

The Winter Poppyline 10th & 11th February 2024

Welcome to the Winter Poppyline. Please ensure that you are checked in at each checkpoint. Entrants who arrive before checkpoints are open will be asked to wait; those arriving after closing times will be retired.

Take care crossing and walking on roads especially after dark (when reflective clothing is advised). There are sections of the route on exposed cliff tops and the beach where the weather could be very cold and wet. Wear or carry adequate warm clothing.

Good luck!

Equipment to be carried: MUG (none will be provided), route description, maps - either paper (Explorer 251 & 252 or Landranger 133) or digital (with sufficient battery backup), fully charged mobile phone, compass, torch, spare batteries, emergency food, hat and gloves, waterproofs, warm clothing, whistle, survival bag, reflective clothing and a first aid kit.

Abbreviations: Ahd – **Ahd**, BL - bear left, BR - bear right, BW – bridleway, FK – Fork, FL – Fork Left, FP – Footpath, FR - Fork Right, KG - Kissing Gate, L – left, m – metres, PW - Paston Way, R – right, Rd - road, SP – signpost, TK – track, TL - turn left, TR - turn right, thru – thru, X – cross, WM – waymark, WMP - waymark post, WW - Weavers Way.

(170) - bearing 170° (magnetic), TG 203 024 – OS Grid reference

Event Centre: Sheringham High School, Holt Road, Sheringham, Norfolk, NR26 8ND.

TG 15053 42379; /// hawks.basics.tabs

Leave school building, **Ahd** to FP, **TL** & follow path to L between fence and hedge. Stay on path to pass play area then primary school onto Cooper Rd. **TR** & continue to T junc. **TR**, then, using traffic island, cross with care, **TR** on pavement, take 1st L (Beech Avenue).

At T junc **TL** into Woodland Rise. In 450m, at sharp LH bend, X into Sheringham Common opposite (by metal WM post). Immediately TsharpL, keeping hedge on L for c450m to WMP. BR, ignore side paths & in 200m at T junc, **TR**. Cross concrete bridge & Ahd. At X TK, **TL**, pond on L & follow path north to Rd. **TG 165 426**

TL & in 75m **TR** (with care) across Rd into Beeston Common Rd. BL to go under railway, BR and uphill to L bend. Ahd (Curtis Lane) to T junc. Ahd to L of gate opposite, BR uphill on path, then steps, to summit of Beeston Bump (*enjoy the extensive views!*) . Descend steeply east on steps; at bottom **Ahd** (sea on L) to post & rail fence. **TR** & follow path to railway crossing. Stop, Look, Listen then cross to TK opposite & follow to Rd (A149). **TG 171 427**

Cross Rd, **TL** & in 5m BR into metalled lane (SP Hall Fm). At end **TR** onto track, pass Beeston School on L, continue to T junc. **TL** & in 100m BR thru wooden barrier on TK uphill, later

sunken. At top, thru barrier & Ahd on wide TK (115), pass caravan park on R and emerge at National Trust Roman Camp car park (*Norfolk County Top on L, 105m*); continue on TK to Rd. **TG 185 413**

Cross Rd & open area, **TL** on TK downhill, pass campsite. Ahd at X-TKs (90) on enclosed FP, thru 2 KGs to TK. Ahd on sandy TK (140, SP Cromer) & follow enclosed TK to Rd. Ahd under bridge & follow TK for c1km to Rd. Continue on tarmac Rd between houses to main Rd. **TG 211 419**

TL & just before mini roundabout X Rd, **TL** & **TR** (Hall Rd) to:

CP1 Meadow Road Play Area, Hall Lane, Cromer. TG 216 420. 6.9 miles.

Opens 8.45, Closes 11.00

TR along Meadow Rd (toilets in Visitor Centre on R). Ahd, (West Street, WHBrown on R) to junc. **TR** then X Rd at crossing (by Iceland), **TR, TL** (High Street). **TR** with Rd (church on R).

Pass Red Lion Hotel, Ahd on narrow path between railings. At end **TL** over slipway. Pass thatched hut on L then immediately **TL**. Continue on cliff top tarmac and gravel path. At open space Ahd then to L of Warren Woods sign and gazebo. At fork (WM on R) keep L on rising sandy path. Ignore paths on R and at junc keep R up valley to benches. **TG 231 416**

In this next section you follow the cliff top path to Overstrand, keeping on approx 110 and ignoring paths to R. Be aware of steep drop to L and that the path is very uneven in places.

