




SIDCUP & LAMORBEY



FULL CIRCUIT - Sheet 1
(first and last sections)

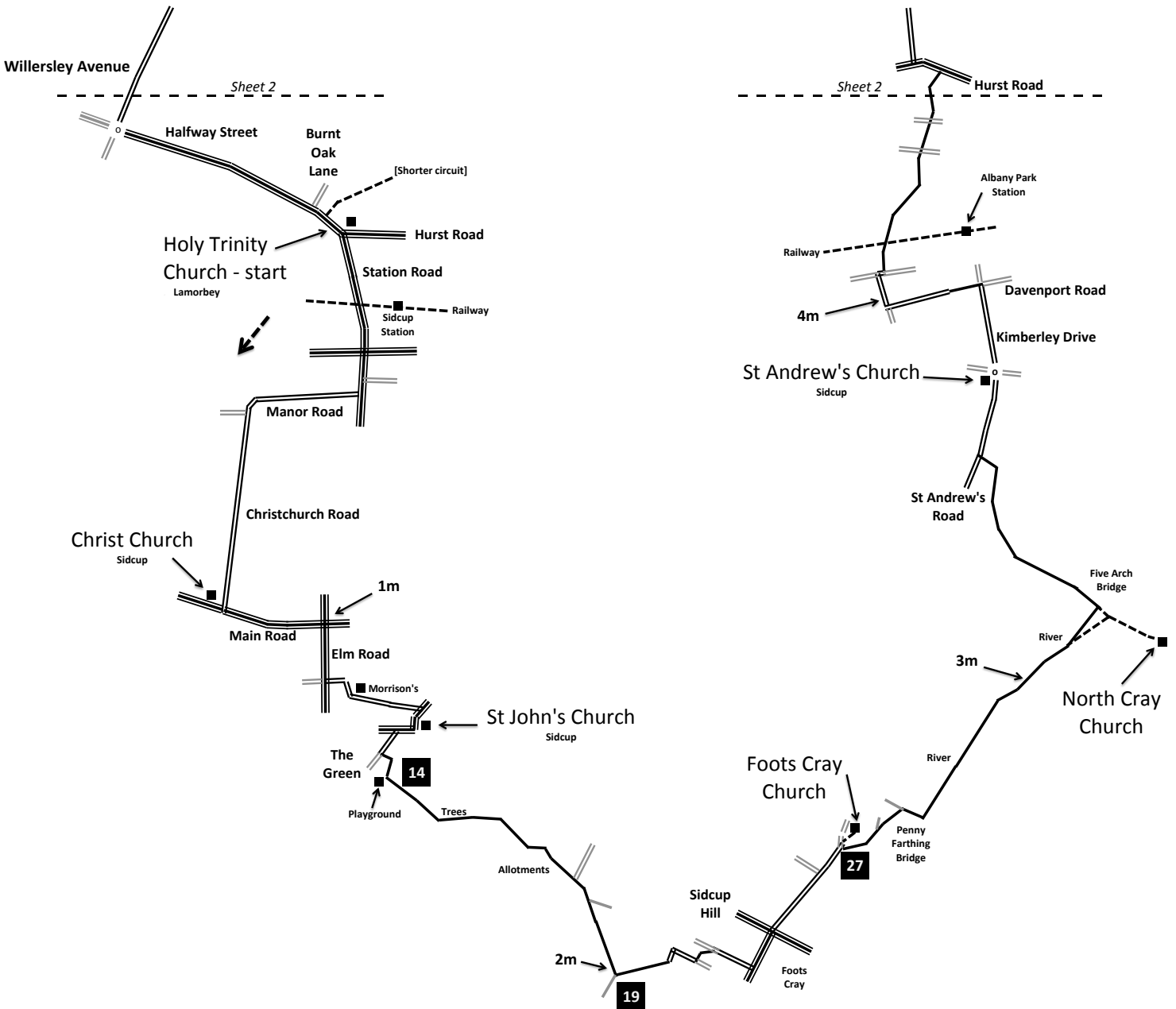
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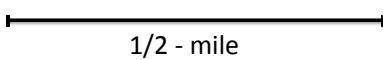
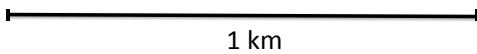
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PATHS:

-  On route
-  Adjoining

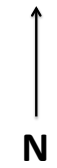
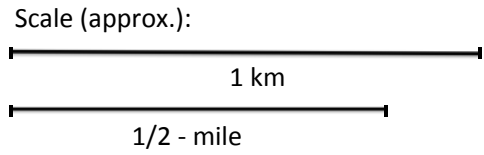


