**London Green Belt Relay Stage 17 Route Instructions**

Shoreham Station (Kent) to Westmore Green, Tatsfield 11.2 miles

For a map of stage 17 see [MapMyWalk](https://www.mapmywalk.com/routes/view/3264930094) - This can be downloaded as a GPX or KML file

Start at Shoreham Station (Kent). Grid Reference TQ 52393 61493. Postcode TN14 7RT. See [Map.of Start](https://www.google.com/maps/place/Shoreham/%4051.33261%2C0.1839571%2C16z/data%3D%214m13%211m7%213m6%211s0x47df4d58c4eb22ed%3A0xfd87625b0f7b3071%212sShoreham%2C%2BSevenoaks%2BTN14%2B7RT%213b1%218m2%213d51.3331023%214d0.1890206%213m4%211s0x47df4d58c315708d%3A0xf1f6d2e674924743%218m2%213d51.3320655%214d0.1888852).

The route is mainly undulating for the first 5.5 miles, then hilly through Chevening Park, undulating along the Pilgrims Way and hilly for the last 3 miles. This is a tough stage and parts can be difficult to follow.

**1.** Start at the Station Road entrance to Shoreham Station.

**2.** On exiting the station onto Station Road, turn right along Station Road and soon past the entrance to Darent Valley Golf Club.

**3.** After another 70 yards turn left onto an enclosed path, signed Darent Valley Path.

**4.** The path goes directly path and leads out onto The Darenth golf course.

**5.** Look left and right for golfers before continuing straight across the golf course and then through a metal kissing gate.

**6.** Go straight on around the LHS of the grounds of the Shoreham Village Cricket Club and then veer left just before reaching the pavilion to exit the grounds.

**7.** 100 yards later, go straight on across the lane (beware of traffic) and back onto an enclosed partly tree lined, partly open bridleway. **NOTE:** At the point where we cross the lane, the Darent Valley Path turns right along the lane - we divert from the Darent Valley Path here.

**8.** 300 yards later, as the bridleway becomes a lane, continue straight on past a lane to the RHS (at 1 mile).

**9.** After another 450 yards we pass a farm on the left and soon afterwards some converted oast houses.

**10.** The lane comes out onto Otford High Street next to the "Old Forge". Turn right along the pavement staying on the RHS.

**11.** After crossing the river, continue along the High Street for 650 yards to just after Frog Farm (at 2 miles).

**12.** Then turn left to cross over and into Telston Lane, signed "North Downs Way". Follow the road straight uphill through a housing development and then, after 370 yards, when the road turns right, go straight on along a narrow road (still Telston Lane), signed "North Downs Way".

**13.** 100 yards after the lane opens out, follow it right past Oast Cottage, then left past New Barn Farm.

**14.** Continue straight on, gradually uphill, eventually past a large house (Heather Cottage) and onto a narrow track to cross a bridge over a railway line, then over a stile (next to a gate) and straight on across a large field.

**15.** Follow the path as it crosses a track and enters a wood.

**16.** On exiting the woods bear left to follow the path downhill to cross a stile, then along the edge of a field to cross over another stile and along an enclosed path past the Donnington Manor Hotel.

**17.** The path comes out onto a road (London Road) with the hotel to the right. Turn left along the pavement (at 3.1 miles).

**18.** After 230 yards and just before the junction, turn right to cross over and past the Rose & Crown to your RHS, onto Morants Court Road (the A224).

**19.** Stay on the pavement on the RHS along this busy A-road for 700 yards.

**20.** On approaching the bridge over the M25 motorway cross over to the LHS and the continue over the M25 via the pavement.

**21.** Once over the M25 motorway, turn left at the roundabout. Follow the Sundridge Road (B221) west as it runs downhill and parallel to the motorway. Stay on the LHS as there is a pavement some of the way.

**22.** After 630 yards, and 280 yards after Morants Court Farmhouse, the North Downs Way turns right and disappears uphill through a field. At this point, for safety reasons, cross over to the RHS and continue straight on along the road for another 230 yards, past Turvins Farm and then left around a long sweeping corner.

**23.** Near the end of the corner and immediately before two semi-detached cottages (at 4.2 miles), turn right past a gate and onto a wide enclosed grass track, signed footpath.

