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GATLIFF MARATHON - 25K Route - 17 OCT 2026

Welcome to the 42nd Gatliff Marathon Challenge Walk.

We hope that you have an enjoyable day in the Kent countryside. This brand new route heads east to the outskirts of Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells. You can enjoy planes on an easterly approach to Gatwick Airport and see many oasthouses. 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 marked 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
ped = pedestrian	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> . XKGA = Cross Kissing Gate
XRD = Cross road - take care crossing and walking on roads.	XST = Cross stile - <u>with care</u> .
EVW = Eden Valley Walk	SBP = Sussex Border Path
VGW = Vanguard Way	WW = Wealdway

25 Km route = START - CP1 - CP5 - FINISH

50 Km route = START - CP1 - CP2 - CP3 - CP4 - CP5 - FINISH

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.

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<u>EDENBRIDGE to CHIDDINGSTONE CAUSEWAY</u>	
0 km to 9.9 km (9.9)	OS Grid Ref. TQ/ what3words
From clubhouse TR, thru Cricket Club car park. XRD, B2026 (EXTREME CARE). TL along the pavement of Mill Hill. Ahead for 600m.	445 452 ///little. magic. shape
TR into Hever Road. Ahead for 300m on the narrow pavement. X "Robyns Way". X "Phillipines Close". Ahead. X access to trading estate. At "The Old Manse" XRD. (BEWARE TRAFFIC).	445 457 ///keen. lowest. scared
Cont on tarmac TK to "Burnt Oak Farm". Go thru gap to LHS of metal GA. Ahead on TK. XST to RHS metal GA. Ahead XFD. Ahead to gap in hedge (BEWARE POSTS IN GRASS). X bridge over railway.	449 457 ///magic mats. clips
XKGA (broken). Ahead on enclosed FP (BEWARE OVERHEAD BRANCHES). Enter FD. Keep on FP on RHS. XKGA. Ahead. FR and keep to RHS FD. BR XST. Ahead XFD. In CNR XST. BL on gravel drive for 50m. TL onto drive.	439 448 ///spill. income. indeed
Join EVW for 500m (BEWARE SPEED HUMPS). Pass "The Great Barn" on L. Pass "The Granary" on L. Pass "The Oast" on L. Ahead on FP. X wide bridge over stream. XKGA. BR on TK thru FDs. Ahead on FP. X ploughed FD. TR & XFD. TR & X bridge. XKGA into FD. TL keeping hedge on LHS. Ignore path on L. Ahead. Join drive, with pond on L. TR on FP thru FD.	459 456 ///brand. degree. monkey
X ped GA. X footbridge. Ahead on FP, with hedge on LHS. Ahead into next FD. Ignore GA on L. Pass broken ST to X byway/metalled TK.	468 466 ///vest. bored. quench

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Ahead thru gap on FP into FD. Pass broken ST. X gap in hedge.	473 461 ///total. rips. valve
Down step onto RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). XRD. TL. Ahead for 50m. TR thru ped GA. Ahead on enclosed FP. X ped GA into Hever Castle Golf Club. Ahead on TK for 1075m. (EXTREME CARE - GOLF BALLS). At JCTN of TKs near lake, BL. X brick bridge. Ahead on TK. (EXTREME CARE - GOLF BALLS). At T-JCTN of TKs ahead on FP. Uphill keeping hedge on R. XKGA. Keep to RHS of FD. XST to LHS metal GA. XTK.	475 461 ///proper. heads. brief
Ahead for 20m on gravelled TK. BL on enclosed FP. X ped GA. BR on FP into FD, keep to LHS of hedge. BR downhill ahead on FP on RHS of hedge. At JCTN of FPs TL. BR into FD, with FP on RHS. X gap to LHS of metal GA onto RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). TR onto RD for 100m.	489 465 ///issued. data. spark
XRD (EXTREME CARE AS A BLIND BEND). X bridge still on RD. After 30m TL XST to LHS of GA into FD. Ahead on FP XFD (flw line of young trees). X ped GA. X footbridge. Ahead thru gap in hedge. Uphill on FP, XFD. XTK. XTK/tarmac drive.	494 462 ///mess. makes. finishing
XKGA. Keep to RHS of FD by fence/hedge. XST by water trough into FD. Keep to LHS of FD by hedge. XKGA. X concrete TK. XFD. Keep hedge on LHS. XKGA. TR onto drive.	502 463 ///same. Save. rungs
XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). TL for 50m. TR XST (BEWARE WOBBLY). Ahead XFD. BL thru GA. Flw RHS of FD by fence uphill. XST to Beckett's Farm. Go 30m along TK.	508 462 ///broke. sector. salt
TL. Immed XST (BEWARE WOBBLY) into FD. BR. Skirt Oast House garden on RHS. Ahead. Flw FP towards barn.	511 464 ///scare. king.