Scale (approx.):



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FULL CIRCUIT - Sheet 2
(middle section)



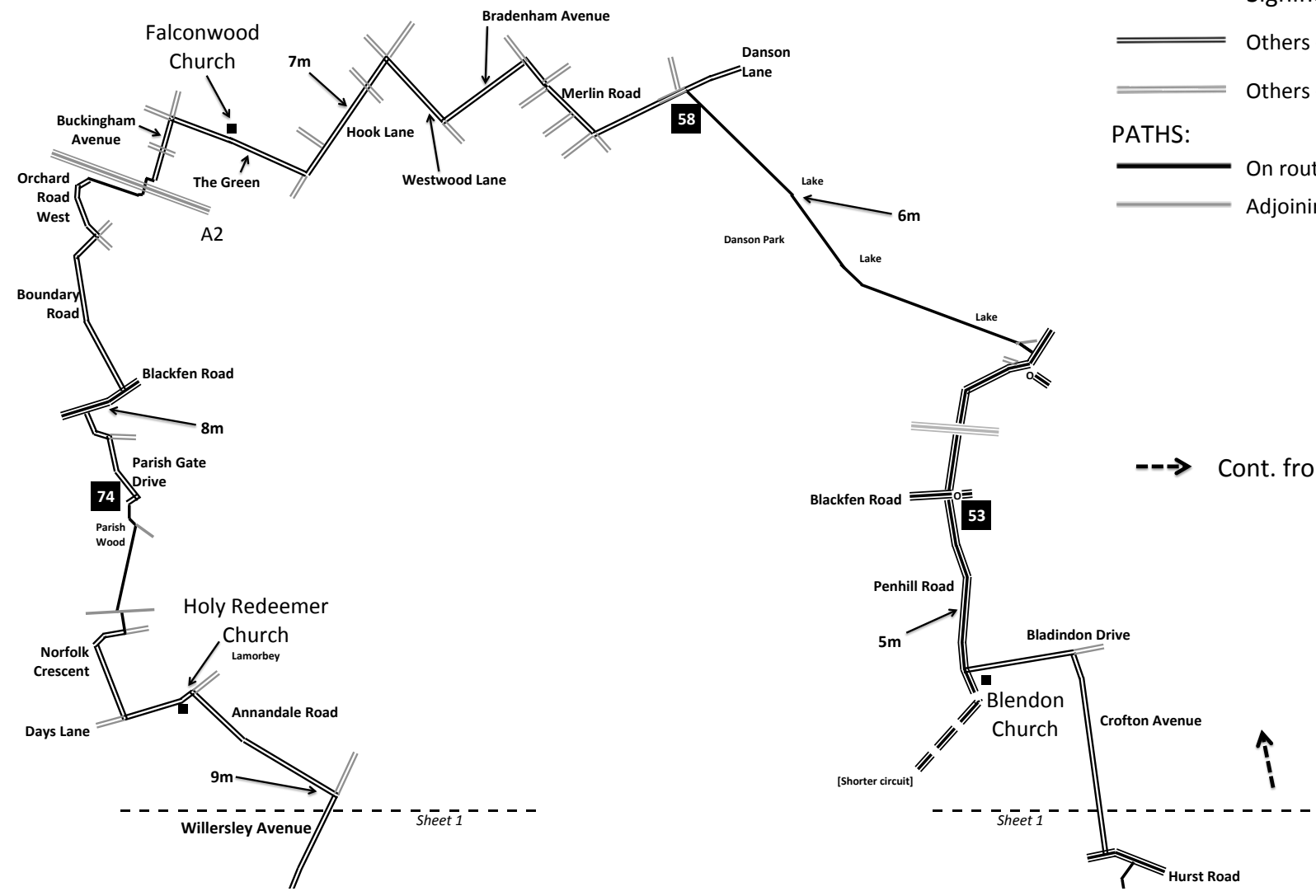
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ROADS:

- Significant roads
- Others - on route
- Others - adjoining

PATHS:

- On route
- Adjoining



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SIDCUP AND LAMORBEY CIRCUIT - 9.67 miles

Churches in the full circuit:

Lamorbey Holy Trinity (start and finish)
Sidcup Christ Church (Direction 6)
Sidcup St John (10)
Foots Cray (27C: Detour 1 - see Appendix)
North Cray (35E: Detour 2 - see Appendix)
Sidcup St Andrew (41)
Blendon (52)
Falconwood (65)
Lamorbey Holy Redeemer (79)

Associated local circuits

- SL2: Sidcup – Foots Cray – North Cray - Sidcup
- SL1: Lamorbey – Blendon – Falconwood - Lamorbey

Full circuit: In between the urban sections (not troublesome, and sometimes leafy) there is pleasant walking in the Cray Valley, featuring Five Arch Bridge, and then the splendid Danson Park.

