

GATLIFF MARATHON - 25K Route - 18 OCT 2025

Welcome to the 41st Gatliff Marathon Challenge Walk.

We hope that you have an enjoyable day in the Kent and Sussex countryside.

Please take care crossing and walking on roads.

Some stiles and gates are in poor condition, take care when using them.

Please ensure that your check-card is punched at every checkpoint.

It is important that anybody wishing to retire early, does so at a checkpoint. Entrants who arrive at checkpoints after the stated closing time may be asked to retire. However, each checkpoint will remain active well after this time to try and account for everyone. If you cannot get to a checkpoint, or in any other emergency, contact Edenbridge on the Phone Nos. above. Failure to do so may result in the Police being called in vain.

Good luck with your challenge!

P.S. Please do not litter the countryside with cups from checkpoints.

ABBREVIATIONS :-

btwn = between	bldgs = buildings	BL = Bear Left	BR = Bear Right
BW = Bridleway	CNR = Corner	cont = continue	CP = Checkpoint
FD = Field	flw = follow	FL = Fork Left	FP = Footpath
FR = Fork Right	GA = Gate	immed = immediately	JCTN = Junction
KGA = Kissing gate	LHS = Left hand side	NT = National Trust	opp = opposite
RD = Road	RHS = Right hand side	ST = Stile	thru = through
TK = Track	TL = Turn Left	TR = Turn Right	X = Cross
XGA = Go thru gate if it can be opened - <u>or over if it doesn't.</u>		_XRD = Cross road - take care crossing and walking on roads.	
XST = Cross stile - <u>with care.</u>		HWLT = High Weald Landscape Trail	
SBP = Sussex Border Path		TBP = Tandridge Border Path	
VGW = Vanguard Way		WW = Wealdway	

25 Km route = START - CP1 - CP5 - FINISH

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The OS Grid Reference is given for the start of each instruction paragraph as an aid to location. In large fields etc, magnetic bearings have been shown for those with compasses. Indicative distances have been added to help you to locate features. what 3words references are also given to aid navigation.

<u>EDENBRIDGE to DRY HILL</u>	
0 km to 9.4 km (9.4)	
From clubhouse TR, X the Cricket Club car park. XRD, B2026 (EXTREME CARE). TL along the pavement of Mill Hill. Ahead for 130m, passing entrance to the former Edenbridge and District Memorial Hospital, XRD, (EXTREME CARE). TL onto FP before "Windmill House".	OS Grid Ref. TQ/ what3words 445 452 ///little. magic. shape
Pass pond on LHS and continue to KGA. Onto another KGA, X FD straight ahead. Go through KGA with 'Bull in field' warning sign. Shortly X another KGA into FD, fl/w LHS of FD to XKGA. Continue to XKGA to R of GA. XTK. XKGA. X FD towards houses, (205° bearing) XKGA. TR onto RD.	444 453 ///trend. luck. hired
Pass United Reform church. Immed TR onto FP. XKGA & keep to LHS FD. X another KGA and keep ahead on broad grass FP. Reach gravel TK and cont ahead on TK for 500m (<i>Fl/w signs to "Fishery".</i>)	439 444 ///bigger retire. snap
At "Bridge End Field" BL on TK & shortly pass pond on L. Cont on TK to GA. Pass to R of GA. Cont on grassy TK. Ahead XST (TAKE CARE WOBBLY!) into "Cernes Field". Ahead XFD (236° bearing). X plank bridge. XST. Ahead. TL onto TK.	432 449 ///react. rental. fight
Ahead on drive for 200m. (Starborough Castle) BR thru open GA & cont on drive btwn hedges for 360m. XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC) to cont on drive ahead to " <i>Starborough Farm</i> ".	425 444 ///fleet. hills. mute
At second corrugated barn, TL at GA and XST. TR on drive. After 15m BL onto FP btwn hedges. Emerge into FD. X diagonally to opp CNR (240° bearing). X plank bridge and XGA. TL for 10m then TR to keep to LHS of same FD . At next CNR X concrete plank bridge & XKGA. Cont on LHS FD. XKGA into trees. Shortly X footbridge & XKGA. Cont on of LHS of next FD. XKGA & X concrete plank bridge. Keep to	417 441 ///times. sand. scales

