

Anti-Clockwise route card - Beating the Bounds of Westerham - NEW 2024 ROUTE V1

START - Westerham Green to Westerham Brewery / Squerryes Winery (Charmans Farm) 1.6 miles (all off road)

Head toward the churchyard. Take the path in-front and proceed down the hill, crossing the small road and continuing the path into Darenth car park. Turn L and cross the little bridge, turn R and follow gravel path round edge recreation ground until you reach a kissing gate on R. Pass through the kissing gate and take the path in front of you (not the one to the left). Follow this until you reach Beggar's lane. Cross the road and take the path straight across the field (or if not cut through the crop turn R to follow edge of field). Cross a wooden footbridge and turn L – and follow the permissive path keeping the stream to your L until you reach the brewery/winery. Cross the little wooden footbridge by the café into the car park

Westerham Brewery / Winery (Charmans Farm) to Westerham Hill crossing Family Section – 1.8 miles (0.1 on road, 1.7 off)

Walk across the car park towards Beggars Lane. Turn R just before entrance and follow the path across the footbridge over the M25 – and then continuing on the path on to Force Green Lane. Turn L - follow until you reach the main road. Cross the road and turn R following the main road (there is a pedestrian path) for 250yds – you will pass a white house on the R – and immediately after their driveway there is a footpath. Cross back over and take this path which is between 2 rows of trees/hedges. Just before the end of field, take the path R up the embankment and out onto Pilgrim's Way. Cross Pilgrims way and continue up the hill passing a big green circular tank on your L – after a while you will come to some woodland. Follow the path keeping woodland on your L until you reach the NDW. Turn left. Follow the NDW into the woods – it will bear left again and come down the hill slightly until you get to a gate on your R to cross the main road. Cross CAREFUL CROSSING.

Westerham Hill to The Grasshopper - 2.9 miles (1.4 on road, 1.5 off)

Walk along The Avenue (NWD) for around ½ mile until you reach the entrance to Brambledown on your RHS and turn L steep downhill into a path which is currently very uneven due to forestry works. Go L downhill until the path emerges onto the B2024 (Croydon Road) between houses, cross the road go through the gate and enter Tatsfield Court Farm opposite. Walk through the farm to Pilgrims Way (Use grey button to open gate). Turn R onto the road and walk for about 200 yds. Turn L onto Byway (runs between 2 hedges). If too muddy continue to Clacket Lane on L. Walk to the end where it exits onto Clacket Lane. Turn L and walk down Clacket Lane to The Grasshopper (closed).

The Grasshopper (currently closed), Moorhouse, to Chartwell - 2.9 miles (0.4 on road, 2.5 off)

Cross the A25 CAREFUL CROSSING and walk up Moorhouse Road (using the short cut in front of the houses). Turn L into the gravel road opposite the Moorhouse Car Park (signed High Chart). After 200yds, take the path to the R (signed High Chart Woodland). Follow this until it climbs to join another path. Turn L onto this path and walk a few yards uphill before turning L onto a wide track. Take the first path to the R across an area of young trees and heather. At the end of the recently cleared area, take the 2nd L path and follow this path straight on to where there is a meeting of paths (sign stone to the LHS). Take 3rd R between 2 green fences, to Goodley Stock Rd, CAREFUL CROSSING. Enter woodland opposite. R at T-junction, after about 200 yds R at kissing gate. Pass cottage on RHS, through gate and take next L at large tree trunks (bridleway). Cross the track and continue along this path (Blue arrowhead, Greensand Way) forking R at a waymark post. Continue past several blue GW markers into a small parking area with a bench and a signpost to your RHS. L past the bench. Follow the gravel road in front of the houses onto the path beyond, ignoring all paths to the L, eventually dipping down to meet the B2026 at Froghole Corner.

Cross the road CAREFUL CROSSING and climb a flight of stone steps. Take first R (NT circular walk), pass stone seat and though gate into field (livestock possible). Cross the field and through another gate. Walk past the NT memorial and continue on NT circular walk, down steps and along field fence into trees (just past a Mariners Hill NT sign). Turn R downhill. Take the second L (wide path, signed NT Circular Path). At end turn R. The path drops steeply to some wooden steps emerging opposite the entrance to Chartwell. CAREFUL CROSSING (The 246 bus stop is inside the grounds beyond the shop and cafe).

Chartwell to French Street - 0.7 miles (0.1 on road, 0.6 off)

Take the footpath on the LHS of the Chartwell entrance and follow it to the road at the top (Hosey Common Lane). Enter the bridlepath opposite and follow it, ignoring all paths off to the L, until it curves R past a house (Mannings Wood) and reaches the road in French Street. Turn L and walk about 80 yards into French Street.

French Street to Westerham Green - 1.7 miles (0.1 road, 1.6 off road)

Turn R off road and <u>immediately</u> L onto an enclosed path (with fence on RHS) and through trees to a kissing gate leading into a field. Turn R and walk downhill to a kissing gate at the bottom. Follow path into woodland, and across a small stream on a sleeper bridge. Continue uphill and to your L. Where the path forks, take the LH fork. Continue on path alongside the stream then turning sharp L uphill. As you get to the top, take path through wooden gate on L - this leads into a private road with stables on the R. At wooden gates, R into public footpath. Follow until a driveway – L on driveway (away from the house), then R into the small road, and R again at road (Hosey Hill). Follow R for 200yds. Cross road CAREFUL CROSSING and take footpath off to the L (between 2 fences) and then take the 2nd right (not the sharp right) down the hill to kissing gate. Pass through gate, continue down hill – at bottom continue between 2 fences to The Green.

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