Roads and hindrances:

There are several busy road-crossings, including the Danson interchange (53), but all are manageable with ordinary care, and perhaps a little patience.

FULL CIRCUIT

Lamorbey - Sidcup - Foots Cray - North Cray - Blendon - Danson Park - Falconwood - Lamorbey

Notes taken: June to September 2020

The start and finish is at **Holy Trinity Church, Lamorbey** (DA15 8LG), a short distance north of Sidcup station, at the junction of Halfway Street, Station Road and Hurst Road.

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
1		From the entrance to Lamorbey Holy Trinity Church cross the end of Hurst Road and start down the left-hand side of Station Road. (Although eventually the route will go along the right-hand side of Station Road, it probably makes better sense to start in this way!)	462 728	

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
2	3	Just before the railway bridge, here is the opportunity, using the lights, to cross to the right-hand side. Then continue under the bridge by way of the separate short walkway on the right.		
3	5	Continue ahead at the crossroads.		
4	7	Turn right along Manor Road.		
5	10	Follow the major road as it bends to the left and becomes Christchurch Road.	459 724	
6	17	At the end, with Sidcup Christ Church on the right, turn left into the main road and cross when convenient to its right-hand side.		0.82
7	22	At the major crossroads cross Elm Road and turn right to walk along its left-hand side.		
8	24	At the mini-roundabout (opposite Carlton Road) turn left. Stay on the left of the roadway, crossing the car park access, but swinging right with it to go to the right of Morrison's.		
9	26	At the far end of the Morrison's building go ahead past bollards, joining a cul-de-sac at its dead end.		
10	28	Turn right at the end and cross the road to pass Sidcup St John's Church .		
11		Swing right with the main road.		
12	29	Follow the left fork (minor road, 'No entry' for traffic).		
13	30	Turn left again along a winding path (Footpath 161).		
14	32	[Map point] Immediately opposite a children's play area on the right, turn left into trees.		
15	33	Emerge from the trees into a wide open space, and go ahead, moving a little to the right, to walk, on the grass, along the right-hand edge of the cluster of trees which soon appears ahead.		1.51
16	35	Maintaining the same direction, follow a path into more trees, soon going through a kissing gate and continuing along a winding tarmac passageway (now on the London Loop).	466 713	
17	39	Pass the end of a quiet road on the left and go ahead, then following the path as it bends to the right.		
18	40	Continue ahead in this new direction, through a gate and along an enclosed footpath.		
19	43	START OF THE SPINE SECTION [Map point] At the end go through another gate and turn sharp left on to a tarmac path along the left-hand edge of the open space.		
20	45	In the corner at the end go through yet another gate and turn half-left along a short passage.		
21		Turn right at the dead end of a cul-de-sac and start along it.		
22	46	After house no.41, turn left along a passage between the houses (Footpath 167) and follow it as it bends half-right.		
23	47	Turn half-right on to a quiet road and follow it to its end.		
24	48	At the end turn left alongside the main road.		
25	50	At the crossroads use the lights to cross, continuing directly ahead along Rectory Lane, and crossing to its right-hand side.		2.35
26	53	Pass a traffic constriction and continue ahead along the road.	475 711	

