

High Weald Challenge**5th July 2025****Route Description**

Welcome to the High Weald Challenge Walk. Please ensure that your number is recorded at each checkpoint, we track all entrants and will try to find you if we miss you at a checkpoint. Entrants who arrive at checkpoints after closing time will be retired. However, if necessary, each checkpoint will remain manned after closing time in an attempt to account for everyone. It is therefore important that anyone wishing to retire does so at a checkpoint. If this is not possible, then the organisers must be notified, giving your name and walk number, without delay.

Respect the Countryside Code – Leave gates as you found them (if you open a gate, ensure it is closed) and Leave No Trace (Checkpoints have litter bags)

Compass bearings in degrees are figures in brackets, e.g. (CB150) Distances are approximate.

Abbreviations (alphabetical):

ahd	ahead
BL	Bear left
BR	Bear right
btw	Between
BW	Bridleway
cnr	Corner
cont	Continue
encl	Enclosed
FB	Footbridge
FL	Fork Left
fld	Field
flw	Follow
fp	Footpath
f-post	Finger post
FR	Fork Right
GR	Grid Reference
immed	Immediately
jc	Junction
KG	Kissing gate
km	Kilometre
L	Left
LHS	Left Hand Side
LMG	Large Metal Gate

LWG	Large Wooden Gate
mi	Mile
opp	Opposite
O/S	Outside
Pls	Please
pvt	Pavement
R	Right
rd	Road
RHS	Right Hand Side
SMG	Small Metal Gate
SO	Straight On
st	Stile
SWG	Small Wooden Gate
thru	Through
tk	Track
TL	Turn Left
TR	Turn Right
wmk	Waymark
X	Cross
yds	Yards

Please take care when crossing and walking along roads

We hope you enjoy the walk!

Stonegate VH to Robertsbridge Youth Centre – 8.4 miles Start – see joining instructions

1.	From HQ car park, TL down drive to rd and TR on verge for 70yds to reach The Forge on R. TL to X rd & over st nxt to LMG. Ahd down RHS of fld. Thru gap, BR and broadly LHS of fld to SWG in cnr. Thru and ahd, fence on L, passing 'Southern Water Private Property' on L (may need to detour around a container – to check closer to the event). X st and ahd on encl fp to reach fence cnr & enter wood. Immed FL to reach FB on L after 50yds. X FB and TR on fp to st. X & BR to go thru LMG. Immed TL along LHS of fld to go over plank bridge & over st into next fld. Flw LHS of fld. In cnr TR & in 30yds TL with path into next fld. Cont down LHS of fld for 300yds to reach gate. Do not go thru, but BR in in 20yds TL on fp thru shrubs & emerge into fld with rusty machinery. Ahd, RHS of fld to reach lane. TL on lane – in 200 yds enjoy the unofficial transportation museum on your L – to rd. 1.2mi	TQ 676276
2.	TL, in 200yds, at f-post on L, TR to X rd and ahd on tk. When tk bends L, ahd on fp thru woods to X st into fld. BR to gap (CB 130-roughly middle of opp side of fld) & thru SMG nxt to LMG. Ahd up RHS of fld to go over st. Ahd (CB120) Xing fld to LMG. Thru SMG on R & TR to flw RHS of fld. In 100yds, when fence/hedge bends R, BL to far L cnr of fld (CB150) (nb: gpx file goes BR and follows perimeter of fld) to reach and go thru LMG. TL down tk to reach farmyard. TL on lower of 2 concrete tks, with farm bldg on R, to reach and flw hedge on R to	TQ 691280

