

GATLIFF MARATHON - 50K 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	fillw = 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</u> if it doesn't.		_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 9.5 km (9.5)	
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, flw 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>Flw 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.	417 441 ///times. sand. scales

XKGA into trees. Shortly X footbridge & XKGA. Cont on of LHS of next FD. XKGA & X concrete plank bridge. Keep to 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 ASHURST WOOD</u>	
9.5 km to 16.8 km (7.3)	
TR out of CP onto SBP for 100m. At JCTN of BWs, Ahead onto TK, VGW. Flw BW for 1000m. The BW climbs slightly, pass reservoir on L, before descending on drive to Beeches Farm (<i>ignore 25k which TL part way down hill</i>).	429 420 ///tower. wakes. erase
At Beeches Farm TL at barn and immed TR on the BW, VGW	435 412

for 900m.	///weds. proven. stiff
FR, then TR onto Minor Road (<i>Smithers Lane</i>) (BEWARE TRAFFIC) for 500m.	435 404 ///cloth. dragon. sloth
TL onto B RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC) for 700 m which ascends to the A264.	430 402 ///hike. topic. hedge
XRD, A264 (EXTREME CARE). TR along verge for 20m. TL onto Private Drive and head south on FP/metalled drive for 600m. (Leave VGW).	433 395 ///couches. back. soccer
At GA to Brooklands Farm, TL, flw drive for 200m. At bend BR at broken ST. XFD (262° bearing). XST. TR on TK. XGA into farmyard. XST to RHS of GA. XST to RHS of 2 nd GA. Flw drive. XST to LHS GA.	432 389 ///wiping. sock. person
At Homestall House, cont on drive/FP for 600m.	426 384 ///crib. invent. cities
XRD, Homestall Road (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Cont ahead on FP (<i>"Muffin Cottage"</i>). X stream & cont to GA at far end of FP. TR. X high ST. F½L. Uphill XFD (220° bearing). XGA open/XST LHS. Cont around hay FD, keeping to LHS (or XFD on 210° bearing). XGA, cont to XFD (192° bearing) up to cnr. XST to LHS of GA. Cont on TK. XST at RHS GA. At Beeches Farm X farmyard. XST at RHS GA. Cont on drive. XGA. Join semi metalled TK to join RD & cont to T JCTN.	421 380 ///guests. plug. soothing
TL (Wood Hills Lane) for 100m. TR onto School Lane (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Stay on LHS pavement. At JCTN with Maypole Road TR (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Cont for 50m, XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC) to car park & CP.	417 368 ///spill. hotspots. dive
CHECKPOINT 2 - Ashurst Wood Village Centre	421 367 ///needed. handbag.

	denim
OPENS 09:00 CLOSSES 12:00	
Cold drinks Toilets	
<u>ASHURST WOOD TO HARTFIELD</u>	
16.8 km to 23.6 km (6.8)	
TR out of CP car park (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Ahead for 50m. TR, cont along School Lane, staying on pavement on RHS. After School BR. Cont on pavement for 50m. TL at JCTN with Hammerwood Road. Cont on pavement for 100m. XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). FR into Cansiron Lane. Ahead for 800m. Stay on Cansiron Lane (<i>"Bridleway Only, No Vehicles"</i>) BW/metalled, becoming gravelled TK for 700m, joining HWLT (<i>Ignore F on R</i>).	421 367 ///needed. handbag. denim
At five-way JCTN, XST to RHS GA (<i>"Warning Sheep"</i>) XFD. XST to LHS GA. XFD (82° bearing). XST & descend on faint TK XFD (104° bearing). XST into wood. X plank bridge. Ahead for 100m, BR on FP. Keep to LHS FD. Thru gap into FD. Keep to LHS by hedge. Thru gap into FD. Keep to LHS. Thru gap in hedge. FP stays to LHS of FD.	439 363 ///familiar. adverbs. newer
Join gravelled TK with fishing lake on R. Thru camping and caravan site. TL after toilet/shower block. Ahead for 400m. TR on metalled TK. Immed at T JCTN, TL onto drive. Ahead on drive, for 800m.	457 366 ///twig. exporters. lashed
When the drive bears L, T(sharp)R opp Blackthorn Stables GA, down enclosed BR for 400m. Pass stables on L. XTK. Ahead (ignore FP that FR). X footbridge. BL on enclosed BW. BR. X bridge over Forest Way cycling/walking route. XGA into FD. Ahead, thru gap in hedge. XFD keeping hedge on LHS. Thru gap in hedge. XGA, X car park to Cricket Club Pavilion, CP. Go past bins on R, TR and enter pavilion on the playing field side. (Beware of football matches that may be going on).	470 367 ///optimally. tweaked. perfumed
CHECKPOINT 3 - Hartfield Cricket Pavilion	478 359 ///gazes.