TL, TR at signs & Ahd, later between gorse bushes. Join green golf course path, BL. In 60m BL to leave golf course path (SP WALKERS). Continue on defined cliff top path with golf course on R. At end of golf course, Ahd (fence on R) to enter car park by flagpole. Cross car park (toilets on R). **TG 247 410**

Exit at LH corner by benches (SP PW). Follow Rd Ahd & in 15m take middle path to L of boats into Cliff Rd. At end **TL** & follow Rd round to R to T junc. **TL** & 50m after Coast Rd (by Mill House B&B sign on L) X Rd, up enclosed path (SP PW), later sunken, L at fork between group of trees to TK. Ahd to Rd. **TG 254 403**

TL & in 25m **TR** & X concrete yd. Ahd on TK passing pond (*Shrieking Pit, worth reading the sign*). In 10m, BR at fork (SP PW) & **TR** before wood on PW (do not go into wood); follow

path to Rd. Ahd & in 125 m, at junc, **TL** on drive (brick wall on L). Pass large house on L & continue on TK (WMP on R). Ignore TK to R & continue Ahd to Rd. Cross to TK opposite (PW) & follow to next Rd. **TR** & in 800m at T junc by church **TL**, down Rd. At T junc by Vernon Arms X Rd to enter narrow lane opposite & turn R into:

CP2 Southrepps Village Hall, Chapel St, Southrepps, Norwich NR11 8NW.

TG 25627 36536. 13.4 miles. Opens 09.45 Closes 13.00

Return to TK, **TR**, pass play area and Ahd down enclosed path. Ahd on L side of field. At end enter enclosed path between hedge and fence. **TG 258 354**

At Rd, Ahd into Quiet Lane (Bradfield 1¾). In 185 m **TL** (Southrepps Common sign & SP PW,) & Ahd down enclosed path to Rd. **TL**. Over X Rds into Bradfield Rd. In 420 m, 12m after white gates (HillBrow), at FPSP, **TR** thru gap in hedge. **TG 263 347**

Follow R side of field, hedge on R. At end of hedge Ahd to gap. Through gap & T½R across field to hedge. **TL** (WMP), hedge on R, pass dwelling & continue to X TK junc. TsharpR (275) on TK between hedges. At Rd **TL**. In 270 m, just before railway crossing, **TL** on Quiet Lane. **TG 257 335**

In 125 m, at bend, thru gap & Ahd, hedge and railway on R; watch out for rabbit holes in this section. Through 2nd hedge gap (fence/railway on R) & Ahd to lane, cottage in front.

TL. At T-junc **TR**. Might be flooded along here –keep to RH verge but watch ditches. Pass Pond Fm House & 35m after Antingham Lodge sign at junc, **TR** (North Walsham). At junc, just before house on R, **TL**. In 800m, as Rd bends L, by seat on R, Ahd (FPSP) across field (140). **TG 268 317**

Cross farm TK and Ahd (135) across 2nd field. At hedge corner (WM) Ahd, hedge on L, thru gap to Rd. **TG 273 313**

TL. In 145 m, opposite 2nd bungalow on L, **TR** (FPSP) on enclosed path. At end of hedge on L, Ahd (WM) with trees on L. In corner thru gap (WM) and Ahd, hedge then metal fence on R, later on concrete track. At tarmac Rd BL with Breedon concrete plant later on R.

At T-junc **TR** passing East Coast on R. Ahd on Laundry Loke with main Rd on L. Pass Brunch Bar & BL just after wooden bollards up path to traffic lights. **TG 277 305**. Cross slip and main Rd (Cromer Rd) coming from R. Continue Ahd on cycle path, keeping A149 on L, to enter trees with houses on R.

Descend with path between wooden posts and barrier. Cross Rd to cycle path with lamp post opposite. In 65 m, at 3rd lamp post (1430), BR to follow path under railway then between fence and wall. Cross tarmac path & Ahd. At end of path (sign End of Cycle Route) cross Rd and go thru gap opposite, to L of white gate. **TG 275 300**

Follow path (WW) to 2nd white gate, cross Rd, and Ahd for 1000m to bridge (green railings). Immed after bridge, **TL** down steps, **TL** under bridge on Rd/Tk. At end, continue Ahd on path; in 75m BL at Y junc (300) ignore paths to R & in c.500m pass Heath Fm on your L. In 50m, where TK swings R (WMP in front), **TL** on grassy TK. In 45m **TR** & follow path, ditch on L, to Rd at bend. Cross with care & Ahd on RH pavement. In 195m cross Rd into:

CP 3 Felmingham Village Hall, Aylsham Rd, Felmingham, North Walsham NR28 0LD

TG 249 293. 21.2 miles. Opens 11.00, Closes 16.00

Thanks to Essex and Herts LDWA for running this checkpoint

Leave hall and immed **TL**, L and L again around building. At hedge **TR** and in 90yds, at barrier, go thru hedge. **TR**, hedge on R, & at hedge corner Ahd across field to Rd. **TR** & in 5m **TL** (FPSP) across field. Thru KG, down steep steps (care!) to rejoin WW. **TG 248 286**