	reach LMG (may be open) & st. Over st, & ahd on tk passing pond on L. At f-post on R, cont on tk for 20yds & turn sharp L uphill on tk to eventually reach rd in 800yds. 2.5mi	
3.	TR on rd and flw for nearly 1 km (CARE) (passing Kings John nursery sign after 600 yds, Barden on R after a further 200yds, then a modern build on R). 30 yds after postbox on L, TR on tk (Nightingale Barn & Little Barden) to reach clearing, & cont to woods. 10yds before wood, at fallen over wmk post, TL on fp thru trees. Flw clear fp all the way downhill to X st into scrub land. TL & in 5yds TR to flw RHS of scrub for 300yds to gap in fence & ahd over 2 FBs. Ahd (CB180) Xing meadow to railway Xing (CARE). Ahd, thru SMG, then TL & TR with encl fp. At end of fence on R, ahd on wide tk. In 200yds TL with tk (ignoring fp ahd), then in 15yds TR with tk uphill (fld on L). In 160yds, BL then BR with tk & cont to end to reach rd In Etchingham. 4.3mi	TQ 706259
4.	X (CARE) & TL on pvt opposite. Cont (X Oxenbridge lane in 300 yds) for 800yds to end of pvt & bus stop on R. 10 yds after bus stop TR on drive of The Stores Cottage and thru KG. Ahd on concrete bridge & TL on clear grassy fp (CB100) to LWG. Uphill, same direction (CB100), to wooden gate. Thru KG, X drive, & thru KG. Ahd, (CB90) to RH fence cnr & ahd (pond on R) to trees jutting from R. BR with path to go around trees to KG. BL, in 5yds	TQ 724 254

	ignore fp on L & cont LHS of fld to end & thru KG. Ahd on fp, over FB and into woods. In 60yds BL with fp slightly uphill to enter dirt gully. Up gully, and when gully ends, cont on fp to fld. TR then in 20yds TL flw RHS of fld to T-junc. TR & in 15 yds BL with drive. In 20yds, 5 yds after f-post on L, TL thru small gate, & BL to sunken fp. Down to T-junc. TR & flw tk round hedge on L to enter fld. Fllw LHS of fld and in 30yds TL on concrete bridge then TR to now flw RHS of fld. At end, TL, flw 2nd side of fld & in 170yds TR to X railway (CARE). 6.4mi	
5.	TR, & in 130yds thru pallet gate. Fllw rough fp crossing long fld diagonally to opposite L cnr (CB130). 20yds before end of fld, BL on fp to cnr, over bridge and ahd on tk uphill. In 120yds, at f-post on R, TR over awkward st (CARE). Ahd & in 20yds over X-tk to cont ahd along RHS of fld. Thru gap in hedge & ahd with fp, BL with fp in 70yds to gap in cnr. Ahd & in 10yds, 5 yds before nxt fld, FR on path to X st. BR to go thru tall gate & TL uphill (orchard on R). Thru gap next to st, & cont in same direction with orchard still on R. In 300yds ignore metal gate on L & in a further 170yds (60 yds before end of fld), BL thru metal gate & TR on drive, passing house on L. At garages ahd, FL on grass to pass garages on R. X st & ahd LHS of fld to X st and ahd thru woods. At T-junc, TR downhill. The path eventually joins the river on R & emerges into a fld nxt to an old factory. BR	TQ 738241

	for 10yds, & then BL to flw low wall on L to rd. 8mi	
6.	TR on pvt, passing cricket fld on R, over bridge, & ahd into Robertsbridge's High Street. X Station rd & in 80yds, at 'The George' pub TL to X rd, up drive & in 15yds TL into Robertsbridge Youth Centre. 8.4mi	TQ 735-235
	CP1 Robertsbridge Youth Centre 8.4 miles W3W ///renovated.brands.brothers Opens: 10:00 Closes: 11:15 (30m), 2pm (22m & 16m) 16 miles go to paragraph 20 30 and 22 miles continue with these instructions: 22 mile route – 6 miles to return to Robertsbridge 30 mile route – 7.6 miles to Herdman Pavilion	
7.	From CP, TR down drive to rd. TL on pvt & in 20 0yds, TR to X rd to green dog bin opposite & ahd on lane thru bollards to T jcn. TR. In 200yds, when rd bears R, TL on lane (sp Gluttenham manor). Under railway Bridge & in 30 yds TL over st. TR on fp, keeping close to stream to X wooden FB. Cont on fp, railway now on L, over plank Bridge and in 100yds X FB. In 40 yds X st and cont on enc fp next to railway. In 140yds (20 yds before railway Xing), TR on concrete bridge & X st into fld.	TQ 732223

