



# ROAD BOOK

## Detailed Route Description

### 50km Ultra Trail

50 Kilometres – 712 Metres Ascent

Route follows two long distance paths:

Wealdway, Vanguard Way



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## Leg 1. Chiddingly to Blackboys (TN22 5LT)

Distance between checkpoints: 11.0km (6.8 miles)

Ascent: 113m (371ft) Descent: 88m (289ft)

- Head along the road for 1200 metres, initially climbing a small rise, then passing the Six Bells pub to reach Frith Farm driveway on the right.
- 0.77 miles (1.2km) – Turn right up the farm drive, pass the farm house and continue along the bridleway crossing grass fields.
- 1.59 miles (2.6km) – Pass through the gate and veering slightly to the right head up the gentle rise across the grass field.
- 1.78 miles (2.9km) – Pass through the gate and straight across the road through a second gate.
- 1.93 miles (3.1km) – Pass through the kissing gate, through some woods, and continue along the grass strip between the fence and hedge to reach a residential street within East Hoathly.
- 2.42 miles (3.9km) – At the end of Buttsfield Lane T junction with the High Street, carefully cross the road then turn left and run along the pavement for 150 metres before turning right along side street then enter and pass through the churchyard, going straight ahead.
- 2.82 miles (4.5km) – At the corner of some woods, pass through gap in hedge, turn right through the allotment field, to go straight across the road and continue up the sealed driveway.
- 3.25 miles (5.2km) – Having passed the stables, head straight up the concrete drive then along the grass strip between the fence and hedge to then pass through small woods at the top of the rise.
- 3.71 miles (6.0km) – Cross over the stile and veer left to cross the second stile then very slightly veer right to cross the cropped field.
- 4.07 miles (6.5km) – Cross a small bridge to enter a second field, turn immediately sharp left to head to a stile to enter woods.

## Leg 1. Chiddingly to Blackboys continued

- 4.20 miles (6.7km) – Exiting the small woods through the kissing gate, continue straight ahead across grass field to top left corner, then go straight across lane and straight across cropped field.
- 4.56 miles (7.3km) – At far end of the field turn left and look for gap in bushes near top left corner, over stile by Wealdway finger post. Cross the small bridge and climb out of the gully and then head diagonally across the next cropped field in the direction of the footpath arrow, this involves slightly veering right.
- 4.76 miles (7.7km) – Head across the stile located within the gap in the hedge, head on diagonal to next stile and turn left along lane.
- 4.89 miles (7.9km) – At the T junction with the B road, carefully cross the road and continue along the verge for 80metres, to then turn right up a few steps, through gate, then straight ahead.
- 5.53 miles (8.9km) – After crossing a large field, pass through the gate, turn sharp right along lane for only 20 metres, then sharp right again, to head up sealed driveway of Newplace Farm.
- 5.69 miles (9.2km) – Continue along driveway bending right, then along grass track to then head straight ahead to the side of gate.
- 5.97 miles (9.6km) – Through gap by metal gate, and continue straight ahead first beside woods, then uphill beside a hedge.
- 6.31 miles (10.2km) – Turn left along the lane for 50 metres, and then turn sharp right by white brick house, along path to B road.
- 6.51 miles (10.5km) - Turn right, along pavement for 50 metre, carefully cross road and head along track, following Wealdway finger post, alongside vineyards. Then through a gate atop a stile, and continue along the track straight ahead, downhill following the power lines, to cross over a stile, to reach **CHECKPOINT 1**.

Distance covered so far at CP1 – 11.0km (6.8 miles)

## Leg 2. Blackboys to Fairwarp (TN22 3BX)

Distance between checkpoints: 10.1km (6.3 miles)

Ascent: 135m (443ft) Descent: 122m (400ft)