	geology. tips
OPENS 10:00 CLOSSES 14:00	
Lunch Stop Toilets	
<u>HARTFIELD TO BUCKHURST ESTATE</u>	
23.6 km to 34.0 km (10.4)	
TL out of pavilion & join TK for 100m. TR onto pavement of B2026 thru village for 400m past Pooh Corner tearoom. Cont to 40mph sign & XRD (EXTREME CARE), TR onto pavement to LHS of B2110 RD for 400m.	478 359 ///gazes. geology. tips
TL onto FP (<i>"Hook Farm House"</i>). X gap to RHS GA. Ahead on drive, then onto enclosed FP. At JCTN of FPs FR thru woods. At JCTN TR (<i>"Pooh Bridge"</i>). After 275m, XKGA. X metalled TK. X gap to LHS pedestrian GA. Take FP (208° bearing) XFD. XKGA (broken). XFD. XKGA to RHS GA. BL, join metalled TK. FR at (<i>"Private No Entry"</i>). After 50m FL on gravelled BW. Reach Pooh Sticks Bridge.	478 352 ///spilled. idea. clinking
X Pooh Sticks Bridge, BR ahead on BW. TL (<i>"Car Park"</i>). Uphill on broad TK. At metal barrier before car park, BR, cont on BW to RD. XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC).	470 338 ///zips. sideburns. regulator
Ahead thru Jumper's Town wood on Forest Ride. After 250m BL on TK into open heathland. Cont on TK for 600m in a southerly direction. At bench on L, part way up hill & cont ahead uphill. After 250m, at the top of the hill pass the <i>Memorial to AA Milne and EH Shephard</i> on R. Cont & FL by Grazing Area Sign to the trig point, 669 ft/204m. TL to descend down FP to RD.	471 332 ///copiers. commands. widen
XRD B2026 (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Take path and in 30m TL onto ride. Gently descend. At T-JCTN TR thru wood before descending steeply on more open heath to reach the valley bottom and a bridge. X bridge & cont uphill. XTK & cont uphill for 125m. At the top of the hill, TL & descend. After 200m, FR	469 318 ///shoulders. lined. spits

into woods. After 50m, FL at WW sign. X TK and cont to ahead for 1250m, following WW signs. At T JCTN by green barrier TR on FP, keep wire-linked fence on LHS.	
Join metalled TK. Cont with lake on L. Cont uphill. After Honeywood House TL on WW. Ahead to Fishers Gate on L. At wooden post FR onto FP, still on WW. XST. X plank bridge. Keep to FP with hedge on LHS. XST & TR. Cont on metalled TK, pass cottages on L (<i>"Beware speed humps"</i>). After 1600m reach CP on roadside, by logs at JCTN (<i>"Old Buckhurst Private Road"</i>).	485 334 ///refer. goggles. comb
CHECKPOINT 4 - Buckhurst Estate roadside	493 352 ///shrimp. atom. gravitate
OPENS 12:00 CLOSSES 16:00	
Cold drinks No toilets	
<u>BUCKHURST ESTATE TO COWDEN</u>	
34.0 km to 42.7 km (8.7)	
Cont north on WW for 500m to Withyham. At Church keep L to B2110. Ignore FR to church. TL for 30m on verge.	493 352 ///shrimp. atom. gravitate
TR. X B2110 (EXTREME CARE). XST to RHS GA. Stay on WW. XFD. Pass thru gap. X second FD (350° bearing). XGA. X Forest Way. XGA. BR on FP in FD. X footbridge. Ahead, X stream. Into woods. XST. (FALLEN TREE - CAUTION). Cont to BR at finger-post. X plank bridge. Up steps. TR on TK.	492 356XFD ///tractor. restrict. community
Leave WW. Before drive, TL thru pedestrian GA. XFD, XGA. XFD, XTK. XST. TL. XST (wobbly). TR on enclosed FP. XST past wood shed. X Top Hill Farm farmyard. At JCTN TL. FR. Pass barn on L. X double GAs. TR onto enclosed FP. XGA. BL XGA. Ahead XFD (295° bearing). XST into woods. Descend on enclosed FP. At bottom BL on FP to X gap to LHS GA. TL onto BW. At Millwood Farm, ahead on drive/TK to LHS GA.	495 367 ///admire. diary. flattery