	9.3mi	
8	TL (LHS of fld). Thru LMG (may be open) & cont alongside LHS of next fld to cnr, thru trees and immed TL on FB. BR (CB180) to 2nd FB & ahd on fp thru wood (roughly CB180). BR to emerge from woods into ferns to soon descend to FB. Ahd for 40yds & TL & thru LMG & railway tunnel. Thru LMG & BR (CB130). In 40yds over earth bridge (trees on L) & FR uphill on obvious grassy path (CB150), passing fallen tree in 200yds and thru line of trees in a further 150yds, & cont uphill to fence cnr (CB190). BL with grassy path to go thru LWG. Ahd on tk, passing Mountfield Court on L & ahd on drive to lane. TL & cont on lane for approximately 1 m to go thru gap of tall LWG. Ahd to A21. 11mi	TQ 743213
9.	TL on pvt & in 45yds, at Fox Glove Cottage on L, TR to X A21 (CARE, fast traffic) to dilapidated barn opposite. TL on verge, ignore 1st fp sign & 5yds later TR to go thru KG into fld. BL (CB15) to X fld to pole with yellow top (soon visible). Thru gap nxt to the pole & BR (CB20) to X st. Ahd on fp downhill to X st into fld. X fld diagonally L to X st in opp cnr then BR (CB20), aiming to the L of the house. When nearing houses, join grassy tk from L & in 40yds, BR with tk to X st to lane. TR & in 30yds, TL on st nxt to LMG. BL (CB20) to X fld to X st in fence. Ahd toward clump of trees to X two st into fld. Flw LHS of fld & in 30yds TL to X st (may be hidden by brambles). TR on fp to emerge	TQ 749229

	in front garden. Ahd & in 50yds ahd on gravel tk to T-junc. 12.2mi	
10	TR & In 90yds (house on R) BL with tk to T-junc. TR on tk & in 120yds ahd thru SMG. Ahd, flw fence on L to 2nd SMG. Ahd on fp, at first encl, then into wood with fld on L to reach gravel tk. TL on tk. In 50yds, ignore f-post and keep ahd. In 60yds, at 2nd f-post, TL on tk to T-jcn. 13.15mi The 22 and 30 miles routes diverge here. 4.75 miles. For the 22 mile route – TL and cont for 1200 yds then go to middle of Para 19	TQ 756238
11.	TR thru gap L of LWG and ahd on drive to X st into meadow. Ahd to X next st. TR & flw encl fp for 65yds to fld. Ahd LHS of 2 next long flds, river on L. At end of 2nd fld BR and then L thru gap in trees and cont LHS of 3rd fld rejoining river. Into 4th fld, and 45yds later TL over concrete bridge (footpath sign). Imm. TR and flw RHS of fld to rd (caution!). 14.2mi	TQ 771242
12.	TL, care, & in 50yds, X rd opposite Udiam Farm Bodiam. TL on verge & in 5yds TR thru black gate. X grass to black gate opposite and TL on drive. In 50yds, at duck sign, ahd thru black gate on encl. fp. In 30yds TR & in 20yds TL uphill on encl. fp. At end TL to X st and imm TR up drive and in 10yds at T-jcn TR. Thru barrier and cont on tk to reach tk jcn. Take 2nd tk on L just	TQ 776238