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27	54	<i>To visit Foots Cray Church, now divert instead to Detour 1 in the Appendix.]</i> [Map point] Main route: Just before the road bends left at the end, go down to the right into the trees, following the 'Cray Riverway' signpost (in fact also continuing on the London Loop).		
28		At the bottom swing left past an information board. The path is grassy at the very start, but then goes a little to the right to merge with a rougher one and continue into trees.		
29	55	Fork right – still the rougher path, not the grassy one ahead.		
30	56	Meeting a path coming from the left, merge rightwards into it and cross a stone bridge over the river.		
31	57	At the end of the bridge turn left, go through a gate, and keep left to follow the main path roughly parallel to the river (now on the left), and, to start with, along the left-hand edge of a large field.		
32	61	Take the right fork, a little surprisingly, away from the river briefly, as shown by a currently concealed waymark on the left.		
33	63	After going over a footbridge between barriers, reach an area where signposted paths cross. At successive forks the route then essentially carries on in an unchanged direction: first, about 25 yds. after the multiple signpost, ignore the right fork and keep left.		
34	64	Then about 40 yds. further on go straight ahead ignoring the left fork (unless the proximity of the river inspires you to follow that slightly longer waterside path). Go ahead until the two paths come together again.		
35	67	<i>To visit North Cray Church, now divert instead to Detour 2 in the Appendix.]</i> Main route: Soon after the rejoin, about 40 yds. after a bench, and at a manhole cover, take the left fork, heading directly to the bridge.		
36	68	Turn left to cross Five Arch Bridge.		3.16
37		After the bridge go straight on along the tarmac path which can be seen bending slightly leftwards ahead.		
38	72	Follow the path rightwards into trees.		
39	75	And then through an exit gap at the far-left corner and along a passageway leading ahead between houses to a road.		
40		Turn right along the road, crossing to its left-hand side when convenient.	479 722	
41	78	Pass Sidcup St Andrew's Church on the left, and at the mini-roundabout continue uphill, slightly left (Kimberley Drive).		
42	82	At the top of the hill, opposite Davenport Road, turn left along the signposted footpath, between fences.		
43	83	At the end cross the road and continue ahead along Cherrydown Road.		
44	86	At the T-junction turn right (Onslow Road).		
45	87	Reaching Longmead Drive, turn briefly right along it.		4.03
46		After about 30 yds. turn left along Footpath 148.		

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	Mins.*		OS	Miles
47	88	Go over the railway bridge, and beyond bend slightly right with the main path. Follow it ahead over two crossing roads, and eventually between the fronts of houses.		
48	94	Reaching the main road, cross it (with the help, if necessary, of the island over to the right), and turn left along its right-hand side.		
49	95	Turn right into Crofton Avenue.		
50	101	Cross the bridge over the stream at the bottom, and continue up ahead.		
51	103	END OF THE SPINE SECTION At the top turn left into Bladindon Drive.		
52	106	At the end, with Blendon Church on the left at the corner, turn right along the right-hand side of the A221 (Penhill Road).		4.93
53	111	[Map point] Reach the Danson interchange and first use the island on the left to cross both sections of the end of Penhill Road. Then turn right in front of the shops and go ahead to cross both sections of Blackfen Road.		
54	112	On the far side follow the pavement round to resume the original direction of Penhill Road. Follow it as it crosses both sections of Park Mead, goes under the A2, bends uphill to the right and crosses both sections of Lakeside Close before reaching the roundabout at the top.	473 743	
55	117	At the roundabout take the second exit, half-left (Danson Road).		
56	118	Opposite house no.123 turn left into Danson Park and join the path along the left-hand side of the lake. <i>Opening times currently advertised (June 2020): 7.30 weekdays, 9.00 weekends and bank holidays; closing 4.30 or sunset, whichever is the later.</i>		5.53
57	129	Pass through a gate and continue ahead on the same path.		
58	133	[Map point] At the exit gate turn left along the road (Danson Lane).		6.25
59	137	At the mini-roundabout turn right into Merlin Road.		
60	139	Though traffic is forced to go left, carry straight on along Merlin Road North.		
61	141	Turn left up Bradenham Avenue.		
62	145	At the top turn right along Westwood Lane, crossing to its left-hand side as soon as possible.		
63	147	At the lights turn left into Hook Lane.		
64	151	Near the bottom, just after a bus stop, turn right (The Green).		
65	154	Continue ahead, passing Falconwood Church on the right.		7.24
66	156	At the next crossroads turn left (Buckingham Avenue) and go straight ahead to the A2 footbridge.		
67	158	Begin the crossing of the footbridge.		
68	160	Coming down rightwards from the bridge, continue ahead at the bottom of the steps with houses on the left and the A2 now on the right, parallel.		
69	162	Turn left along Orchard Rise West.	451 750	
70	164	At the crossroads turn right (Boundary Road), and follow it around its leftward bend.		

