L), BR for 20 yds to reach **wide** fp, where **TR**. In 350 yds, at gateposts (WM)/LMG, ahd for further **100 yds to TL** on gravel track (170 deg). Keep ahd on track for 800 yds. **(TQ 536 447)**
31. When track bears L, go **ahd**, thru squeeze ST and ahd (*views towards Penshurst Place on R*) and in 200 yds, in front of obvious tree stump, **TL** thru squeeze ST and ahd on track with barbed wire on R. Thru SMG and keep ahd on track (*views towards Tonbridge front R*). After passing house on R, TR down concrete driveway and in 20 yds TL thru SMG (Eden Valley Way). Flw fp as it descends and crosses substantial ftbg via SMGs. Flw fp passing post (WM) and ahd with River Medway on R to reach KG and rd. **(TQ 547 453)**
32. **TR** on rd, over bridge. In 35 yds **TL** over rd and ahd on gravel path / cycleway (*Tonbridge 3½*). When path veers down to river (on L), keep ahd thru SMG (*Beware of Bull*) and ahd LHS fld. Thru SMG, over ftbg and ahd for **20 yds**. Do not TL, but **TR up fld** (140 deg, view of looming hill ahd). Pass lonely WM and ahd to X ST. BslightlyR towards larger trees, over drainage ditch, and ahd swinging L to TR thru KG in hedge. **(TQ 557 451)**
33. **TL along fld edge** for 260 yds to **WM** on L. TR across fld, aiming **5 yds L of telegraph pole** (fp may be visible). At telegraph pole, **TL** (140 deg) on fp to first tree (WM on post). Ahd thru SMG and then up LHS fld. Over ST (10 yds L of LMG). Ahd on LHS fld, to swing L to go thru KG to reach busy rd. **(TQ 561 446)**



**VERY GREAT CARE** needed, **fast traffic**; warning signs in place for motorists

34. TR on **RHS**, using verge if possible, for 50 yds. Where verge ends (by wooden 'deer' sign, facing other way) and **when safe**, cross rd and go thru **gap into fld.** (With kind permission of the farmer)
35. Immed TR along bottom fld edge and in **170 yds** (with fpsp in gap, on rd on R), TL on fp thru crop (120 deg initially) up and across middle of fld, as it wends its way L of copse. Continue uphill on fp aiming for base of electricity pylon. Ahd to fallen fpsp, BR on edge of fld for 25 yds. At cnr, TL to pass thru Ramblers Gate (**RG**) and ahd to exit thru RG. Ahd to cross small ftbg and thru next RG. Ahd on LHS fld, thru RG and SWG to reach minor rd. Ahd uphill to B2176 at Bidborough Ridge (Alf's Corner). (**TQ 565 435**)
36. TL on **LHS** pavement (keeping to this side for views) for 300 yds. On reaching **40** mph signs, X rd **With Care**. Ahd on tarmac fp (WW). In **150 yds**, TL off tarmac, leaving WW, and ahd btw high wooden fences. Over minor rd and ahd on fp, passing old LWG. Fllw fp downhill, bearing R, then swinging L to pass pond (on L). Uphill, over wooden sleepers. At last sleeper (WMs on post on L), **TsharpR** and ahd to soon go thru KG. (**TQ 570 431**)
37. Keep to top (ie LHS) of fld (Brookhurst Field), passing behind two wooden seats and, later, wooden bench. TL up fp (WW again), thru KG and TR. In 20 yds BL up main fp and fllw to go thru KG into fld (WW). BR initially, but ahd across fld (140 deg) to fence and KG. Thru KG/gap and down RHS fld. Thru KG and downhill with railings on R. Over substantial ftbg and ahd. At marker post (top of small rise) TR (WW) and ahd, soon on track to reach properties at Modest Corner. (**TQ 571 424**)
38. TR on minor rd (WW). At end, ahd down tarmac fp to rd and

<b>CHECKPOINT 4</b>	<b>MODEST CORNER</b>	<b>TQ 570 423</b>
<b>Opens 11:40</b>		<b>Closes 17:35</b>
<b>23.7 MILES DONE</b> (16.9 on 22 Miler)		<b>3.5 MILES TO FINISH</b>

39. **With Care**, TR ahd and uphill on rd (this is the WW) keeping to LHS around cnr, then RHS of rd for 500 yds. Pass rd coming in from L. In **further** 350yds, white posts on R and obvious low white fencing just ahead on R, **TL** across rd to go thru old metal KG (WW) and on fp. **(TQ 564 421)**
40. At end, over ST and ahd on fp (*beware overhanging branch*). Over **very wobbly** ST and up LHS fld. **TR** at top of fld, soon thru SMG and ahd on fp btw fences and, later, hedges, for a total of 650 yds (crossing one ST), to go down steps to minor rd. **(TQ 560 417)**

Next paragraph - **EITHER A** (if fp is re-opened) **OR B** (if fp still closed). NO real difference in mileage, but **A** means no walking on busy road. fp due to re-open by 7<sup>th</sup> July. You will be told at registration which paragraph applies. GPXs assume that paragraph **A** prevails.

**A** **TR** for 100 yds. At Forge House, **TL** (WW) thru metal barriers and directly **over** driveway to go down fp btw hedges. Fllw main fp to bottom (*ignore BB sign*), over ST (*now a new gate?*) and ahead on driveway past absolutely brand spanking new/newly refurbished properties. Up driveway and fllw out to busy rd. X **with care** and **TL** on pavement. In 50 yds TR ..... **into Lower Green Road. (TQ 558 415)**

**OR**

**B** **TL** (leaving WW & TWC) down minor rd. In 130 yds, **BR** on next rd (signed Speldhurst), which can be very busy. **With care** X to LHS before bend. At grassy triangle, **TL** ..... **into Lower Green Road. (TQ 558415)**

41. In 100 yds, at cnr, **TR** on bridleway. At top of rise, keep ahd on good fp for 700 yds. **TL onto track** coming in from R (TWC) and in **30 yds keep R** (and descending, leaving TWC). Fllw fp around bend, then ahd (ie **BR**) on **level** fp (fpssp on L) for 550 yds going over two sets of duck boards, **care** required for some **loose wire netting**. Ignore crossing fp (with wooden ftbg on R) and keep ahd, soon with newish wooden fence on L. Over wooden ftbg, over ST, up LHS fld, and over ST to go ahd on minor (and very narrow) rd. **(TQ 553 402)**

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42. Go past minor rd on R. In 50 yds **TR** over ST (fbsp). Down to cross ftbg. BL up fld (250 deg) to BR around internal cnr, and now up RHS fld. At top, **thru gap on R**, then immed BL across fld, **resuming** previous direction. Ahd on fp into trees, with pond below on L, and ahd to BR around large tree and then L to pass ST and reach busy rd. **(TQ 547 401)**
43. TL on pavement for 100 yds then, **with care**, TR to **X rd** into Leggs Lane (minor rd). In **300** yds, just before 'kink' in rd, **TL** thru KG and ahd across fld. Thru KG, and ahd RHS fld. Thru KG, over drive, thru KG and ahd. Thru next 2 KGs (both wooden) and ahd. In 180 yds, immediately after sports fld on L, BL on worn fp under tree branch, and in further 60 yds BL to fence to go thru posts into sports fld. TR and ahd to

**FINISH****Congratulations**