

Santa's Stiperstones Stomp- 16/12/2023

You must visit all checkpoints and self-clips in the order set out below, the suggested route description used in conjunction with your map follows a logical and workable route. To navigate you will not be able to simply rely on the route description but will have to use your map and compass. To be used with OS 1:25000 216 W'pool and M'gomery

Abbreviations

AH Ahead	BL/BR Bear Left/Right	BW Bridleway	Brr Barrier	CP checkpoint
FB Footbridge	FGt Field Gate	Fld Field		FP Foot path
Gt Gate	FRd – Forestry Road	Jnc Junction		KG Kissing gate
L left	LHS left hand side	SLES Speed limit ends sign	Opp opposite	R right
Rd Road	RHS Right hand side	SC Self-Clip	St Stile	Thru - Through
TR/TL turn right/left	Trk Track	WM Waymark		Wkt -Wicket Gate

LEG 1 Minsterley Parish	This leg	13K
Hall to Hope Village Hall	Ascent	400m

Leave rear of car park turning R and then L and again R (Callow Crescent) Thru Wkt cross Playing Fld and 2nd Wkt. FP passing from one Fld to another. Ignore WM follow Fld to R the BL thru trees to reach Rd. 300m R into Fld (PermissivePth). Thru Gt, keeping to lower FP to reach FRd. BR as FP narrows to pass Coppice Farm (379031).

AH on FRd as FRd descends BL up Trk thru Brr, keeping left to reach Rd at Mines Site. TL on Rd after SLES TR thru Brr. Thru old mine buildings climb to reach Fld at Wkt. On 180° veering to 140° to reach WM at Wkt. TR then passing tall tree contour round head of valley BR at second big fir tree to pass thru Gt to reach main Trk. Turn R then BL to reach top of ridge and cairn at Shepherds Rock ((374998)).

AH to next cairn TR downhill to Reservoir. TR before Gt in 150m TL thru Wkt cross Fld to 2nd Wkt (L of Blding) to descend steeply (Care!) to pass by Summer House AH to dble Wkt and reach Rd at Tankerville Gallery. (355995)

TL on Rd in 100m TR at WM over 2 St to reach Fld. Keep to hedge on R to St. TR to descend onto farm Trk, AH thru Gt to Santley. (34400340

Thru Farmyard to Gt on steep bank BR and climb to end of Trk. Keep on with hedge on R to cross dbl St. descend thru Gt, metal Wkt and Metal Gt to TL on broader Trk, Just before wood finishes L thru rusty Wkt. Descend steeply cross St to reach Rd. (341013)

Care crossing A488 AH over St and FB. BR and keep R to reach stony Trk and pass by houses to Rd. TR and TR again at Xroads to reach CP1 at Hope VH on L.

CP1 is a Village Hall hot soup, snacks and toilets.

SJ 340015

LEG 2 To Stiperstones Inn	This leg	5 km	Cumulative 17 km
	Ascent	200m	Cumulative 600m

Continue down Rd to St on left at bend. Cross field on 360° cross St TR to follow fence on R. Pass Fgt and cross FB to metal wicket on R, cross Fld on 140° to St. Cross Fld on 140° to metal Wkt. TR on path pass fallen tree and descend steps on L (indistinct) to Picnic Area Recross A488 (Care!) to tarmac farm Rd. Ascend to metal Wkt on L, BW on 160° to Fld corner over Gtd FB. Follow trod to R of tree and 2nd Gtd FB. Keep fence on L to reach Green Rd. Enter wood thru Gt and L at WM to descend to road. TR to Stiperstones Inn CP in pub garden.

CP2 Stiperstones Inn hot & cold drinks, mince pies and toilets.

SJ 363004

LEG 3 To Minsterley VH (finish)	This leg	9 km	Cumulative 26 km
	Ascent	400m	Cumulative 1012m

Leave carpark TR and TR again at 30mph sign BL at Telephone Box to ascend Mytton Dingle. Thru Gt, between houses to Green Rd AH as valley opens and BL on path thru heather to reach steps (196 of them) AH at top on 40° to reach broad Trk (briefly retrace steps from this morning) but keep to main Trk to descend past Blakemoor Gate cottages (376013).

Cross field to Gt in stand of trees and keeping fence on L descend Trk to Lords Hill Chapel (381021). Thru Gt to Rd at top of short bank TR at WM towards air shafts. TR at WM in 70m descend on good Trk to Brr and Rd. TL and at crest of hill TL and immediately Tr thru parking area. Thru Brr and follow FRd. Keep R at 1st junction and L at 2nd and R at 3rd. AS track descends BR down narrow path thru trees. TR along path (you are now retracing your steps), through gate, across field to gate on roadside, TL. Down road to WM on left into field keeping hedge on R, half way down go through gap TL down field keeping hedge on L, through KG, continue down to further gate on to road, TR into Callow Cres, TL at end to hall.

Finish Minsterley Parish Hall Turkey Sandwiches and Christmas Pud

SJ 374047

Well done Please leave your muddy footwear outside and report to the Finish Marshal.

ALWAYS stop to assist anyone you find injured or distressed in any way.
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