LHS then XKGA 20m to R of CNR. Ahead on enclosed FP. After 260m XGA on R. Immed TL on FP btwn bushes. At end XRD (EXTREME CARE!).	
TR for 10m then BL onto tarmac FP. Cont for 200m to broken ST on L. Keep to RHS FD for 40m & pass broken ST. Cont with fence on L. XST and TL on TK (<i>"Private Drive"</i>).	409 432 ///loaf. zones. lives
Shortly pass cottages & "Woodgates Farmhouse". FR at "Woodgate Barn" on to FP btwn hedges. Thru gap next to ST into FD & keep to RHS. Thru gap, X bridge into next FD. TL to cont on LHS FD. At CNR X bridge. Cont ahead to RHS FD for 380m. At CNR BL with wire fence on L. After 60m pass GA on L. Cont with fence on L. Emerge into FD & keep to RHS. At CNR TR onto BW, joining VGW. Cont for 350m (<i>very shortly ignore FP on L</i>). XGA & TR onto TK. After 50m TL onto BW.	409 428 ///shows. decent. spits
Cont on BW for 900m (<i>pass "Bug Hotel"</i>). At top / end TR on TK. Pass cottages. TR at JCT & flw drive round to CP.	424 425 ///rider. market. scenes
CHECKPOINT 1 - Dry Hill	429 420 ///tower. wakes. erase
OPENS 08:00 CLOSSES 13:30	
Cold drinks No toilets	
<u>DRY HILL TO COWDEN</u>	
9.4 km to 17.9 km (8.5)	
From CP TR on drive & shortly TR cont ahead on BW between posts (VGW). Cont uphill on TK. Pass reservoir on L at summit. Cont on TK descending btwn fences. Enter trees and shortly TL on BW (<i>Ignore 50k which goes ahead</i>). After 480m BL . Flw FP btwn trees for 280m then TR at JCTN (<i>blue arrow on post</i>).	429 420 ///tower. wakes. erase

Shortly ignore FP joining from L & cont ahead down thru trees. After 600m (ignore sharp R turn) TR onto TK. Cont on TK to emerge from woodland . Cont on TK, BL and then TR still on TK. After 400m TL onto BW (<i>ignore 50k which cont ahead</i>). Join TK from R & cont thru woods on wide TK. Emerge from woods, TL & fllw TK . After 80m TR on road.	433 419 ///trick. dice. push
Cont up road / drive. At farm bldgs cont to brown wooden GA. PRESS GREEN BUTTON on R to open & XGA . After 30m TR at blue arrows to keep pond on L. Thru open GA to BL on grassy TK btwn hedge on L and wooden fence on R. Shortly XGA into FD. Bear ahead, slightly L, to pass isolated tree & reach GA into woods (<i>ignore GA into adj FD</i>). XGA . After 100m TL along edge of woods. After further 300m ignore GA on R but cont with fence on R to far end of FD.	446 419 ///vouch. much. market
At JCTN of paths, XKGA on L into trees on SBP. After 80m XKGA into FD. Cont towards trees in centre of FD. Pass marker post between ponds & cont to far R side of FD (120 ° bearing). (<i>Ignore GA in lower L CNR of FD.</i>) XGA and cont along LHS FD. After 100m XGA on L .	444 411 ///angel. carry. blend
Cont on RHS of FD for 100m. X pedestrian GA to LHS GA. Fllw TK. After 50m BL on TK into woods for 30m. TR at marker post for SBP. After 20m X pedestrian GA into FD. XFD to GA (126° bearing). XKGA, thru gap in trees. XFD. Go into woods, X footbridge. At JCTN BR by waymark post (<i>ignore 25k and 50k coming in opposite direction</i>). Ahead, TR up steps. Cont thru woods, XGA and ahead along drive (" <i>Waystrode Manor</i> "). Immed after GA, TR XST, leaving SBP. Ahead on FP into woods. Descend, keeping wire fence on RHS. Cont on enclosed FP. X pedestrian GA. TR onto main RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). X bridge. After 30m pass (" <i>Kitford Mead</i> ") on R. X (" <i>Furnace Lane</i> ").	449 407 ///fakes. hint. brain
Ahead for 110m. TL to FP (<i>past road sign, joins 50k</i>). Shortly XGA and cont btwn fences. XGA and thru bushes to emerge on to golf fairway (EXTREME CARE - GOLF BALLS) . X to	460 400 ///useful. atom. puzzle

