



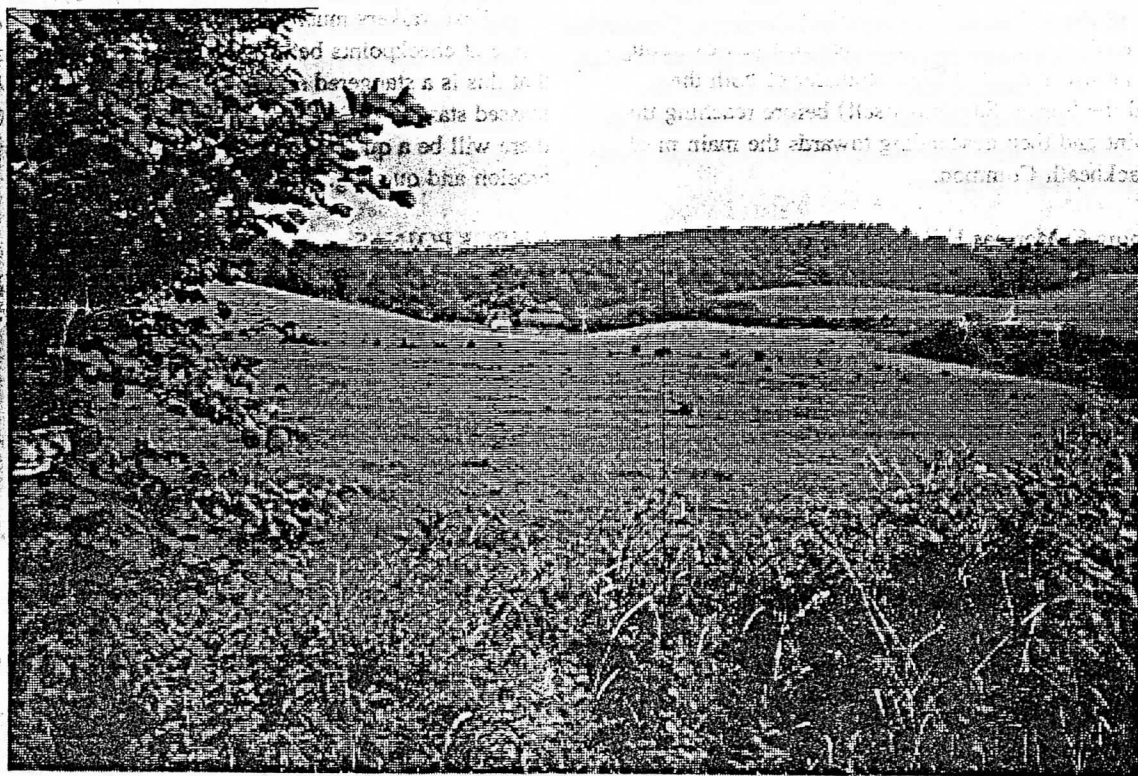
# The Surrey Summits 1991

## April 13th / 14th

The Surrey Summits is an annual 100Km challenge walk organised by the Surrey Group of the LDWA and now celebrating its 16th year.

As an overnight walk, it represents a serious challenge for experienced walkers rather than the more usual 25-30 mile events. It is also good preparation for the LDWA 100 miler in May!

The particular challenge of this event is to walk the route within a 26 hour time limit. It is one of the rare events which do not allow running and all entrants agree to abide by this rule.



The event is based at Witley and uses the same anti-clockwise route as in 1990. This was chosen to minimise the amount of road walking. It passes over 11 summits of the popular hills in Central & Western Surrey, including Box Hill to the East and Gibbet Hill to the West, and gives a total climb of 2100 metres. Many of the county's beauty spots are on the route, and because the walk aims for the high ground, many splendid views are seen of Surrey, Kent, Sussex and Hampshire.

The Surrey Summits is one of the qualifying events for the Southern Triple Challenge - the other two being the Wealden Waters and the Three Forests Way.

## THE CHALLENGE

of this event is to:

- walk - running is not allowed
- complete 100 Km
- finish within 26 hours
- ascend 11 summits (2100m total ascent)
- experience up to 10 hours of darkness

A certificate will be awarded to all those who successfully meet this challenge (Badges at £1 will also be available).

## THE ROUTE:

From the start at Witley the route passes through the village of Hambledon before climbing up onto the Greensand Ridge which traverses Pitch, Holmbury and Leith Hills. It then skirts Dorking before ascending the steep southern scarp of Box Hill. From this summit the route joins the North Downs Way over the stepping stones of the River Mole (bridge for the faint-hearted!) and climbs past the largest vineyard in England to reach Ranmore Church and Common. Continuing along the North Downs escarpment the route passes through Blatchford Down (named after the founder of both the LDWA and the Surrey Summits itself) before reaching the halfway point and then descending towards the main meal stop on Blackheath Common.

After climbing St. Marthas Hill the route rejoins the NDW to cross the River Wey in Guildford. This national trail is followed until Puttenham Common where the route swings south to Crooksbury Hill and the village of Tilford. Crossing Hankley Common and climbing through the Devil's Punch Bowl the final section of the route ascends Gibbet Hill en route for the finish at Witley.