- 6.80 miles (11.0km) – Leave the checkpoint heading along the unsealed driveway for 150 metres. Through the metal gate then immediately turn left over the stile, along the finger-posted Wealdway along the side of various fields, crossing two lanes.
- 7.71 miles (12.5km) – Through the wooden footpath gate, cross the footpath bridge, veer to the right, to stay to the right of the grass field reasonably close to the stream, bends round to the right. Reaching a third lane, turn sharp left and head along the country lane for 600 metres, keeping to the left side of the road up the hill.
- 8.57 miles (13.8km) – As the lane gently bends to the left, on the right side of the road head away from the road along the narrow finger-posted forest track through some small woods. After 60 metres upon reaching a track Y junction. Take right fork along the single track. This is away from the Wealdway due to an official footpath detour, so DO NOT cross the stile. Follow the standard footpath markers, along a farm four wheel drive track.
- 8.81 miles (14.2km) – As the farm track bends around to the right, veer off to the left heading towards the stile. Cross over the stile, down the steps, carefully cross the railway line, up the steps, cross over a second stile then veer to the right to cross the corner of the grass field, heading towards a metal farm gate.
- 9.06 miles (14.6km) – Pass through the metal farm gate, then through metal kissing gate, and continue along the single track path to cross a wooden footbridge and to then reach a footpath T junction. Turn left and left again 100 metres later at a second T junction, then pass through a metal kissing gate to re-join the Wealdway footpath, and continue straight ahead up the hill.

## Leg 2. Blackboys to Fairwarp continued

- 9.51 miles (15.4km) – At the corner of a new wooden fence/hedge, the Wealdway fingerpost indicates to go straight ahead, BUT **TURN SHARP RIGHT**, and head up the gentle hill alongside the new fence/hedge to rejoin the Wealdway after 200 metres.
- 9.73 miles (15.7km) – Pass through a footpath gate, along the sealed driveway past Buxted Park Hotel and Church. At end of driveway, **CAREFULLY** go straight across the road, then turn left, continue along pavement for 500 metres to reach large sign for Oast Farm Buxted.
- 10.51 miles (17.0km) – Turn sharp right and head up the driveway for 50 metres then continue up the footpath to the left of the drive.
- 10.92 miles (17.6km) – Reaching a road next to Peugeot centre, turn right, head towards road T junction with the A26. **CAREFULLY** cross the road. 15 metres to the right look for a narrow single track, head up single track, crossing lane after 120 metres, continue straight ahead along the narrow track to reach open heathland.
- 11.24 miles (18.1km) – Head straight ahead up the hill to cross the heathland into some woods, then along grass path between fences.
- 11.86 miles (19.1km) – After passing through kissing gate, head up farm track to the left of wooden barn for 250 metres. Turn left at crossroads along concrete driveway, which then bends to the right. Past the farm house, through kissing gate, across field to woods.
- 12.34 miles (19.9km) – After 40 metres in the woods turn right at track junction and continue along the track for 500 metres to then cross a footbridge. **IMMEDIATELY** turn sharp right, through gate, across field uphill, through two more gates to reach farm track. Turn right, along farm track for 20 metres, then straight ahead along single track for 100 metres, then out onto a sealed road, turn right and follow the road for 500 metres to reach **CHECKPOINT 2**.

Distance covered so far at CP2 – 21.1km (13.1 miles)

### Leg 3. Fairwarp to Poundgate (TN6 3TA)

Distance between checkpoints: 7.9km (4.9 miles)

Ascent: 204m (669ft) Descent: 87m (285ft)

- 13.10 miles (21.1km) – Leave the checkpoint heading up the sealed driveway for 80 metres, turn left and continue along the Wealdway finger-posted single track, DO NOT continue straight ahead up the farm track. Follow the single track, at times not signed Wealdway, to reach a footpath Y junction after 600 metres.
- 13.52 miles (21.8km) – Take right fork and continue along a very narrow rutted track uphill across the heathland. After 80 metres, reaching a wide grass four wheel drive track, turn left, head uphill. As the grass track bends to the left, continue straight ahead along narrow single track through some trees, then down a short hill, and turn left along the farm track/driveway to pass houses on the right, changing to a grass narrow pass and enters into some woodlands. The path isn't totally clear, but continues straight ahead up a hill.
- 14.03 miles (22.6km) – At a minor track Y junction. Take the more obvious path that veers slightly to the right, (may be slightly different to last year's route), continue uphill for 300 metres, passing to the right of a white brick house, to join onto a farm track.
- 14.24 miles (22.9km) – As the farm track bends to the right, DO NOT continue along the farm track, but veer off to the left, to continue up a narrow track between the fence line and a tree line. 30 metres later, after crossing a stile, turn sharp right and continue along a different four wheel drive farm track for 300 metres.
- 14.40 miles (23.2km) – As the farm track turns to the right alongside Crest Cottage, continue straight ahead along the Wealdway finger-posted narrow grass track for 500 metres, at times squeezing past gorse bushes to nearly reach a road, but veer left to cross a footbridge to enter a field, continue along the right side of field.