	after blue van. When tk bears L, ahd thru gap and enter fld. BR to X fld (CB160) with heaps of gravel/soil on R (views of Bodiam Castle behind). At last heap of soil, ahd same direction twds trees to reach cnr of fld. Thru bushes, passing redundant st on R to reach tk. TL on tk. 14.8mi	
13.	Cont on tk for appox 600 yds to T-jcn (Madamses farm). TR to rd, X rd and ahd (signposted Ewhurst Green/Northiam). In 30yds (5yds before Brasses Farm on R), TL to X st & flw RHS of fld to SWG. Thru & flw LHS of fld to KG, Thru ignoring parallel tk on L and ahd to T-jcn with f-post on L. TR and flw path thru old orchard to X FB. BL with path up wood to eventually reach & X st. Ahd in fld & in 60 yds BR to leave the L hedge to X st nxt to LWG. Ahd to rd jcn, X rd & ahd (Ewhurst Green/ Northiam). Please use RHS verge until it ends then take CARE. In 80yds pass Romney lodge on L & in 20yds ignore fp on R, X rd to walk on the LHS, soon joining verge/pvt. 10 yds after Ewhurst Place, TL to CP (Herdman Pavilion). 16mi	TQ 792244
	Checkpoint 2 – Herdman Pavilion – 16 miles Opens: 11:30 Closes: 13:45 Herdman Pavilion to Robertsbridge – 6.4 miles (for Marshals walk car will be parked in road opposite)	

14.	From CP, TR to follow RHS of sport ground. 5 yds before reaching exercise area TR to leave sport ground via SWG. TL on pvt & in 25yds TL thru KG & ahd (LHS of fld – views of Bodiam Castle ahd). In 120yds BL with path to KG & ahd thru SMG (next to LWG). TR (fence on R) to X st. Ahd (fence on R) to go thru SMG next to f-post. TR on grassy path to X st & FB. BL. LHS of fld. At end, BL over FB & ahd with dilapidated barn on R. BL immediately after barn to X 2nd st, then TL for 5 yds & TR to X railway line (CARE, only steam trains use that line). X st and TR. In 100 yds TL with path to flw next side of fld. At end of fence on R, ahd to climb bank & TL to cont on bank – River on R and views of Bodiam Castle. 20 yds before the fence ahd (bridge ahd on R), BL down bank & in 50 yds TR to go thru SMG to pvt. 17.2mi	TQ 784253
15.	TR on pvt, ahd on bridge & in 15 yds FR on fp (National Trust Castle sign). At end of wooden and brick building TR, (toilets on R) and ahd on Bodiam Castle drive. In 5 yds, at cubic flower container in middle of drive, FL to go thru gate nxt to hut. Ahd on gravel path and in 30yds, at SP, ahead uphill for 10yds and FR on grassy tk twds Bodiam Castle. Reach gravel tk and TL then TR in front of Castle View Cafe. Cont on grass and 10yds before end of fld, TL to X st and uphill on encl fp. TL on drive and in 35yds TR. In 20yds TL over st & BR downhill to wire fence & BL to reach and go thru squeeze st. Ahd on encl fp to	TQ 783264

	reach fld. X fld diagonally to reach opp cnr & houses to lane. 18mi	
16.	X lane, TR & in 15yds TL on tarmac tk. When tk bears R, ahd thru LMG & BL thru 2nd LMG. Ahd to 3rd LMG and ahd (CB190) uphill towards houses to st (about 60yds R of top L cnr of field). Ahd to X lane and ahd on fp thru woods. At lane TL. 5 yds before T-jcn, TR to X lane and ahd on pvt, passing Claremont senior school on R to T-jcn with main rd (careful, blind cnr before reaching T-jcn). X main rd, TR on pvt and in 10 yds TL down steps & ahd (hedge on L) to reach houses. TL in front of houses then BR with drive. Thru LWG and ahd to tarmac drive in front of barn. TL, soon downhill to T-jcn & TR on tk. 19mi	TQ 777254
17.	Cont on tk to LWG. Ahd, passing building, then car park on L (Bookcase Co on R). Ahd to pass 2nd car park on L, & in 20 yds, TL to X FB & ahd, pond on L. At cnr, TR thru trees & in 5yds TL with path to X st into fld. TR & in 20yds X st. X fld diagonally L to far L cnr (CB150 – cows may be in fld) to exit via KG to rd. 19.6mi	TQ 769253
18	X rd (CARE) & X st into fld. TL then TR with fence (flw LHS of fld) to X st in cnr. Over plank bridge & ahd to X fld diagonally R on clear path (CB 280). Pass clump of trees on L & ahd to trees/fld edge. Do not go thru gap in trees, but TL with trees on R. In 500 yds, in cnr of fld, BR to	TQ 753244

