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GATLIFF MARATHON - 50K 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 HAYSDEN WATER</u>	
9.9 km to 17.6 km (7.7)	
TL out of the car park. Cont on pavement. X “Redleaf Close”. Pass “The Little Brown Jug” pub on L. (<i>Ignore participants on 25k route, who XRD to Penshurst station</i>). At RDs JCTN, TL onto tarmac FP for 425m. TR onto RHS RD for 50m (BEWARE TRAFFIC).	518 465 ///sake. actors. engage
TL along minor RD in the direction of the Greyhound pub, Charcott. After 60m, ahead along FP, a gravelled TK. After 50m BR into FD via gap to RHS metal GA. XFD. X open gateway. Ahead at JCTN of FPs. Keep hedge on LHS. Cont on TK. Aim for gap in trees. Fllw FP to LHS FD by fence. X gap in hedge. TR. Keep hedge on RHS. X ped GA to LHS of metal GAs. Ahead, cont uphill in same direction to ped GA at farm. Ahead past barn on RHS on metalled TK.	512 469 ///pass. jelly. hedge

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BL. BR. Cont on FP/farm drive. Pass "Wickhurst Brook" on RHS.	526479 ///fuel. shine. snack
XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). XKGA, X plank bridge. BL on FP at FD edge. X ped GA to RHS of metal GA. TR onto concrete drive. At Oast House on L, thru double metal GA opp. Keep hedge on LHS. X ped GA in hedge. X footbridge. Ahead, ignore V GA on L. X ped GA to RHS of metal GA. Ahead into next FD. Ahead into woods via ped GA. Cont on enclosed FP (BEWARE FALLEN TREE). XKGA. BR. Cont on FP, keep deer fence on RHS. XKGA. Ahead. XKGA. Ahead on FP. Pass church on R and descend into Leigh.	530 476 ///papers. jelly. lied
XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC) to war memorial. XRD. (BEWARE TRAFFIC) to village green. X village green towards cricket pavilion, avoiding cricket pitch. Ahead on pavement to LHS "Green View Avenue". Ahead on FP, cont under railway. Ahead on enclosed FP. XKGA. Ahead XFD. X "bridge" over small stream. Ahead on FP, XFD. X metal footbridge. BL. X log. X bridge. TL join EVW/National Cycle Route 12. Ahead for 500m. BL at JCTN signpost flw "Haysden Country Park", take ped route (NOT CYCLE ROUTE). Ahead. X footbridge. Ignore FP on R. Keep lake on RHS for 620m to CP2.	550 466 ///pumps. breath. hotel
CHECKPOINT 2 - HAYSDEN WATER, TONBRIDGE SAILING CLUB CAR PARK.	562 457 ///grin. focal. trout
OPENS 09:00 CLOSSES 12:00	
Cold drinks	
<u>HAYSDEN WATER TO SPELDHURST</u>	562 457 ///grin. focal. trout
17.6 km to 25.9 km (8.3)	

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TL at tarmac under A21 flyover. Ahead on levee for 30m. BR downhill to go to the L of Bridle route. BR on FP ahead thru trees "Straight Mile". Ignore FP/bridge on L. X "Weald Way Bridge". TL on FP. Cont on "Bridle route". Thru gap to RHS wood GA. Ahead on minor RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC).	
At hamlet, Lower Haysden, Take WW BW heading south. Ahead on BW/tarmac TK. At Oast House on L, X wooden GA (WW). BL on FP x grass. Thru gap to RHS of fence. Ahead on FP thru trees. Take subway under A21. TL on enclosed FP. X footbridge. TR into FD (WW). Flw FP on edge of FD. X plank bridge (BEWARE WOBBLY HANDRAIL).	569 456 ///kicked. digits. chance
XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Thru gap in hedge to FP. Ahead on FP XFD for 250m. BR, keep trees on LHS. Thru gap in hedge. BR, ahead on FP, uphill, keeping to RHS of FD for 700m. X metal ped GA to RHS of GA. Ahead on FP uphill thru woods.	571 449 ///packet. cigar. taxi
At top of hill, TR onto pavement of B2176 road for 520m.	572 437 ///pitch. Insects. fonts
At 30 mph speed limit sign (Bidborough), XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC) to "WW/To Church" FP sign. Ahead on enclosed FP. XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Cont on enclosed FP. Then ahead on pavement of "Rectory Drive". In 30m TL down FP. Shortly TL to join FP beside cricket ground. Cont to RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC).	567 435 ///fairly. gained. lame
TL into "Spring Lane". Pass school on RHS. Ahead on enclosed FP (WW). Descend. X two plank bridges. FR into "Brookhurst Field". Uphill on FP. XKGA, TR on FP. Ahead on WW into woods, keeping L at fork (BEWARE LOW TREE BRANCHES). XKGA. BR on FP, XFD. Thru wide	564 431 ///onlookers. hexes. causes

