

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

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

Cross the road CAREFUL CROSSING and take the path up the steps opposite the bus stop (Water Lane). At the kissing gate, head straight up the field and at the top of the hill, go through the kissing gate and carry on straight. At the post turn L (W4) and walk to the road. Cross and turn R. CAREFUL CROSSING. At the junction turn L towards French Street. After 200 yds turn L at the fork signed Public Footpath Brasted Chart. Before the garages take the footpath uphill to the R. (Note the bat caves on the right !). At the junction carry on straight between the fields. After the stable buildings take the path to the R down the hill. Cross the stream and follow the path R. Carry on straight along the river for ¼ mile (ignoring the path L). Turn R, (yellow arrow) down across the bridge and go straight keeping the hedge on your L. At the top of the hill pass through the kissing gate and carry on between the trees. At the road L into French Street Hamlet.

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

Walk about 80 yds, then turn R into path by the entrance to Mannings Wood. Follow path round to the L behind the house. Ignoring all paths off to the R, continue ahead until you reach Hosey Common Lane in just under ½ mile. Cross the road and take the LH of the two paths opposite following the Greensand Way marker. When you reach chestnut fence at a corner, go left and downhill. Follow this path to exit onto Mapleton Road next to the Chartwell entrance. The 246 bus stop is inside the Chartwell grounds beyond the café / shop.

Chartwell to Grasshopper, Moorhouse – 2.9 miles (0.4 on road, 2.5 off)

Cross the road and climb the flight of wooden steps opposite. Take first L (signed path W4). At the path crossroads take W4 to the R uphill. Follow W4 L out of wood and past the Mariner Hill sign, keeping the field fence on your L. After about 400 yds go up the wooden steps, then L and immed R following W4 and NT circular walk. Go past NT memorial and through 2 gates (livestock possible). Follow path past stone seat and go down the flight of stone steps on your L to the road at Froghole Corner.

Cross the road, CAREFUL CROSSING, and take path opposite. Ignore all paths to your R and continue for about 800 yds past the houses until you reach a meeting of paths with sign post. Turn R, pass the bench (into small parking area), then turn immediately L onto a path with a waymark post (signed Greensand Way with blue markers). Follow this path which crosses a driveway (to Hunter's Lodge). After about 400 yds turn R at the pile of tree trunks, pass cottage on L, past the kissing gate and take L fork going uphill. Take first L wide path to gate onto Goodley Stock Rd. Cross road, take path half R opposite. Follow this until you reach the meeting place of several paths (sign stone on the RHS). Take the path across (third from L) going downhill (a bridleway marked with blue arrowhead). Follow the path downhill (2nd R). Turn R at the along the wide track. At the end turn L and then R. (both downhill). Follow until you exit onto a gravel road (with a barrier immediately before the junction). Turn L onto gravel road and follow it until it reaches Moorhouse Road (opposite NT Car Park). Turn R and follow the road for just over ¼ mile to the Grasshopper (closed). Near the bottom of the hill, road bears L but you can use the path straight ahead in front of the houses.

Grasshopper (currently closed), Moorhouse, to Westerham Hill crossing – 2.9 miles (1.4 on road, 1.5 off)

Past the Grasshopper car park, turn L into Clacket Lane. About ¼ mile after crossing the M25 (past the service station entrances), at start of a straight section, ignore first fingerpost on the R (by wood stack) and the fingerpost just passed it on L. Turn R into a byway indicated by a fingerpost on the RHS (carry on straight if too muddy). Follow it to Pilgrims Lane. Turn R along the road for about 100 yds then L along the farm track towards Tatsfield Court Farm (press button to open gate). Cross Croydon Road CAREFUL CROSSING and enter the bridleway between the old forge and the house to its L (Halston). Follow the path uphill half R until it reaches North Downs Way (The Avenue) (opp Brambledown). Turn R and follow The Avenue ½ mile to Westerham Hill.

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

From The Avenue, Cross the road CAREFUL CROSSING and take the footpath opp along North Downs Way (NDW), following it L uphill into and through the woods. When you exit from the woods turn R down and follow down to the road (Pilgrims Road) past the round water tank. Cross and take the path opp. Keep to the R of the hedge and continue ¼ m to the London Road. Cross and turn L CAREFUL CROSSING. Then turn L at Force Green Lane. After about 200 yds take the path R (large concrete block at entrance). Follow this for about 400 yds, cross the M25 on a footbridge and turn L and enter Westerham Brewery / Squerryes Winery, (originally known as Charmans Farm).

Westerham Brewery / Squerryes Winery (Charmans Farm) to Westerham Green – 1.6 miles (All off)

Walk through the brewery/winery carpark and over a wooden footbridge by the cafe. Turn R and walk down between the vines and the fence. This part is a permissive path by permission of Squerryes Estate. At the end of the vines continue through a gap in the fence until you reach the bottom of the field. Turn R over a wooden footbridge. Now take the diagonal footpath across the field between the crops aiming at a telegraph pole in the distance just to the R of the Church spire (or if path not evident use the field boundary path along the river). At Beggars Lane cross the road CAREFUL CROSSING and enter the field opposite via the kissing gate. Walk for approximately a half mile into the playing fields and turn L. Follow the perimeter path to the far left corner. Then turn L across the bridge, cross the end of the car park and turn right following the sign to Town Centre. Continue towards the church across the churchyard and onto the green.

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