Descend on drive. Keep R at JCTN. Ascend to main road.	
TL for 75m along verge/driveways. TR, X B2026 RD (EXTREME CARE) . Ahead (<i>“Bolebroke Private Driveway Bridleway”</i>) on metalled TK for 480m. (Perryhill Farm Shop on R). Pass Bolebrook Castle. At JCTN TR up TK. Pass (<i>“The Gatehouse”</i>). Pass outbuildings. Take pedestrian GA into woods. FL on BW into FD. Uphill. Keep fence on LHS. XGA (open). BR into woods. XGA. XFD. XGA into woods. BR, X pedestrian GA. At RHS GA, TR onto TK. (<i>“Goodtrees Farm”</i>). Cont on BW down drive. Pass “Sleeper” fence on L & FL (<i>“Official Path Diversion”</i>). FL XGA (open). X second GA (open). Cont on meandering grass TK/enclosed FP. BL and X pedestrian GA with a high bar. XFD. X pedestrian gate. BR X grass. In hedge, XST, XGA. TL onto verge of A264 RD for 10m.	479 375 ///suitably. dent. iteration
At drive, X A264 RD (EXTREME CARE) & take FP, not marked, X pedestrian GA. Ahead thru undergrowth for 100m. emerge on to first fairway, ahead, keeping to RHS of green (EXTREME CARE - GOLF BALLS) . (320° bearing across golf course). Ahead, follow “4 th Tee” sign. Keep to LHS of belt of trees. Ignore FP thru trees to “4 th Tee”. Ahead X “rough” long grass (midway between two fairways). Emerge onto second fairway, X fairway for 50m (EXTREME CARE - GOLF BALLS) (302° bearing). Pass black & White post. At FP sign TL to flw short red posts keeping to LHS of trees. Pass clubhouse and golf buggy garage. X gap to RHS GA. Up TK, pass chalet. X drive. Ahead. TR onto RD for 75m (BEWARE TRAFFIC) .	467 391 ///ideal. kept. dips
TR to FP. (<i>Joins 25k</i>). Shortly XGA and cont btwn fences. XGA and thru bushes to emerge on to golf fairway (EXTREME CARE - GOLF BALLS) . X to first short white post opposite . BL to cont to X next fairway. X low bridge btwn red posts .	460 399 ///warns. crisp. menu
After bridge cont in same direction for 30m then TR towards grass gap btwn trees . Flw grassy TK winding btwn bushes &	462 401 ///saving. upgrading. likes

<p>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) (ignore FL). 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.</p>	
CHECKPOINT 5 - 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>	
42.7 km to 50.1 km (7.4)	
<p>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.</p>	464 404 ///leader. plug. enter
<p>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 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.</p>	454 413 ///slug. action. deputy

<p>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.</p>	<p>448 420 ///aspect. throw. cape</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>445 435 ///remit. puddles. blast</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>443 446 ///divide. orchestra. hero</p>
<p>FINISH! WELL DONE! TOILETS SHOWERS AND REFRESHMENTS</p>	<p>445 452 ///little. magic. shape</p>