TR on old railway track & crack on for c1.5kms to Rd. Cross & continue Ahd for c. another 2kms, thru KG & **TR** between fence panels on TK. In 100m at WMP **TL**. Continue along green lane to A140. **TG 207 282**

Cross with care. Continue on TK opposite. In 250 m at X Rds **TL**. Ignore all TKs/FPs to R. At junc **TR** (WW) on minor RD, **TL** into car park & **TR** between posts. Continue on TK (WW) for c.1100m to Rd. Cross carefully, thru gate, up slope & **TL** on path. At lay-by/pull in, opposite big house, **TR** thru small gate (WW), up wide tree-lined avenue. At end, BR thru gateway into field. **TL**, keeping hedge on L (ignore FP across field to R) to Rd. **TG 175 277**

TR & **TL** at junc (seat under tree at grass triangle). **TG 174 278** In 650 m pass farm buildings on L. Rd bends L. Where Rd bends R uphill, Ahd on TK under phone lines (SP Brickyard Cottage). Pass house on L. Just before Rd, at end of fence on L, BL on narrow path and follow to Rd. **TG 164 284**

If the weather is very windy, The National Trust will not allow us to use the sandy track below in Blickling Park. Please use the alternative route described at the end & rejoin route at ** below.

Cross with care and Ahd up TK opposite into NT Blickling Park. In 30 m pass gate & **TL** on sandy TK. Keep to this TK thru mature woodland. In 400 m X TK (Racecourse Tower on R) & continue on TK to X TKs (car park on L). Keep **Ahd** on TK and meander along for c 1300m to NT Woodgate car park. Cross car park to Rd & **TL**. **TG 162 297**.

**** 10 m before Rd junc TR** thru field gate (CLOSE AFTER YOU). BL to R of power pole on faint muddy, path and board walk (Care! It's wobbly and has a wire mesh trip hazard) to X 2 footbridges. *(If the path in front is flooded you could return to the road, TR & continue on the road (SP Matlaske) to Itteringham village & the CP, on the L before the church.)*

Otherwise, BL (330) to stile by Oak tree/hedge corner. Ahd, hedge on R, to metal gate. BL around wood to **TL** thru gate (260) on TK. Ahd thru gateway & continue to Rd. **TL & TR** (Mannington 1). In 170 m **TL** (SP The Rectory) to:

CP4 Bure Valley Community Centre, The Street, Itteringham, Norwich NR11 7AX.

TG 145 309 31.4 miles Open 13.00, Closes 20.00

Leave CP and **TL** on TK for 900m, ignoring 2 TKs to R. Where TK turns L at bend thru KG & Ahd on path, thru 2nd KG & onto board walks (care, slippery) to WMP. **TL**, leave wood, X field on path (280) to WMP. Ahd hedge on L, X 2nd Field (248) to WMP. Ahd on field edge, hedge on L, to post, thru gap, **TR** to track (Strawberry Lane). **TR** to Rd. **TG 121 311**

At Rd **TR** & in 90m BL on BW (Watery Lane). Where BW **TL**, keep Ahd on grassy track, WM on R, to pass Harold's Copse. Ahd on enclosed path, crossing stream & at end of enclosed section (WM) **TR** uphill on grassy headland, hedge on R. **TR** at corner & in 175m **TL** at field corner. Follow grassy path (new hedge on R) to Rd.

Cross to BW opposite (Richmond Cottage), BL with TK to pass cottage & Ahd for 175m. **TL** on TK junc (wood on R). At BW WM BR and continue to Rd. X and Ahd on TK. In 380 m in grassy clearing, 35 m after TK on L, **TR** (020) uphill to Rd, by Eco house (Ralph's). **TG 121 353**

TL on Rd & in 750 m, just before farm buildings, **TR** on TK - later wood on L - & follow to Rd. X to FPSP, **TL** across field (285), cross new pipeline excavation & down steps (steep – care!) to TK. **TL** on TK to Rd. **TG 109 367**

TR. At T-junc BR across Rd to wide, rutted TK, Church Farmhouse on R. At WM X Field (275), thru hedge gap. **TR** & in 30m at corner (WM on R) **TL** on headland (hedge on R). At end of field **TL**. Pass barn. At end of barn **TR**.

Follow TK towards wood (290). TK descends steeply between trees. At end of wood **TL** with TK. In 60m, continue on narrow path between hedges & go under power lines, X infant river Glaven. Follow path thru gateway, later uphill, into open ground. Ahd on stony path, thru gap in hedge. Cross field (320) to wooden barrier in corner (by Rd).