### Leg 3. Fairwarp to Poundgate continued

- 14.78 miles (23.8km) – At road T junction, carefully cross road, to pass through gate, continue straight ahead uphill for 250 metres to come out onto summit of open heathland, left side of tree clump.
- 14.94 miles (24.1km) – At the track crossroads, near two benches, turn ninety degrees right continue along wide track gentle downhill. Continue along this distinctive wide track straight ahead; keep to main path, bends to left, to reach a footpath gate after one mile.
- 15.98 miles (25.7km) – Pass through gate, across small car park, directly cross road, along a track through gorse bushes, to reach Wealdway / Vanguard Way footpath cross roads after 40 metres.
- 16.08 miles (25.9km) – Now at the highest point along the route at 212 metres above sea level, turn sharp right, to now follow the Vanguard Way back to Chiddingly. Follow the wide track for 350 metres to cross a small car then continue along the grass verge directly next to the road for 150 metres. At the road junction continue straight across road, through a larger car park towards the Kings Standing tree clump. Pass the clump sign; continue through the middle of the tree clump, veering slightly to the right to exit the tree clump after 50 metres to come out onto a wide track.
- 16.53 miles (26.6km) – Continue along the distinctive wide track in total for 1.4 miles, NOT taking any side tracks off to the left or right. After 600 metres the track comes to a junction cross roads, with a path coming in from the left, and a path turning sharp to the right. Continue straight ahead along the distinctive track, which gently bends around to the right, heading down a reasonably steep hill, before heading up a steep hill, to eventually reach a busy A road.
- 17.90 miles (28.8km) – Turn left and continue along the pavement for 200 metres before CAREFULLY going straight across the A road to reach **CHECKPOINT 3** located within the bus lay-by.

Distance covered so far at CP3 – 29.0km (18.0 miles)

## Leg 4. Poundgate to Blackboys (TN22 5LT)

Distance between checkpoints: 11.0km (6.8 miles)

Ascent: 114m (374ft) Descent: 255m (837ft)

- 18.0 miles (29.0km) – Leave the checkpoint by crossing over the stile. Along a single track reaching a metal farm gate after 170 metres. Through the gate, turn sharp right and along the right side of the field next to the wooden fence/hedge line. Turn sharp left along the grass strip between two fences to enter woods, veering immediately to the right, follow track and exit woods over a stile.
- 18.45 miles (29.7km) – Turn sharp left; continue along the left hand side of grass field. Exit the field and continue straight along a forest path, crossing a driveway, then along grass path between fences.
- 19.06 miles (30.7km) – At a track junction, the Vanguard takes the left fork, BUT DON'T TURN LEFT, CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD along the grass track as the Vanguard Way is officially closed at this point. Staying on the standard footpath to reach a country lane after 0.6 miles. Turn left and continue along the lane for 150 metres.
- 19.77 miles (31.8km) – As the lane bends to the right, pass through a wooden kissing gate on the left, to head downhill to cross a foot bridge at the bottom of the hill, through trees to reach a road.
- 20.18 miles (32.5km) – Now back on the Vanguard Way, go straight across the road, turn right, then after 15 metres turn sharp left up the side road, towards the church. After 50 metres uphill, pass through kissing gate on the right, across grass field to enter woods.
- 20.31 miles (32.7km) – Continue along the single track for 250 metres through the trees before reaching a county lane. Turn left uphill along lane for 80 metres, before turning sharp right, opposite a yellow grit container. Continue for 600 metres along an unsealed farm track downhill, which soon becomes a concrete driveway.
- 20.71 miles (33.4km) – Turn left at end of the driveway, along the unsealed road downhill for a total of 500 metres to reach a gate.