## KIT:

Walkers must carry the following items as a minimum requirement. These will be checked at registration:

- torch
- spare bulb & batteries to last 10 hours
- compass
- OS maps 186/187, 1:50,000
- waterproofs
- route description

## BUT BE PREPARED:

Past events have seen conditions ranging from snow to hot sun. Spare warm clothing is strongly advised. Distances between checkpoints include stretches of up to 19Km so supplementary food and drink should be carried.

## THE ROUTE DESCRIPTION:

A detailed route description will be sent to all entrants approximately 2 weeks before the event. Pay particular attention to your route description over the military land at Hankley Common where exercises may be in progress.

## THE WALK HQ

is at Witley Hall GR 186/948394 (start & finish)

- ample parking on wide grass verge opposite (hall car-parking for marshals only).
- storage for surplus kit
- free tea at registration
- hot refreshments at the finish
- showers at the finish
- floor space for sleeping after the event until 11.30am Sunday (regret no sleeping facilities available in Hall before the event but see last page for accommodation list).

## THE START:

Registration and kit check will take place from 8.30am. You will then be given a checkcard with your walk number which must be shown at each checkpoint. You may start anytime between 9.30 & 10.00am by registering on the verandah with the marshal who will record your actual start time. Fast walkers must start after 9.45am otherwise they will arrive at checkpoints before they are open. It should be noted that this is a staggered start, and not a means of advancing a massed start to 9.30. If too many want an exact 9.30 start, there will be a queue to register. A staggered start reduces erosion and queuing.

## CHECKPOINTS:

There are 8 checkpoints (including the finish) as follows:-

CP	Km	CP	Km
1	19	5	68
2	36	6	81
3	44	7	90
4	58	8	100

Only cold drinks will be available at Checkpoint 1. From then onwards all Checkpoints will provide both hot and cold drinks and light refreshments. A hot meal will be available at CP 4 (Blackheath-58Km).

Additionally, unadvertised Checkpoints will be included around the route where you will be required to show your route card. REMEMBER running is not allowed anywhere. Committee members will be out on the route, as well as walking the Event, watching for infringements. Anyone seen breaking this simple rule will be disqualified.

## ENTRY:

- have completed an LDWA event of 30miles or more in the 12 months prior to this event.
- complete an entry form (or photocopy) - only one entry per form.
- pay an entry fee of £8 for LDWA members, £9 for non-members. Entries close on March 23rd, but late entries, at £11, MAY be accepted at committee's discretion. NO ENTRIES ON THE DAY.



## PRE-EVENT ACCOMMODATION:

Public transport does not provide a service to enable you to reach Witley on Saturday morning. For those seeking accommodation in the area the following information may be of use.

### Bed & Breakfast Accommodation:

Brian & Jenny Newman's Guest House, 24 Waterden Rd, Guildford, GU1 2AY £17 32 Beds  
GR:005498 Tel:0483-60558 Loc:9 mls North of Witley

Mrs.B.Essex, Combe Ridge, Pook Hill, Chiddingfold £15 1 Twins  
GR:943358 Tel:0428-682607 Loc: 2 mls South of Witley 2 Singles

Meads Hotel, 65 Mead Row, Godalming, Surrey GU7 3HS £25 15 beds  
GR:978446 Tel:0483-421800 Loc: 4 mls North of Witley

Hindhead YHA Simple Grade 16 Beds  
GR:892368 Tel:042873-4285 Loc: 5 mls SW of Witley



### YOUR ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Jeff Ellingham  
Louise Cartwright  
Tony Cartwright  
Dave Challenger  
Janet Chapman  
Mervyn Harvey  
Liz Higgins  
Richard Hotchkiss  
Martin Jones



## RETIREMENTS:

If you are forced to retire, do so at a checkpoint, OR ring the emergency telephone number shown on your checkcard, and we will come and pick you up. All telephone Kiosks are shown on the latest OS maps.

## THE RULES:

1. No running allowed (disqualification could result)
2. Follow the prescribed route
3. Observe the Country Code
4. Show your checkcard when requested
5. Be especially quiet at night

Please note that:-

- one of the conditions of our use of the Blackheath Cricket Club Pavilion is that WALKERS MUST NOT CROSS ANY PART OF THE CRICKET PLAYING AREA (square or outfield). You must therefore use the track in front of the houses, and pass to the right/back of the pavilion when coming in & out.

- after Tilford the route goes over Hankley Golf Course and then Hankley Common. The Common is military land so it is possible that they might be holding an exercise; please be particularly careful to keep to the route!

## ENTRY FORM

I wish to enter the Surrey Summits Walk on 13/14th April 1991. I understand that the organisers cannot be held responsible for any injury sustained, or property lost. I agree to abide by the rules of the Event and follow the Country Code

### BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FORENAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

POST CODE \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

LDWA NO. \_\_\_\_\_ GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_

30/30+ LDWA Event completed in the 12 months prior to this event:-  
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I enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Fee      Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Much of the route passes through land owned, or administered by, either The National Trust or The Hurtwood Control. If you wish to make a donation, in appreciation of the work that they do on your behalf, please add this to your Entry Fee.

Make Cheques payable to "LDWA Surrey Group"

Completed application forms should be sent to:-

D.CHALLENGER

44 AGATES LANE, ASHTEAD, SURREY KT21 2ND (Tel: 0372-277138)

If acknowledgement is required (before March 20th) please send small SAE. NO OTHER SAE's are required.