first short white post opposite . BL to cont to X next fairway. X low bridge btwn red posts .	
After bridge cont in same direction for 30m then TR towards grass gap btwn trees . Fllw grassy TK winding btwn bushes & trees for 250m. Emerge at green & keep to LHS after 100m TL. Find FP marker post at edge of fairway near oak tree . Shortly, go thru gap by GA & BR on FP btwn hedges. X drive. X wiremesh GA. Ahead thru allotments uphill (14° bearing) (<i>Ignore FL</i>). XGA to enclosed FP. Exit by church, TL on drive. X main RD (<i>“High St”</i>) (BEWARE TRAFFIC). TL along pavement, X (<i>“North St”</i>) (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Cont on pavement for 30m. TR at (<i>“No Cycling”</i>) sign. Fllw FP between houses/gardens. XRD to reach Village Hall and CP.	462 401 ///saving. upgrading. likes
CHECKPOINT 2 (5 on 50k) - Cowden Village Hall	464 404 ///leader. plug. enter
OPENS 09:00 CLOSSES 18:00	
Toilets Hot and Cold Drinks Refreshments	
<u>COWDEN TO EDENBRIDGE</u>	
17.9 km to 25.4 km (7.5)	
From hall TL onto RD. At end TL onto next RD. Fllw for 450m. (BEWARE TRAFFIC) . At sharp R bend keep ahead , XGA, onto drive to (<i>“Waystrode Manor”</i>) (<i>Ignore 25k in opposite direction</i>). Where drive swings L, keep ahead to XGA onto FP into woods. Cont & down steps. TR at JCT by waymark post leaving the SBP. Cont thru woods for 520m & X plank bridge. After further 150m XGA to emerge into FD. Ahead to isolated tree (335° bearing) then cont towards & join LHS FD & wire fence. TR & follow LHS FD. XGA.	464 404 ///leader. plug. enter
Immd X drive & cont to X wooden footbridge in trees XGA into FD. Ahead to XGA (<i>by large GA</i>) into another FD. Cont ahead to XGA (<i>adj several metal GA's</i>). T ½ L to pass FP	454 413 ///slug. action. deputy

marker post and oak tree. Cont down to XGA. Ahead on BW into woods. X bridge. Cont thru woods & ignore FP on L. Emerge with wooden fence on R and cont.	
TL along drive for 50m then TR to XGA by marker post. Up gravel TK to XGA into FD. Keep to RHS of FD. XKGA by GA . Keep to LHS to XKGA . Keep to LHS of next <i>(long)</i> FD <i>(there may be horses in FD)</i> . Pass ST not in use, and keep to LHS of FD. After 75m turn sharp L under trees & X plank bridge & XST (TAKE CARE WOBBLY!) . Thru woods and emerge into FD. Fllw diversion to R and fllw high fence. Thru gap in hedge. Cont to XKGA & X concrete drive. X grass to XKGA into FD. Same direction to pass isolated tree & left of water. XST by old oak tree.	448 420 ///aspect. throw. cape
TR on drive. <i>(Shortly ignore drive on R)</i> . Cont ahead. BL at JCT & downhill. Fllw drive round to L (<i>"Christmas Place Lake"</i>). At JCT leave drive & XST to cont ahead into FD <i>(by post box)</i> . Keep to RHS FD. After 180m TR thru gap in hedge. Immed TL to reach CNR then TR along LHS FD. Where FD opens to L <i>(large oak tree & broken ST)</i> , cont ahead to X to far CNR (330° bearing). TR onto enclosed BW for 400m & cont on drive to JCTN. TL and head north on metalled TK for 500m (BEWARE SPEED HUMPS) .	445 435 ///remit. puddles. blast
TR onto B2028 RD for 250m (BEWARE TRAFFIC) . BL onto FP, XST (TAKE CARE WOBBLY!) , T1/2R X Park Field fllwing fence on R. XST nr house. XST onto B2026 RD. (BEWARE TRAFFIC) . Stay on LHS on RD. Pass double gates for Gatliff car parking. When pavement ends XRD with EXTREME CARE to cont on pavement on RHS of RD. Pass Jet Garage &, with EXTREME CARE , immed XRD, B2026 to enter Blossoms Park, using short cut through hedge to reach back of clubhouse.	443 446 ///divide. orchestra. hero
FINISH! WELL DONE! TOILETS SHOWERS AND REFRESHMENTS	445 452 ///little. magic. shape