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## Leg 4. Poundgate to Blackboys continued

- As the road bends right, stay on the road continuing past some garages on the left to finally reach a private residence gate with a stile to the left. Over the stile, along the narrow rutted track to cross a footbridge, up a steep bank, veering to the right across grass field, towards a second footbridge. Immediately after crossing the footbridge veer left forty five degrees, and head up the hill across the grass field, towards the top right hand corner of the field.
- 21.37 miles (34.4km) – Exit the field onto a country lane, turn right, head along the lane for 90 metres downhill. As the lane bends to the right, veer off to the left, over a stile, continue along the footpath downhill, through trees then along the left side of field.
- 21.78 miles (35.1km) – Cross over a footbridge, continue along single track under the railway line, through trees coming out onto a grass field, bend round to the right, slightly uphill with fence on left. Over a stile and uphill along a narrow single track that becomes a unsealed lane, before reaching a road T junction with an A road.
- 22.52 miles (36.3km) – CAREFULLY cross the road, heading towards Lymes Lane, then straight ahead up a driveway, NOT down the lane. The driveway becomes a narrow track to reach a road after 200 metres, turn right along lane for 0.6 miles until a cross roads.
- 23.32 miles (37.6km) – At the cross roads turn left along the land for 50 metres. Turn off sharp right over a stile, along a single forest track, staying straight along the track for 700 metres until reaching a small grass field. Stay to the right, cross a footbridge, across the right of the next field, to enter into a rather jumbled farmyard. At the farm track T junction, turn sharp left along the farm driveway.
- 24.27 miles (39.1km) - Turn right, head along lane for 150 metres. Turn sharp left to head along a farm track, downhill through a gate, to re-trace your steps (17 miles earlier), to reach **CHECKPOINT 4 (1)**.

Distance covered so far at CP4 – 40.0km (24.8 miles)

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## Leg 5. Blackboys to Scallow Bridge (TN21 ORT)

Distance between checkpoints: 5.1 km (3.2 miles)

Ascent: 72m (236ft) Descent: 67m (220ft)

- 24.80 miles (40.0km) - Leave the checkpoint by continuing along the four wheel drive track for 40 metres, then turn sharp left to follow Vanguard Way along narrow path alongside fence to reach lane.
- 25.05 miles (40.4km) – Turn left along unsealed residential street in Blackboys for 40 metres; turn right up path to allotments.
- 25.13 miles (40.6km) – At the fingerpost, turn left to pass through the allotments to then turn right and head uphill along lane.
- 25.30 miles (40.8km) – Continue straight ahead at cross roads, to carefully cross the B2102 and continue along School Lane.
- 25.52 miles (41.2km) – At T junction, carefully cross B road, turn right along pavement for 40 metres, then turn sharp left through narrow gap in fence and head down for 60 metres then turn sharp right. Do not continue straight ahead! After another 50 metres, veer to the right, then at a track crossroads, turn left over a dirt/grass bridge and then veer right and continue beneath the line of the power cables.
- 25.75 miles (41.5km) – Having descended some steps, turn right at the track junction, continue for 25 metres to pass through gap beside wooden gate, then turn sharp left and head uphill along the lane.
- 26.08 miles (42.1km) – As the lane bends to the left, continue straight to pass through a gate beside a wooden railed fence. Continue straight ahead along track for 600 metres to reach a lane.
- 26.50 miles (42.7km) – Turn left along lane for 150 metres, and head straight ahead along narrow track as lane turns sharp right. Along track across field then through gate and turn right along lane.

## Leg 5. Blackboys to Scallow Bridge continued

- 26.71 miles (43.1km) – Head along lane for 400 metres, at road junction pass to the side of metal gate on the left. Head diagonally to the right across the field, then along the left hand side of the next small field to reach a lane.
- 27.15miles (43.8km) – Turn left, head along lane for 90 metres, then turn right at finger post along a four wheel drive farm track.
- 27.37 miles (44.1km) – Having passing through a large gap in hedge with a large cropped field directly in front, turn sharp left along the top side of this field to reach another large gap in hedge. Turn sharp right and head along side of field next to hedge downhill.
- 27.50 miles (44.3km) – Around 50 metres before the bottom right of the field, turn left and head diagonally across the field down to a finger post, across a bridge, then over a stile by a metal gate. Continue straight ahead along the track gently uphill to reach a lane.
- 27.71 miles (44.7km) – Having crossed over a stile, coming out onto a road, turn right and head along lane downhill for 400 metres to reach **CHECKPOINT 5**, located at the side of the quiet country lane.

