

Weald Challenge Trail Half Marathon				
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 – Scallow Bridge	3.2 miles / 5.1 km	10.0 miles / 16.1 km
Leg 3	CP2 – Scallow Bridge	Finish – Chiddingly	3.6 miles / 5.7 km	13.6 miles / 21.8 km



ROAD BOOK HALF

Detailed Route Description

Trail Half Marathon

13 Miles – 763 Feet Ascent

Route follows two long distance paths:

Wealdway, Vanguard Way



Leg 1. Chiddingly to Blackboys (TN22 5LT)

Distance between checkpoints: 6.8 miles (11.0km)

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

- 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 – 6.8 miles (11.0km)

Leg 2. Blackboys to Scallow Bridge (TN21 ORT)

Distance between checkpoints: 3.2 miles (5.1 km)

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

- 6.80 miles (11.0km) - 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.
- 7.05 miles (11.4km) – Turn left along unsealed residential street in Blackboys for 40 metres; turn right up path to allotments.
- 7.13 miles (11.6km) – At the fingerpost, turn left to pass through the allotments to then turn right and head uphill along lane.
- 7.30 miles (11.8km) – Continue straight ahead at cross roads, to carefully cross the B2102 and continue along School Lane.
- 7.52 miles (12.2km) – 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.
- 7.75 miles (12.5km) – 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.
- 8.08 miles (13.1km) – 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.
- 8.50 miles (13.7km) – 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 2. Blackboys to Scallow Bridge continued

- 8.71 miles (14.1km) – 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.
- 9.15miles (14.8km) – Turn left, head along lane for 90 metres, then turn right at finger post along a four wheel drive farm track.
- 9.37 miles (15.1km) – 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.
- 9.50 miles (15.3km) – 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.
- 9.71 miles (15.7km) – 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 CP2 – 10.0 miles (16.1km)

Leg 3. Scallow Bridge to Chiddingly (BN8 6HN)

Distance between checkpoints: 3.6 miles (5.7 km)

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

- 10.00 miles (16.1km) - 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.
- 10.82 miles (17.5km) - Near the top of the hill, continue straight ahead at the first road junction for a further 140 metres to the next road junction.
- 10.91 miles (17.6km) – 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.
- 11.17 miles (18.0km) – 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.
- 11.72 miles (18.9km) - 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!
- 11.86 miles (19.1km) – At the end of the farm driveway turn right and continue along the quiet country lane for 400 metres.

Leg 3. Scallow Bridge to Chiddingly continued

- 12.09 miles (19.5km) – 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.
- 12.47 miles (20.1km) – 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.
- 12.64 miles (20.4km) – 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.
- 13.04 miles (21.0km) – 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 13 miles earlier, down to the **FINISH**, located in the car park at Chiddingly Primary School.

Distance covered at the FINISH – 13.6 miles (21.8km)