	enter wood & ahd to go over FB. TR on tk uphill with fence on R & in 200 yds (wmk on tree stump on R!), TL to fence cnr & TR to X st. TL to flw LHS of fld to X st. TL & in 5 yds TR on fp thru orchard, eventually reaching T-jcn. TR & in 45 yds (at Salehurst sign) TL on fp to reach end of orchard. TL downhill & in 40 yds (30 yds before house ahd), TR thru trees to go over broken st. Ahd to X fld (CB290) to X broken st (CARE). Ahd in same direction to X 2nd fld. At f-post TL flw RHS of fld to tk/lane. 21mi	
19	X lane into fld opposite & flw RHS of 2 flds uphill toward church. At cnr TL downhill (churchyard on R at first) to fld cnr. TR to tk, then TL on tk. In 150 yds, over FB & imm TR into fld. BL to X fld diagonally (CB 240) to lane (note: if fld overgrown, cont on tk to lane). TR on lane for 600 yds (22 mile route joins from left here) . 40 yds after pvt starts on L, BL on fp thru woods & in 70 yds BR on bridge over A21. Ahd on rd & in 100 yds (f-post on L) TL on school drive & imm TR on fp. Cont on fp to reach pvt. TL & in 5yds TL on school drive & in 10 yds TL into CP3 (Robertsbridge Youth Centre).	
	CP 3 Robertsbridge Youth Centre 22.4 miles(30 miles), 14.3(22miles) Opens: 11:30 Closes: 16:15	
	Robertsbridge to Stonegate Village Hall (8.3 miles)	

20	From CP, TR down drive, X rd, TR on pvt, pass clock tower & in 5yds T sharp L on fp (passing lovely old Piper's cottages on R). Cont down fp, over concrete bridge to rd. X rd, ahd on grass, BL flwng shrubs on L round to SWG. BL to reach fence & allotments on L. Flw fence & at end TR & in 10yds TL to X st in hedge. Ahd, fence on R to X st, & cont in same direction to X st to tarmac fp. TL & in 5yds TR to X st, TL to rd. TR on rd, under railway bridge (CARE) & in 50yds FL to SWG (ignore LWG on L). 22.8mi(30mi), 14.7mi(22mi), 8.8mi(16mi)	TQ 733233
21	BR on large grassy path Xing meadow diagonally (CB250). Thru gap in trees, X drive, & ahd on track. When tk bends L, ahd thru KG & ahd LHS of fld to go thru nxt KG. TL on fp, X concrete bridge & immed TR on broad gravel tk. At jcn BL with tk btw barn and stables & cont on tk ahd uphill, soon passing f-post on R to paths jcn at top. TR passing f-post on R and cont on wide tk btw trees on L and valley on R. In 60yds, ignore fp on L, and cont ahd on tk flw f-posts & ignoring all L turns to T-junc. TR on encl fp to KG, X drive, thru KG & BL uphill (CB260) to go thru KG close to bench. 23.8mi(30mi), 15.7(22mi), 9.8mi(16mi)	TQ 719 229
22	TR on lane for 400yds to rd. TR & in 170yds TL on st & ahd thru SMG then flw fence on R to st to rd. TL on rd. In 100yds, when rd bends slightly L (opp Hackwoods Stable yards), TL on fp thru KG &	TQ 695237

