

Sussex Loops - North Loop 9.8 ml, ascent 935 ft.

AHD	ahead	X	cross
BL/BR	bear left/bear right	TL/TR	turn left/turn right
FP	footpath	BW	bridleway
WM	waymark	CB	compass bearing
CP	car park		
VGW	Vanguard Way	HWLT	High Weald Landscape Trail

Leg 1 – Forest Row to WP at Butcher’s Cross, 5.8 miles TQ 465370 – open 1115 to 1530.

- 1.1 Leave village Hall and TL, cross road and TR. After 30 yards TL (Hartfield Road). X road at temporary pedestrian light, TL then re-cross road at pedestrian crossing. TL into Station Road and continue ahead for 400 yards.
- 1.2 At the end of the road TL onto Forest Lodge Veterinary Centre CP and after 10 yards TR on overgrown FP between bushes, cross tarmac drive and continue ahead on FP (VGW) with wire fence on left. (*You will now follow the VGW for the next 2 miles*).
- 1.3 After 150 yards continue AHD on left hand edge of field. After 100 yards go through small gate into woodlands and continue AHD on VGW, ignoring all turns left and right, for 900 yards to reach minor road/track. (TQ 431 364). TL on road (*Cansiron Lane, blue VGW WM on telegraph pole on the left, may be overgrown*).
- 1.4 After 230 yards, just beyond newly built house, at junction, (TQ 431 366), TR onto dirt road. After 220 yards, at T junction, (TQ 430 367) BL. After 80 yards TR (*TQ 430 368, blue VGW WM on gate post on left*). Continue AHD on road for 0.9 miles.
- 1.5 At 3 way crossing, with finger post on left and Dog Gate Lodge ahead, TR, (TQ435 380, *you are leaving the VGW now!*) and continue on road downhill to reach Owlett's Farm.
- 1.6 Go through gate and cross farm yard between buildings. In 50yds BL, then AHD for 30 yards and through rusty gate. Continue on brick lined farm

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track uphill between hedges.

1.7 After 100 yards, at gate, where farm track bends right (TQ 440 377), TL and X stile, walk around hedge end to X 2nd stile (*very thorny*). Continue AHD with fence/hedge on right. After 50 yards TR and continue uphill with fence/hedge on right (CB 100). After 250 yards X stile in field corner (TQ 443 378) and continue ahead on FP.

1.8 X field (CB 100) downhill. After 300 yards continue ahead between/through trees for 50 yards, then cross 2nd field (CB 095) uphill to reach stile in fence after 150 yards (TQ 447 377). X stile and TL on BW.

1.9 Continue AHD on BW for 250yds, passing outbuilding with 3 garages on the left and farmhouse (Great Cansiron Farm) on right. Continue AHD on tarmac drive for 500yds to road junction.

1.10 TL and follow road (*Hazard – minor road*). In 500yds, shortly after passing Old Stables/Old Dairy and Little Cansiron Farm on right, at 1st telegraph pole on right, (*easy to miss!*) TR. Cross small footbridge, go up 3 steps then AHD on footpath thru bushes.

1.11 Cross field on faint footpath (CB 060) to reach gap in treeline after 250 yards (TQ 455 385). Go through gap, BL (CB 025), cross field and go through gap in hedge after 100 yards.

1.12 Continue AHD on FP between wooden fences. After 100 yards TR uphill with wooden fence on right. After 70 yards TL by wooden post. Continue AHD on left hand side of field. After 70 yards X 2 stiles in treeline, then cross field diagonally (CB 050) to reach stile in fence on left hand side of wooden sheds (TQ 458 389).

1.13 X stile, TR and continue ahead on track for 800 yards, to reach Puckstye Farm then Puckstye House on right, where the tarmac track ends (TQ 462 383). Continue AHD. After 50 yards X stile. TR then in 4yds, at metal gate, TL to follow faint, grassy track, initially CB140. In 70yds BR, go

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through gate and continue ahead over field on FP with fence on right.

1.14 After 200 yards follow concrete path downhill to reach gate at Basset's Manor. Go through gate and continue ahead. After 150 yards go through 2nd gate (*if the gate is locked go through gap between RH gate post and building*) and continue ahead on concrete path with business buildings (*converted stables*) on right to reach tarmac drive. TL on drive and after 80 yards TR onto tarmac track (TQ 467 376). Continue AHD on track for 500 yards to reach road at Butcher's Cross, (TQ 465 370) – Waterpoint.

Leg 2 – Butcher's Cross WP to Forest Row – 4 miles

2.1 TL and continue ahead on road. (*Hazard – narrow, winding road with high hedges*). After 500 yards, where road bends left, TR on distinct FP (TQ 469 368). After 30 yards BR on tarmac BW.

2.2 After 800 yards, at finger post on left, (TQ 462 365), TR thru overgrown hedge onto FP – the High Weald Landscape Trail. (*You will now follow the HWLT for 2.7 ml back to Forest Row*). Cross field (CB290) to reach camp site after 250 yards. BR on dirt track passing between portaloos on right and lake on left. Continue AHD and pass between wooden shed on left and fence on right (*leaving camp site*) to reach stile (TQ457 366).

2.3 Skirt stile and continue ahead for 800 yards, crossing 3 fields. At the end of 3rd field, with rusty metal gate on right, continue AHD on FP (HWLT) into woodlands. After 250 yards go across two railway sleepers, BL and X stile (TQ 446 365).

2.4 Cross field uphill, (CB 265), go through metal gate (*or x stile if gate is closed*) in field corner, fork left and cross 2nd field (CB 235). After 200 yards X stile in field corner. Continue ahead on road (Cansiron Lane) for 450 yards, first passing houses on right, then passing Blackberry Hill Farmhouse on left.

2.5 At Fingerpost, TL, X stile and continue on FP downhill with Holly bushes on left. After 150 yards, X stile and BR downhill. After 70 yards, at T-

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junction, TL. After 200 yards X stile, beside metal gate, into field.

2.6 Continue on wide grass track downhill, initially with fence on right. Where fence turns right continue AHD. X squeeze stile beside metal gate. Continue AHD on FP. Initially overgrown, the path becomes sunken after 100 yards.

2.7 At T-Junction, TR onto farm track. Continue AHD on farm track as it becomes part-metalled and bears left downhill to reach metal gate at farm yard. Go through gate and continue ahead for 30 yards. TR to follow road.

2.8 After 150 yards, at 2nd finger post on left (Forest Row Village), TL through gap in hedge, then TL and cross Forest Lodge Veterinary Centre CP. After 20 yards BR and AHD on pavement (Station Road). After 400 yards, at the end of the road, TR (Hartfield Road). Cross by the zebra crossing, TR, then re-cross by the temporary pedestrian lights. TL, at the end of the road TR and after 30 yards cross road to reach Village Hall.

Here endeth the North Loop.

Latest start time for the West Loop 1650.