

Sussex Loops – West Loop 8.7 miles, ascent 683ft.

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	PJ	path junction
SBP	Sussex Border Path	HWLT	High Weald Landscape Trail
FB	Footbridge		

Leg 1 – Forest Row to WP at Hill Top Shaw, 3.8 miles. TQ 387359 – open 1230 to 1830.

- 1.1 Leave village Hall and TR, after 5 yards TR on pavement. After 30 yards, at pedestrian lights, cross road, then TR on pavement. After 30 yards at lamp post with 'Public Footpath' sign TL, go down stairs and cross residents' CP. Continue AHD on gravel FP with wooden fence on left as it follows around houses. After 100 yards cross FB and continue AHD on FP uphill.
- 1.2 After 130 yards X stile and continue AHD towards white farm building. After 100 yards X stile in RH field corner, then BL and cross 2nd stile at black wooden barn. Continue ahead with barn on left. After 20 yards, TL and X stile. TR on wide track between hedges. After 50 yards X stile, after 20 yards X 2nd stile. BL to cross field (CB 270) then X stile in field corner. Continue AHD with wire fence on left and bushes on right. After 200 yards go thru kissing gate to reach cross path (TQ 417352).
- 1.3 TR and cross stone bridge and continue AHD. After 50 yards BL before wooden gate then BR on wide gravel track and continue AHD with fence on left. After 200 yards, at the end of the track, TL on private road (*Brambletye Lane*, TQ 416354). Continue AHD on private road. After 400yds pass Orchard Eggs hen farm on right. Continue on wide track uphill with fence on left and green industrial building on right. After 200 yards, at finger post, TL on narrow FP downhill thru wood.
- 1.4 After 100 yards X FB into field (TQ411353). BL, X field (CB 220) and X stile in hedge by finger post. After 10 yards go through gap in fence and TL

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on footpath between fences. After 50 yards, at the end of the path, TR onto road then TR into Weir Wood Reservoir (TQ 410351). Continue AHD on road, ignoring left turn. After 300 yards X bridge and enter Weir Wood Reservoir Water Supply Works (TQ408353) and continue AHD.

1.5 After 150 yards, at end of car park, go through wooden gate (Millennium Walk sign post on right, GMT way mark on left gate post). Cross tarmac yard with building on right, then continue ahead on FP towards dam. After 50 yards, at GMT waymark, just before dam, TR and continue ahead with fence and dam on left. After 350 yards continue ahead on FP between fences. At Millennium Picnic Site sign go through gate and TL.

1.6 Follow the black chain link fence on the left for 1.2 miles. (*This is the perimeter fence for the reservoir. It will disappear from time to time behind the brambles and bushes. You will go thru 4 wooden gates, cross 3 sleeper bridges and 1 stile*)

1.7 Pass thru the 5th gate, narrow & galvenised. After 5 yards, at finger post (TQ 389349) TR on FP uphill (*you are leaving the SBP and you will now follow the HWLT for the next 1.9 miles*).

1.8 After 110 yards BL and follow the edge of the bracken. At fingerpost TR uphill thru gate. At fingerpost continue AHD. At finger post, continue AHD on sunken path. After 100 yards BL, then immediately BR and continue uphill with hedge on right.

1.9 After 300 yards go through kissing gate in field corner, then BR and continue AHD with barbed wire fence on left. After 250 yards, TL on FP (Hill Top Shaw) just before minor road (*drive to Standen House and Gardens*), then AHD to reach CP and Waterpoint in/by carpark, after 200 yards (TQ387359).

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Leg 2 – Hill Top Shaw WP to Forest Row, 4.9 miles.

- 2.1 Exit CP on footpath and follow to main road (*West Hoathly Road*). X road (*Hazard! – minor road, major route*). Continue AHD for 10 yards, then BL and continue AHD on right of playing field. After 250 yards, approx. half way along playing field, TR at finger post (TQ 384361) onto wide sunken FP downhill. Follow FP, initially thru woodland, then meandering over grassland. After 350yds enter small wood. Exit wood and continue AHD on FP, keeping trees on left. In 500yds pass thru posts between houses (TQ389367).
- 2.2 Continue AHD on road (Medway Drive) for 100 yards to T-junction. TR then AHD for 100yds to T-junction with Toy Box Day Nursery on left. TL on pavement (*West Hoathly Road*). After 170 yards, just before The Old Dunnings Mill PH on left, X road (*Hazard! – minor road, major route*) and go round gate into Sunnyside Recreation Ground.
- 2.3 Continue AHD on tarmac path with playground on right. After 200 yards go thru metal barrier and BR with stream on left. Follow path with fence on right. After 200 yards cross FB. After 20 yards TR and go through gate into field (TQ 395366) BL and cross field (CB135) to reach gate in hedge (TQ396365).
- 2.4 Go through gate, TL onto tarmac by-way (*Harwoods Lane*). Continue (*with care*) on by-way for 850yds, ignoring all turns left or right, to reach 4-way-crossing with metal finger post on left and Great Harwoods Barn on right (TQ 397372). TR on FP, X stile and continue AHD on FP between fences. After 300 yards continue AHD into woodlands.
- 2.5 BL and continue on FP between fences across field. After 200 yards cross FB, then BR and continue AHD on FP between fences. After 300 yards X FB, BR, then BL after 10 yards. Continue AHD with fence and trees on left. After 100 yards, at small arrow on fence post on left, fork right and X field (CB 140) on faint path to reach stile.

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- 2.6 X stile and FB, then TL and X 2nd FB. Continue AHD on FP between fences. After 150 yards TL onto minor road (TQ 406362). Continue AHD for 400 yards. Just before bridge (TQ 407365) TR on FP downhill, to join BW (Forest Way). TR and follow the Forest Way (*Hazard! – cyclists!*) for 1.5 miles, ignoring all turns left or right, to reach main road (A22, London Road, TQ 425355). Cross road at traffic lights and continue AHD on Forest Way.
- 2.7 After 400 yards, with water works on left, and sign post 'Forest Row village' on right, TR through gap in hedge (TQ 428353). BL & X 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 road by zebra crossing, TR. Re-cross road by temporary pedestrian light and TL. After 100 yards, at the end of the road, TR and after 30 yards cross road to reach Village Hall.

Here endeth the West Loop.

The walk HQ at Forest Row will close at 2015.