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X plank bridge in CNR. T½R. Ahead XFD. Keep to line of trees on RHS. Ignore FP on R. X metal GA (ST on R). Ahead for 30m. X GA into FD, TL. Keep fence/hedge on LHS. XST. X railway (BEWARE TRAINS). Descend steps. Wobbly handrail at bottom flight . XST. Ahead on FP, with cricket field on RHS. Exit via gap into car park. XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). TR along pavement past row of cottages. Ahead on pavement. TL into The Causeway Hall car park. Enter via the main doors and TR into the large meeting room, CP1.	some
CHECKPOINT 1 - LARGE MEETING ROOM, THE CAUSEWAY HALL	518 465 ///sake. actors. engage
OPENS 08:00 CLOSSES 13:30	
Cold drinks Toilets	
<u>CHIDDINGSTONE CAUSEWAY TO MARKBEECH</u>	
9.9 km to 18.7 km (8.8)	
TL out of the car park. Cont on pavement. X “Redleaf Close”. At “The Little Brown Jug” pub XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC) to Penshurst station. (<i>Ignore participants on 50k route, who cont ahead on pavement</i>).	518 465 ///sake. actors. engage
X railway via footbridge. Exit platform to station car park. BL. Cont along Station Hill. Just before the main RD, TR onto FP. X metal GA. Ahead on TK. X bridge. Ahead on TK until it reaches stream on L. X stream & BR. XST to RHS metal GA. Ahead XFD. X bridge. X metal GA. FL XFD. X metal GA. Ahead XFD. BL, X wooden footbridge. Ahead XFD. XST (WOBBLY) to RHS metal GA.	519 464 ///inserts. steer. risky
TL onto RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). X bridge. BL on FP to “Vexour”. Ahead on metalled TK. FR at FP sign thru woods. Thru gap into FD (BEWARE METAL PIPE). Keep to FP with hedge on LHS. At farm building, BR XFD on FP.	511 456 ///trail. coats. nail

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BL on FP with hedge on RHS. TR at pile of stones past “Footpath” and “Dogs Playing” signs. Thru gap to LHS of metal GA. Ahead on drive. Thru gap to LHS of second metal GA. Ahead on drive.	
TL onto RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Ahead past “Weller’s Town” sign. After 20m ignore FP on L & cont uphill. After passing thru hamlet, BL to XST to RHS metal GA. Ahead XFD (168° bearing). X plank bridge (broken). XKGA. Ahead uphill. Keep to LHS of FD by fence. Cont on enclosed FP, with building site on RHS. TL thru open gateway. TR into FD. X ped GA or wooden GA. TR onto BW. Join EVW. Ahead on TK between fences (BEWARE BUILDING SITE). Ahead along drive/metalled TK. After mud pit on R, BR to X ped GA to RHS of metal GA. Ahead XFD. X metal GA. Ahead on BW to TR on RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC).	507 448 ///equal. twigs. wells
After 10m on RD (IGNORE gap in fence (trip hazard)), TL past KGA (not in use). Ahead on FP in woods. XKGA. Ahead on enclosed FP. Ignore FP on R. At JCTN of FPs, TL onto enclosed FP. XKGA. XGA. Ahead on gravelled TK/drive & then flw to R. At T-JCTN, TL onto BW, still on EVW.	504 440 ///limbs. necks. glass
Thru gap to RHS metal GA. After 15m, FL, XKGA into FD, to LHS of metal GA. XFD, keep to middle of FD on main TK to XKGA on R. Ahead on enclosed FP. Ahead on FP thru “Stock Wood” ignoring side turnings (BEWARE LOW TREE BRANCHES). Ahead thru metal GA (BEWARE MODEL AIRCRAFT FLYING). Ahead on FP. XFD on FP with hedge on RHS. Thru gap in hedge. Ahead on main TK. At JCTN of TKs at “Campers Only” sign, ahead on FP.	497 446 ///hangs. palm. sharp
XKGA to RHS of metal GA. Thru “Newtye Hurst Wood”. Ahead on TK. X log. Thru gap to LHS metal GA.	486 434 ///ally. locker. happen

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Ahead on RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC) towards “Markbeech” for 600m. Ahead at XRDs, with Kentish Horse pub and then church on L. TR into the CP2, Markbeech Village Hall (Small Hall). <i>(CP5 on 50k route. Participants on 25k route re-join the 50k route at the checkpoint).</i>	481 430 ///sock. files. data
CHECKPOINT 5 - SMALL HALL, MARKBEECH VILLAGE HALL	474 428 ///slim. aims. play
OPENS 09:00 CLOSES 18:00	
Toilets Hot and Cold Drinks Refreshments	
<u>MARKBEECH TO EDENBRIDGE</u>	
18.7 km to 25.0 km (6.3)	
TR along RD, on leaving hall (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Pass “Fairholme Farm”. TR onto FP, X ped GA. Ahead on enclosed FP. XTK. Ahead on enclosed FP. Enter woods, BR on TK. X log. Descend thru woods on FP. X log (BEWARE TREE ROOTS AND LOW BRANCHES). BR on FP. Go under railway via subway. Ahead on enclosed FP.	474 428 ///slim. aims. play
TL onto RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). TL onto “Chippens Lane” (BEWARE TRAFFIC).	472 441 ///august. colleague. gives
TL onto “Hever Lane” (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Join EVW. X bridge over railway. TR onto FP at “Rose Cottage”. Cont up gravel drive. X wooden GA. Take enclosed FP to RHS of GA at “Bayleaf Hall”. FL with Hever station in view. XKGA. XFD (306° bearing). Head to LHS of woods & FP post. XFD (280° bearing), aim to the R of Oast Houses) to ped GA. XTK. Ahead XFD (ped GA not needed) to ped GA in hedge. TL onto RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Leave EVW. Cont on RD for 700m.	468 443 ///skirt. degree. bets

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At T-JCTN, XRD, B2026 (EXTREME CAUTION). Ahead on FP. XST to RHS of GA. Ahead on enclosed FP. XST to RHS of wood GA. XFD, keep to RHS. X metal GA. Ahead on enclosed TK. At JCTN of FPs, XST & TR onto metalled TK for 850m (BEWARE SPEED HUMPS).	452 443 ///ocean. follow. valve
XRD, B2028 (EXTREME CAUTION). Stay on pavement on LHS on RD, B2026. 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.	447 448 ///milk. mount. units
FINISH! WELL DONE! TOILETS SHOWERS AND REFRESHMENTS	445 452 ///little. magic. shape

