

Anticlockwise route card - Beating the Bounds of Westerham Parish – 2013 (Rev 1.0)

The Grasshopper, Moorhouse, to Chartwell – 2.7 miles (0.7 on road, 2.0 off)

Cross the A25 and walk up Moorhouse Road (use the short cut in front of the houses). Ignore the track off to the left opposite the NT car park and continue for about a tenth of a mile until you reach a white-on-blue Titsey Foundation noticeboard on your left welcoming you to Limpsfield Chart. Turn left onto the Chart and cross the fallen tree directly in front of you (not difficult). Ignore the paths to left and right and take the path (a bridleway marked with blue arrowhead) straight ahead uphill. Follow this path to the top of the hill, ignoring all side paths, to where there is a meeting of six paths. Turn right and take the left hand of the two paths in front of you (continuation of the bridleway). Follow this path straight ahead, past a junction with a tree in the middle, until you reach Kent Hatch Road.

Turn left and walk along the road past Goodley Stock and turn left onto Crockham Hill Common by a litter bin, a pillar box and a mirror a few yards after the junction. Walk uphill, going ahead at a cross path, and bear right onto another path at the top, where the Greensand Way goes left. Follow this path and fork right at a waymark post at the first junction. Continue until you reach a private road coming in from your right, with a seat by the side of the road. Walk past to the right of the seat and take the right hand fork, in front of the houses. Follow this path, ignoring all paths to the left, until it dips down to meet the B2026 at Froghole Corner.

Cross the road and climb a flight of stone steps. Take first right, walk past stone seat and over stile into field. Go over another stile, walk past NT memorial and continue straight ahead until you reach field fence. Turn left following fence until you enter wood (Mariners Hill NT sign). Turn right downhill, take first left (wide path). At T-junction turn right. Track drops steeply to some steps emerging opposite the entrance to Chartwell.

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

Take the footpath to the left of the Chartwell entrance and follow it to the road at the top (Hosey Common Lane). Enter the bridle path opposite and follow it, ignoring all paths off to the left, until it curves right past a house (Mannings Wood) and reaches the road in French Street. Turn left and walk about 80 yards to the checkpoint, which is just off the road on your right.

French Street to Charmans Farm – 2.6 miles (0.5 on road, 2.1 off)

Turn left and follow the enclosed path past a burial ground and through trees to a stile leading into a field. Turn right and walk downhill to a stile at the bottom. At this stile you enter woodland. Descend and cross a small stream on a sleeper bridge. Then continue uphill and to your left. Where the path forks, take the right fork and continue to a cross path at the top. Turn right, cross a stile into a field and follow the right-hand field boundary before exiting over a stile onto a tarmac road at Pipers Green. Turn left and follow the road to its end, continuing onto a rough track. Follow this downhill for just over ½ mile until the track becomes the drive to a house. Follow this drive to Chart Lane, turn left and walk down Chart Lane (watch the traffic) for just over ¼ mile until you reach a flight of stone steps to your left just after some traffic signs. Climb the steps and follow the left hand boundary of the field beyond. From the far corner of the field, follow a path down and to the left until you exit onto the A25 in Brasted. Turn left onto the A25 and walk 250m until you come to a path leading into the playing fields on your right. Walk round the playing fields, cross the car park, and round the back of the allotment area, until you come to a temporary stile over a fence. Cross it and the field beyond until you come to another temporary stile. Cross it and turn right. Turn left over a stile just beyond the bridge, and follow the river, keeping it on your left, until you come to a footbridge. Follow the stream north along the edge of the field until you reach the collection of buildings around Charmans Farm. Bear left and walk north leaving a single story black building on your right. When you reach the car park, turn left and follow the road that leads to Beggars Lane.

Charmans Farm to Westerham Hill – 2.7 miles (0.5 on road, 2.2 off) Family section

Take the footpath to the north just inside the gate to Beggars Lane. Cross the M25 on the footbridge, then cross the stile to your left, and follow the lane beyond to its end by the farmhouse. Turn right and walk along Force Green Lane to Pilgrims Way. Cross Pilgrims Way and enter the field opposite. Follow the path uphill across the field. Continue uphill through another field and into woodland. Exit from the woodland over a broken stile. Turn left and follow the field edge. Turn left at a wooden marker post into woodland and walk downhill to a kissing gate. Continue ahead across a field to another kissing gate and then along a track to a junction where you turn downhill to a further kissing gate. Continue straight steeply downhill to another kissing gate near a pylon, followed by a flight of steps. At the bottom of the steps, turn right and walk along the tree line into the corner of the field. Continue ahead into the trees and follow the path along and down to the left until you emerge onto Westerham Hill. Cross the road and enter The Avenue opposite.

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

Walk along The Avenue until you reach the entrance to Brambledown on your right and turn left downhill into a path with a barrier at the entrance and a notice board a little farther down. Go left downhill where the path forks and, when the path emerges onto the B2024 (Croydon Road) between a forge and a house (Halston), cross the road and enter Tatsfield Court Farm opposite. Walk through the farm to Pilgrims Way. Cross the stile opposite, turn right and walk along inside the field, parallel to Pilgrims Way until you reach a gap on the right with a tree trunk across it. Walk past the gap and bear left onto a grassy track between hedges. Walk to the end where it exits onto Clacketts lane. Turn left and walk down Clacketts Lane to The Grasshopper.