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gap into FD. Ahead. Keep line of trees on RHS. XKGA. Keep rusty iron fence on RHS. X plank bridge. At T-JCTN of FPs. TR on main path. At JCTN of FPs, TR, keeping on WW along tarmac drive. Ahead on FP, descend. X minor RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Ahead for 10m.	
At "The Pump House" TR along RD for 625m (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Walk on the outside of blind bend. Uphill, ignore RD on L.	570 423 ///divisions. presumes. delight
At "Birchetts Cottage", TL onto FP. XKGA onto enclosed FP, WW. XST, ahead on enclosed somewhat overgrown FP. TR thru gap into FD. TL XFD on FP, with hedge on LHS. At CNR TR. X ped metal GA. Keep plastic fence on LHS. XST, ahead on enclosed FP. In woods for 375m. Pass ST not in use. Descend steps.	563 420 ///staining. pleasing. upcoming
TR onto RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC) for 100m. TL. Take WW at "Forge House", thru zigzag barrier. X block paved drive. Ahead on enclosed FP, downhill. Cont into woods, go down steps. XST. Cont up drive (BEWARE SPEED HUMPS).	559 417 ///treat. instincts. escorting
XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). TR on WW. Cont on narrow pavement on LHS of RD, X "Waller's" RD. Ahead to end of pavement.	557 414 ///shatters. taster. rice
XRD at FP signs (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Leave WW. XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). TR along narrow pavement in direction of "Post Office, Local Store". Keep to pavement on LHS of RD. XRD "Northfields" (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Cont ahead on pavement. After 100m TL onto tarmac FP. Pass zigzag barrier. Ahead on FP thru allotments. TR into Village Hall (CP3).	554 414 ///stiletto. shrubbery. guitar

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CHECKPOINT 3 - MAIN HALL, SPELDHURST VILLAGE HALL	551 416 ///section. random. warms
OPENS 10:00 CLOSES 14:00	
Lunch Stop Toilets	
<u>SPELDHURST TO SMARTS HILL</u>	
25.9 km to 35.0 km (9.1)	
TL out of Village Hall main entrance. Ahead along St Mary's Lane. TR into "Northfields", keep to pavement on RHS. At RD JCTN XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Cont ahead along "Southfields" for 250m. Ahead on enclosed FP. At JCTN of FPs, TR and join WW. Ahead on enclosed FP for 500m downhill.	551 416 ///section. random. warms
TR onto minor RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC) for 400m.	545 411 ///impulsive. gallons. bouncing
At RD T-JCTN, TL onto RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC) for 375m.	543 415 ///mush. ushering. regrowth
TL at next RD JCTN "Poundbridge Hill" (BEWARE TRAFFIC). After 75m TR onto FP thru V ped GA. BR XFD. X ped GA. X plank bridge. TL, with fence on LHS. X V ped GA, to LHS of metal GA. BR for 60m, TR onto BW. XFD. X metal GA. Ahead.	540 418 ///helper. numeral. plea
DO NOT CROSS FOOTBRIDGE. TR. Shortly ignore path on L. XFD. X ped GA. X foot bridge. TL, then immed TR, following field boundary (BEWARE RABBIT HOLE). XST on L. BR XFD. X ped GA. Ahead XFD. X ped GA. X second ped GA. Ahead on enclosed FP. X ped GA. TL at JCTN of FPs. Cont for 150m.	533 420 ///obviously. plot. erupted