TR on FP thru trees & X stile. Continue on FP meandering between Holly bushes (broadly 320, parallel to road; watch out for fallen trees) to wide TK. **TG 083 371. TL** & in 10m - 5m before wooden kissing gate in front- **TR** (035) between more Holly bushes. At open area BL to descend steeply, pond on L; look out for protruding tree roots. At KG on L continue uphill. Pass wooden/KG gate on L & continue on path for c 400m to corner. **TL** thru KG & follow TK behind sheds for c350m to X TK (houses in front). **TR** to Rd. **TG 086 383**

TL on pavement, ignore side Rds on L & just after Old Station Way, BL on footpath (do not go down subway) & follow alongside main Rd. At end **TR** into underpass (note murals!), emerge and Ahd on pavement for 300m to **TL** into church car park and:

CP5 Holt Methodist Church Hall, 1 Norwich Rd, Holt NR25 6SA. TG 077 386 41.7 miles

Open 15.00, Closes 24.00

Leave car park & **TR**, X Rd at pedestrian crossing, **TL** and **TR** into High Street. Continue on RH side for 275m to war memorial. Cross junc, **TL** and **TR** (in front of Owl tearoom) towards church. In front of church **TL** to enter narrow path Ahd. At end, carefully X Rd & **TR** on pavement. Over Kelling Rd and Ahd on Cromer Rd to pass Gresham's skool then railway station. Continue on pavement for a further 650m & **TL** into Bridge Rd (SP Holt RFC). Take 2nd TK on R (Warren Rd, FPSP), pass rugby pitches, then farm buildings and at junc continue **Ahd** on grassy track, later narrow path. At end, immediately before barrier, **TL** on path & in 60m **TL** on TK. **TG 104 411**

Follow to level crossing, over (Poppyline) railway & continue on TK to Rd. BR and take FP opposite (SP Byway). In 5m BR on path and continue, ignoring paths to L & R to X TK (information board in front). **TL** and immediately **TR** (330) downhill on sunken TK to Rd. **TG 096 429**

Cross Rd (A149, very busy, careful), & at end of fence **TL** on permissive path. On R bend, at field corner, cross TK, & continue on small path alongside Rd to go thru gateway. Immediately **TR** on Byway. At junc **TR** (keeping pond on R) and follow TK almost to end (at shingle bank). At WM, **TR**, thru barrier & follow path (often indistinct) on shingle - later

grass - close to wire fence on R for c.1500m to car park on L at Weyborne Beach. **TG 110 436**

This next section follows the cliff top path with a steep drop on your left; keep on the path and well away from the edge. You pass very close to gullies in places.

Continue Ahd between tractors then on wide sandy/grassy path for c650m to pass to R of cottages. Thru KG, **TL** on TK & at end **TR**. Follow cliff top path for c.1500m to N Trust sign on R (Sheringham Park).

Ahd for a further 400m & at low WM (red arrow) **TR** on path, pass bench to continue between hedges. Cross railway & at gate **TR**. In 110m **TL** thru barrier to carefully X A149 into NT Sheringham Park. Follow TK as it turns R & L to junc. (*Just past path up to gazebo, pause awhile to note Norfolk and Suffolk bench on L celebrating 30 years of the group!*) **TL** thru KG & follow TK.

At junc Ahd on drive (110), over 2 cattle grids to exit park. Continue down Rd, X junc, Ahd & at next junc **TL** thru village keeping church on R. **TG 144 419**.

At sharp LH bend, X carefully into Cranfield Rd opposite. In 50m **TL** into BW and continue for c600m to start of houses, **TL** on FP between fences. At end T1/2R between goal posts to R end of fence. **TL** on path back to finish at Sheringham High School.

Opens 17.00 Saturday, Closes 06.00 Sunday

Total Distance 51.7 miles

CONGRATULATIONS from Norfolk & Suffolk LDWA!

MAKE SURE YOU REST ADEQUATELY BEFORE TRAVELLING HOME.

Alternative route to be used if National Trust advises no access into Blickling Park:

*Do not cross Rd. Return 5m to WMP & **TR** on faint FP through Beech trees, X TK & Ahd, fence on L, to exit wood. **TL** & in 10m at WMP **TR** across field to hedge corner & continue to field corner. **TL** to enclosed TK; **TR** to road. **TR** for c850m to T junc. Cross Rd (Care, can be busy), **TL**, pass cottage and in 5 m at FPSP **TR**. Follow path on field edge with wood on R. At corner, hedge on L, Ahd on enclosed path along edge of wood. Path bears slightly L and becomes enclosed TK; follow to Rd. **TG 155 299***

***TL** & rejoin route at ***