Distance covered so far at CP5 – 45.1km (28.0 miles)

## Leg 6. Scallow Bridge to Chiddingly (BN8 6HN)

Distance between checkpoints: 5.7 km (3.6 miles)

Ascent: 36m (118ft) Descent: 65m (213ft)

- 28.00 miles (45.1km) - Leave the checkpoint by continuing along the road down to the T junction alongside Scallow Bridge. Turn right at the T junction, cross the bridge, then turn immediately left at the next road junction and head along Graywood Lane for half a mile.
- 28.82 miles (46.5km) - Near the top of the hill, continue straight ahead at the first road junction for a further 140 metres to the next road junction.
- 28.91 miles (46.6km) – Directly opposite the road junction, just past the red post box, turn sharp LEFT and head along the narrow path for 200 metres. To then cross a residential driveway and continue straight ahead through the bush tunnel along the narrow track.
- 29.17 miles (47.0km) – After passing through a kissing gate and then over a stile continue straight ahead next to the tree line along the left hand side of the grass field. At the far left corner of the field, cross over a stile and continue along the narrow path with the camping ground on the left, then over two further stiles to cross a grass field, veering slightly to the right towards a metal farm gate.
- 29.72 miles (47.9km) - Upon reaching the metal farm gate, cross the stile next to the gate and IMMEDIATELY **TURN LEFT AND HEAD ALONG THE FARM DRIVEWAY** for 200 metres, **DO NOT CONTINUE ALONG THE FINGERPOST SIGNED FOOTPATH STRAIGHT AHEAD.** Last year somebody removed our direction arrow at this point!
- 29.86 miles (48.1km) – At the end of the farm driveway turn right and continue along the quiet country lane for 400 metres.

## Leg 6. Scallow Bridge to Chiddingly continued

- 30.09 miles (48.5km) – Just as the lane begins to descend down the hill, turn sharp right at the fingerpost up a small bank and head through the gap in the bushes and continue straight across the field towards Chiddingly Church in the distance.
- 30.47 miles (49.1km) – As the path narrows CAREFULLY continue along the narrow path between the fence and the hedge, crossing over some rotten wooden pallets. BE CAREFUL, it can also be rutted and slippery.
- 30.64 miles (49.4km) – Reaching a road, turn right and head along the country lane for 25 metres, where on your left hand side of the road, opposite a driveway entrance there is an old metal kissing gate. Pass through the kissing gate and continue along the right hand side of the field next to the fence/tree line, to exit the field from the top right corner. Continue along the footpath, narrow at times, to reach the village of Chiddingly after around 400 metres.
- 31.04 miles (50.0km) – Exiting the narrow path directly opposite the Old Draper Grocery Shop, turn right, head for 25 metres towards the Six Bells pub, then turn sharp left at the pub and head along the lane for half a mile, retracing your initial steps from 50km earlier, down to the **FINISH**, located in the car park at Chiddingly Primary School.

Distance covered at the FINISH – 50.8km (31.6 miles)

## Weald Challenge 50km Ultra Trail

Leg Number	Leg Start Location	Leg Finish Location	Leg Distance	Total Race Distance at the End of the Leg
Leg 1	Start - Chiddingly	CP1 – Blackboys	6.8 miles / 11.0 km	6.8 miles / 11.0 km
Leg 2	CP1 – Blackboys	CP2 – Fairwarp	6.3 miles / 10.1 km	13.1 miles / 21.1 km
Leg 3	CP2 – Fairwarp	CP3 – Poundgate	4.9 miles / 7.9 km	18.0 miles / 29.0 km
Leg 4	CP3 – Poundgate	CP4 – Blackboys	6.8 miles / 11.0 km	24.8 miles / 40.0 km
Leg 5	CP4 – Blackboys	CP5 – Scallow Bridge	3.2 miles / 5.1 km	28.0 miles / 45.1 km
Leg 6	CP5 – Scallow Bridge	Finish – Chiddingly	3.6 miles / 5.7 km	31.6 miles / 50.8 km



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