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Join drive & shortly TL on track by green utility box. X ped GA to LHS of wood GA. Ahead along RHS of FD. X ped GA to RHS side of metal GA. Keep ahead on FP/TK for 775m. X ped GA to RHS of metal GA.	534 426 ///digests. slowness. tech
TL along RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC) for 325m, using pavement on RHS when available, into Penshurst Village.	530 435 ///calm. eaten. royal
Ignore both the access to Penshurst Place and FP to the church. Go up the steps. TL on to the pavement.	527 438 ///could. gold. tennis
XRD to the Leicester Arms (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Cont on pavement. XRD by "Post Office, Forge Stores" (BEWARE TRAFFIC). TR at school along "The Warren". Ahead on FP/metalled TK. At Oast House cont on FP. Ahead on enclosed FP. X ped GA, X footbridge, XKGA. Cont on FP round 2 FD edges. Ahead on TK & then BL to XKGA. Fllw enclosed TK.	526 437 ///bricks. most. vase
Cont on TK uphill. TR (sharp) at "Harden Oast" (sign facing opp direction). Immed TL on FP thru woods uphill (BEWARE FALLEN TREES).	512 429 ///optimally. showering. lifestyle
TR onto RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Ignore "Kingdom" on L. TL, up steps on FP. BR. Ahead thru ped GA. Ahead XFD Cont thru temp ped GA keeping hedge on LHS. BL thru ped GA. Cont on enclosed FP. X ped GA. TR on to drive. X ped GA to RHS main gates. Ahead on drive. Exit at "The Bottle House Inn" car park.	512 427 ///threaded. tickles. broad
TL onto RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Ahead for 500m, ignoring RDs on R and then L. TR into pub car park (CP4).	516 421 ///crystals. terms. eclipses
CHECKPOINT 4 - SPOTTED DOG PUB CAR PARK, SMARTS HILL, PENSHURST	521 419 ///demanding. soldiers.

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	bedroom
OPENS 12:00 CLOSSES 16:00	
Cold drinks Toilets	
<u>SMARTS HILL TO MARKBEECH</u>	
35.0 km to 43.8 km (8.8)	
TL out of the car park onto RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). At staggered JCTN TL onto "Nunnery Lane" (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Cont on RD for 1500m, ignoring RD on L after 600m.	521 419 ///demanding. soldiers. bedroom
At Walters Green, TR onto FP. Cont uphill. Up 2 flights of steps to XST. T½L & XFD (270° bearing). XST. TR uphill on FP. Cont ahead. Thru ped GA. TR onto RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). Cont for 450m. TL at RD JCTN. After 250m, TL onto BW/TK (BW sign hidden in hedge). TR, TL and descend to drive. TL. Pass to L of GA and cont to RD.	512 407 ///tunnel. static. union
Ahead onto RD. (BEWARE TRAFFIC). After 30m, TR XST. Join SBP. Ahead on FP. XFD (318° bearing) to RHS. Go thru gap in hedge on TK. Cont to X ped GA to RHS of metal GA. Keep stream on LHS. BL at troughs & cont to X footbridge on LHS. TR. Keep hedge on RHS. XST (WOBBLY FENCE POST). Ahead. Keep hedge on RHS. Thru gap into next FD. Ahead XFD due west (270° bearing). Take TK under railway arch. TR along field edge. X footbridge. BR keeping the hedge on RHS.	501 405 ///subplot. squashes. whites
X footbridge into woods (BEWARE LOW TREE BRANCHES). X plank bridge. Cont in woods. Exit woods onto enclosed FP. At JCTN of FPs, TR over footbridge. Leave SBP. X wooden ped GA. Ahead XFD, keep fence on RHS. XGA. Ahead, keep fence on RHS. X metal ped GA.	487 407 ///image. deflation combines

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XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC). XST (no step) to RHS of metal GA. XFD, keep fence on RHS. XST (WOBBLY). Thru gap in trees. XFD, keep hedge on RHS. Thru gap into woods. X log. X footbridge. Under railway arch. X ped GA. TL. X planks. XST. Ahead, keep hedge on LHS. XKGA. TL onto RD (BEWARE TRAFFIC) for 30m, passing under railway bridge.	483 410 ///figure. libraries. kinks
TR. XST onto FP. Ahead into woods. X log. FR on FP (yellow bands on trees). X log. Pass concrete post & TL. Ahead, still in woods. Ignore FPs on L. FR at outbuilding in woods on FP. XST (TOP STEP WOBBLY). Uphill XFD. BL. XKGA to RHS of metal GA. Cont uphill on FP keeping hedge on RHS. Pass trough. At waymark, XFD in direction of the church (46° bearing). X ped GA into churchyard. BL, exit via churchyard GA. XRD (BEWARE TRAFFIC) & TL to reach CP5, Markbeech Village Hall (Small Hall) on R. <i>(Participants on 25k route re-join the 50k route at the checkpoint).</i>	477 416 ///jazz. mixer. ending
CHECKPOINT 5 - SMALL HALL, MARKBEECH VILLAGE HALL	474 428 ///slim. aims. play
OPENS 09:00 CLOSSES 18:00	
Toilets Hot and Cold Drinks Refreshments	
<u>MARKBEECH TO EDENBRIDGE</u>	
43.8 km to 50.1 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	474 428 ///slim. aims. play

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(BEWARE TREE ROOTS AND LOW BRANCHES). BR on FP. Go under railway via subway. Ahead on enclosed FP.	
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
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