	over 2 small FBs to go thru KG. BR downhill to X fld to wooden gate in middle of opposite side (CB300). Thru, down steps & ahd on encl fp to wood. Flw fence on LHS then BR with path to X st. TR & in 30yds (fence cnr on R) ahd on planks & X fld to LWG (may be open). BR & in 10 yds X wood FB, BR up slope and TL, flw trees on L to end. Thru LWG/st & ahd to LWG. Do not go thru, instead TL & in 20yds (at tree cnr) TR & flw trees on R to go thru gap. Ahd, hedge on R. At stone house on L, ahd btw hedges to LMG & st. X st & ahd on fp thru trees then btw fences for 700yds (passing lake soon on L) to gate at end. Thru and BR on drive uphill (Socknesh Manor on R) for 800yds to rd. 26.1mi(30mi), 18mi(22mi), 12.1mi(16mi)	
23	TL, passing Glydwich Hall on R in 200yds, & in a further 200yds, at f-post on R, TR on Oldbrick Farmyard drive. Thru squeeze gate & cont on drive to cattle grid and ahd btw houses. Pass stables on R and when drive turns L, cont ahd to LWG & st. X st, and ahd soon joining fence on L & in 60yds TL thru LMG. Roughly flw RHS of fld (Burwarsh seen up ahd). At fence cnr on R, BR with fence and flw to go over FB. X fld diagonally L (to far L cnr) to gate & over FB. BR (with fld on L & stream on R). In 200 yds ignore private FB on R & ahd to go over next FB. TR thru gap in hedge & TL uphill (LHS of fld). At wmk post, TL into trees and BR with path to emerge into fld. X fld CB320 aiming twd far L cnr of fld & wmk post. 10 yds before wmk	TQ 677 248

	post, FL on grassy fp & thru SWG (may be open) & in 20yds thru gap in hedge. BR to flw hedge on R uphill & at top TL on path to reach benches (enjoy the views - Dallington monument visible). Ahd thru SWG into Churchyard. Ahd on path, in 50yds FR up steps & cont on path passing church on R, soon joining red brick path to exit churchyard at main rd in Burwash. 27.7mi(30mi),19.6mi(22mi),13.7mi(16mi)	
24	TL, X School Hill & ahd on pvt. In 70yds pass bench with a famous local & in 20yds TR to X rd (Rose & Crown sign). Ahd into Ham Lane. Pass Rose & Crown on L & playing flds on R & ahd down tk. In 270 yds BR with tk & in 400yds, when tk bends L, 200yds before house ahd, TL thru gate in fence (just after hedge ends on L, small sign on gate 'Please do not feed horses'). Ahd X fld on grassy fp (CB290) towards far R cnr. Thru gate in trees & ahd on meandering fp in trees to X FB. X fld diagonally R to SMG and over FB. Ahd, hedge on L. In 180yds TL to X st & immed TR, hedge now on R & ahd to go over gated FB 5yds off fld cnr. Immed TL, stream on L. Flw to eventually reach cnr & LMG (may be open). TR before LMG, (fld on R) & in 100yds TL to go over FB. Immed TR & in 30yds TL with fence. In 80yds, at fence cnr BR to X fld twd house (CB 320). At fence TR to reach and go thru gate & railway Xing (CARE).	TQ 667 266

	29.2mi(30mi),21.1(22mi),15.2mi(16mi)	
25	Ahd thru grand looking wooden gates. In 40yds X st & ahd thru yellow door. Flw LHS of garden (ignoring gate on L after 30yds) to go thru LMG on L. TL to drive and TR. In 500yds (15yds after hedge joins on R), at f-post, TL on FB and BR (CB360) on faint fp in grass. Flw to gap in trees & ahd, pond on R. BR with path around pond to gap in trees & TL to follow LHS of fld. BR with hedge on L & cont to end of fld. Thru gap & ahd, LHS of fld, soon passing close to red/white pole. 70 yds before end of fld, at end of trees on L, FL on very faint path to reach & X st on R. Over FB & X fld twd top L cnr (CB320) to LMG. Immed BL on grass towards st in woods X str, BR & over FB. TR on fp and flw uphill to fence cnr (sewage station). Ahd on encl fp to X st. Immed TR to flw fence on R to SWG (may need to go around container). Thru & ahd (CB330) to gap in RHS hedge (50ys to the R of LWG). Thru & TL to flw LHS of fld to X st to rd.X rd, TR & in 75yds TL on drive. In 10yds TR to	TQ 668286
	Stonegate Village Hall & FINISH by 19:15 30.7mi(30mi),22.6mi(22mi),16.7mi(16mi) W3W:"renovated.handover.underway" <i>Congratulations – Well Done!</i>	