**24**. The path leads directly towards a church after 600 yards. **NOTE:** On this wide path / track (after 440 yards) you pass an old metal kissing gate, to the RHS and no longer in use. Immediately after this the path narrows between trees / hedgerows and can be overgrown. However, you can still get through and it soon opens out again.

**25.** Where the path comes out behind Chevening Church, stay left (the church will be to your RHS). This takes you out to Chevening Village.

**26.** Turn right, along the road, past the lychgate and after another 80 yards, turn right onto a gravel track, going past the north side of the church.

**27.** After 120 yards turn left onto an enclosed path heading north and directly away from the church.

**28.** The enclosed path going north from the church runs along the east boundary of Chevening Park. The route is easy to follow as you need to try very hard to turn off the path.

**29.** 600 yards north of the church turn left over a wooden stile (easy to miss) and straight on along the lower edge (LHS) of a field (at 5.1 miles) – there maybe cattle in this field.

**30.** At the opposite side of the field cross over another stile to a lane.

**31.** Cross straight over the lane (to the left a sign says "Private") to climb a path, up the verge, to a wooden stile.

**32.** Once over the stile, turn left to follow the edge of the field with trees to your LHS. Soon the path turns right and the trees on the left disappear to give a great view to Chevening House.

**33.** Continue straight on along the edge of the field (and now with a fence to your LHS) to cross over another lane and enter a second field.

**34.** Follow the fence to the opposite corner and then turn left along the edge of a wood.

**35.** At the next corner turn right, up to and over a stile and into another field.

**36.** Stay straight on uphill along a well-trodden path with the woods to your RHS and the large open field on the left. At the top go straight on over a stile and along an enclosed path which veers slightly right through the trees.

**37.** After another 120 yards the path levels off. Shortly after this, turn left along a wide track through the woods.

**38.** Stay straight on along the track for 450 yards to and past a cottage (Keeper’s Cottage) and out onto a quiet road (Sundridge Hill). Turn left along the road (at 6 miles) and follow it down a steep hill.

**39.** After 950 yards turn right onto another narrow road - Pilgrims Way.

**40.** After 0.6 miles the road comes to a T-junction. Turn right, and after just a few yards turn left, staying on the Pilgrims Way (at 7.2 miles).

**41.** Continue straight on for 1.8 miles to a crossroads with the busy A233, named Westerham Hill to the RHS and London Road to the left.

**42.** Turn right along Westerham Hill, crossing over (with care) as soon as possible, and after 150 yards turn left into The Avenue (at 9.1 miles). It is a private road, but it is also where the North Downs Way re-joins us from the right, and is a "public right of way".

**43.** Follow this private road for a mile to a Y-junction. Turn left along Chestnut Avenue, signed North Downs Way.

**44.** Then straight on for 0.72 miles, to just after the entrance to Park Wood Golf Club (at 10.5 miles).

**45.** 35 yards after the entrance to the golf club turn right, by a wooden marker, onto a footpath through trees and along the edge of the golf course.

**46.** After 200 yards the path comes out into the car park of Tatsfield Church.

**47.** Go out through the entrance of the car park and turn right along the road, past Church Farm and Gwynedd Close.

**48.** After another 100 yards, just after a large gate and as the road turns right, go through a gap in the hedgerow and follow the path across a golf course.

**49.** The path passes a tee-box, goes through trees and then crosses a fairway (take care), then through trees with a field / paddocks to you RHS.

**50.** Follow the path as it zig-zags downhill, over a stile and across a track, then across two more stiles before skirting a school and out through a metal kissing-gate onto a road (Ship Hill).

**51.** Cross over Ship Hill and turn left along the pavement.

**52.** After 80 yards turn right by a wooden bus stop and just by Ye Old Ship pub, turn left to cross road to finish on Westmore Green, next to the horse trough.

Tatsfield does not have a train station, the nearest is [Oxted Station](https://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/OXT/details.html) which is 3.5 miles away (see [Map](https://www.mapmywalk.com/routes/view/4048347130)). For bus services from here at [Bustimes](https://bustimes.org/stops/40004410135A)

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