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71	169	At the end turn right into the main road and cross to its left-hand side as soon as possible.		
72	170	Turn left down Parish Gate Drive, soon swinging left with it.		8.03
73	172	Stay with Parish Gate Drive, by turning right.		
74	174	[Map point] At the end go across into Parish Wood, at its entrance slightly over to the right. Once inside follow the tarmac path for about 40 yds. as it bends to the left, then turn right through a gap in the trees and cross a children's playground and the tarmac path beyond it. Keep edging gradually across to the right, eventually to meet the roadway and the end of the flats at the distant right-hand corner of the grass.		
75	177	At that corner, ignore the exit gate on the right, but go straight ahead across another path and along a broad track over rougher ground to reach and cross a footbridge.	452 740	
76	178	Leaving the bridge, continue in the same direction along the passageway which begins after a gate and a few paces to the left.		
77	179	Turn right along the road at the end, and follow it as it bends to the left.		
78	182	At the end turn left (Days Lane), crossing when convenient to its right-hand side.		
79	184	Pass Lamorbey Holy Redeemer Church on the right, and continue ahead along Days Lane.		8.72
80	185	Turn right along Annandale Road.		
81	187	Cross Woodlands Avenue and keep on ahead.		
82	190	Turn right along the main road at the end (Willersley Avenue) and cross to its left-hand side using the island which soon appears.		
83	195	At the mini-roundabout turn left (Halfway Street).		
84	202	Cross Burnt Oak Lane and continue ahead.		
85	204	Reach, on the left, the entrance to Lamorbey Holy Trinity Church , the starting point of the walk.	462 728	9.67

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APPENDIX to Full Circuit

Detour to Foots Cray Church (Detour 1)

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
27A	0	To reach Foots Cray Church, continue ahead instead of following the path down into the trees at Direction 27.		
27B		Turn right at the gate and follow the path through the churchyard.		
27C	1	Reach the entrance to Foots Cray Church . After visiting the church retrace your steps along the churchyard path, turning left at its end.		0.05
27D	3	Rejoin the main route at the 'Cray Riverway' signpost, going down to the left into trees (where there would have been a right-turn at Direction 27). Add 3 minutes to subsequent total times and 0.10 miles to cumulative distances.		0.10

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Detour to North Cray Church (Detour 2)

	Mins.*		OS	Miles
35A	0	To reach North Cray Church, ignore the left fork at Direction 35 and go straight ahead.		
35B	1	Turn right on to the tarmac path leading away from the bridge.		
35C	2	Go over a crossing path.		
35D		Go ahead, slightly right, ignoring the left fork.		
35E	3	Reach the entrance gate to North Cray Church . After visiting the church retrace your steps from this gate by immediately keeping right on the tarmac path down through the trees.		0.14
35F	4	Go over the crossing path.		
35G	6	The main route joins from the left. Go ahead, following it from Direction 36, straight on over the bridge. Add 5 minutes to subsequent total times and 0.22 miles to cumulative distances.		0.26

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FOR THOSE WHO WALK WITH THEIR DOGS

See footnote on next page.

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I do not venture to give advice about walking with your dog. As well as the joys, you will be well aware of the issues involved, and particularly that relationships between dogs and other countryside animals potentially involve mutual suspicion, or worse.

But what this footnote does try to do, in response to requests, is to give some indication of the nature of the walk from a dog's point of view, to enable you to decide whether it is suitable.

The percentage distances on the right should be self-explanatory.

The information in the middle column may look a bit cluttered, but I think it should enable you (if the detail is of interest) to mark up within a few minutes a print-out of the walk notes, so that you have some idea what might be round the next corner.

The risk in all this is that **things change so quickly** in the agricultural working world; and what I describe might become misleading after subsequent changes. I have done my best, but there is no guarantee that you will find the information up to date!

SIDCUP & LAMORBEY - FULL CIRCUIT	Direction numbers	% of walk
Busy road	1-3, 6-7, 10-11, 24-26, 41, 45, 48, 52-55, 58, 62-65, 71, 78-79, 82-84	34
Quiet road \$\$	4-5, 8-9, 21, 23, 40, 43-44, 49-51, 59-61, 66, 69-70, 72-73, 77, 80-81	32
Open field with livestock		0
Edge of field with livestock		0
Field (or edge) without livestock **	12, 13b, 15, 19, 28a, 30a, 31-35, 37, 56-57, 74	19
Path (hedged, or otherwise forced)	13a, 16b-18, 20, 22, 30b, 36, 39, 42, 46-47, 67-68, 76	12
Woods	14, 16a, 27, 28b-29, 38, 75	4

** This is not a promise, just a statement of fact - that, having walked these sections perhaps two or three times, I have found no animals or any sign of them.

\$\$ Again, not a promise that there will be no traffic to worry about. Just a personal judgement of conditions as I have found them.

STILES: There are currently no stiles on this walk.