

Offa's Twisted Wye Kanter
Sunday 16th April 2023
13 mile (21km) route description

This route description is designed to be used in conjunction with a map.

Key:

T JCN – T Junction, TR – Turn Right, TL – Turn Left, BR – Bear Right, BL – Bear Left, SO – Straight On, RD – Road, TK – Track, X – Cross, FB – Footbridge, ST – Stile, LMG – Large Metal Gate, LWG – Large Wooden Gate SWG – Small Wooden Gate, KGT – Kissing Gate, MCB – Magnetic Compass Bearing, FLD – Field, YDS – Yards, LHS – Left hand Side, RHS – Right Hand Side, FPS – Footpath Sign, WMS – Waymarker Sign, ODP (Offa's Dyke Path) WVV (Wye Valley Walk) GW (Gloucestershire Way)

1. Leave hall & TR to reach RD. X to pavement opposite & TL thru arch. TR immediately & follow RH pavement. After 0.6 ml & immediately after The Cloisters BR off pavement & pass thru wall into woodland. After 120 YDS (110m) reach TK T JCN. SO & follow main TK to reach 2 LWGs & KGT. Thru & remain on main TK. After 560 YDS (512m) as TK bends to L, SO leaving TK towards ruined Piercefield House (20°). On approaching house BL uphill towards house & fence in front. Follow fence line keeping it on LHS to reach ST. X & follow path downhill to reach path T JCN & TL. (WVV) After 0.4 ml (644m) arrive at path fork. BR downhill to reach cave & notice board:
CLUE W (ST 52460 96273)
2. Thru cave & downhill to reach & X stream. Follow path as it climbs (steeply at times) & after 0.5 ml (804m) reach car park. X RD (A466) **CAREFULLY** next to purple WMS & SO to reach green & white metal barrier. Pass barrier & after 30 YDS (27m) reach path T JCN (WVV FPS). TL to reach path JCN with fallen tree (WVV FPS). TR uphill & as path levels out, BL to reach car park & notice board:
CLUE X (ST 52414 97278)
3. Thru car park to reach RD. Immed TR to reach ST next to LMG (FPS). X ST & SO along TK to reach LMG (WMS). Thru & SO to reach LMG. Thru & SO along TK to reach 2 x LMGs. Thru & follow TK to the R&L to reach TK T JCN (bungalow on the LHS). TL & follow TK which will become tarmac & after 0.2 ml (322m) reach RD. TR & after 150 YDS (137m) reach KGT next to LMG on the LHS (WMS). Thru KGT & uphill (300°) to reach ST in top RH corner of FLD (WMS). X ST & immed L to reach 2nd ST (FPS). X ST to reach RD. TL & after 20 YDS (18m) reach TK on the RHS & 'The Tout' house name plaque:
CLUE P (ST 51846 98517)
4. TR & follow TK & as TK BR towards house, SO leaving TK along enclosed path to reach SWG (FPS). Thru & SO thru woods to reach forestry TK JCN. (**Note: Other event distances TL here**) SO downhill & ignore TK on the RHS & after 0.5 ml (804m) reach green & white metal barrier. Pass barrier to reach open area. TR & pass 2nd green & white barrier. After 50 YDS (45m) reach TK JCN. TL & after 20 YDS (18m) forestry TK ends to become a path. After 140 YDS (128m) reach path Y JCN. BL & follow path to reach wooden barrier. Thru & SO to reach RD. SO to reach RD T JCN & road signs on the LHS:
CLUE U (ST 50205 98525)
5. SO & **FACE ONCOMING TRAFFIC** & after 100 YDS (91m) X RD **CAREFULLY** & enter Chepstow Park Wood Car Park. Thru car park & immed before green & white metal barrier, BR onto path. Pass WMS & ignore paths to the L&R to reach forestry TK. TL & after 5 YDS (4m) TR & follow path uphill to reach forestry TK T JCN. SO & after 0.3 ml (483m) reach forestry TK T JCN. TL & after 70 YDS forestry TK will BR. After 1.3 ml (2092m) reach forestry TK JCN. SO downhill & pass green & white metal barrier to reach Chepstow Park Wood Notice Board on the LHS:
CLUE V (ST 48777 96419)
6. SO to reach RD. TL & follow RD to its end & reach ST next to LMG. X ST & slight R across FLD (70°) to reach RH FLD edge. Follow to reach & X shallow stream to reach ST next to LMG (WMS). X ST & follow RH FLD edge uphill to reach ST in hedge (WMS). X ST & TL. Follow LH FLD edge to reach LMG on the LHS.

BR slightly away from fence (90°) & downhill to X small stream & reach ST next to LMG (WMS). X ST & SO uphill following RH FLD edge to reach ST (WMS). X ST & BR (90°) to reach LMG in bottom RH corner of FLD. Thru & follow RH FLD edge ignoring gates that enter woodland to reach LMG next to RD (WMS). Thru & down RD to reach RD T JCN (FPS). TR & after 20 YDS (18m) (FPS) BL thru LMG (probably open). TK will bend to R & then to L to reach 2 x houses on the RHS:

CLUE Q (ST 50717 96360)

7. SO to reach LMG. Thru & SO to reach TK fork. SO (passing between hedges) slightly downhill & as TK bends to the L, BR to reach KGT (WMS). Thru & BL (120°) to reach KGT (WMS). Thru & SO to reach ST (WMS). X ST & SO (170°) to reach end of hedge line. SO keeping the hedge on the LHS to reach ST next to LWG (WMS). X ST & follow LH FLD edge passing house to reach ST in far LH corner of FLD (FPS). X ST to reach RD. TL & remain on verge. After 40 YDS (36m) X RD (B4293) **CAREFULLY** to Coed Cockshoot. Pass green & white metal barrier & after 0.3 ml (483m) reach lime kilns immed before green & white metal barrier:

CLUE R (ST 51737 94452)

8. SO passing green & white metal barrier to reach RD. X RD (B4235) **CAREFULLY** to small gap in verge vegetation & downhill to reach path T JCN. TR & after 0.25 ml (402m) reach forestry TK with green & white metal barrier. TL & after 0.2 ml (322m) reach forestry TK JCN. SO & after 80 YDS (73m) BR leaving forestry TK to reach KGT (WMS). Thru & follow enclosed path to reach ST (WMS). X ST & remain on enclosed path to reach ST (WMS). X ST & remain on enclosed path to reach ST next to LMG & FPS:

CLUE S (ST 51813 93448)

9. X ST & SO to reach RD. TL & follow RD ignoring all JCNS & after 0.5 ml (804m) reach X RDs (A466). X RD **CAREFULLY** & SO along Mounon RD. Occasionally there will be no pavement so face oncoming traffic where possible. After 0.4 ml (644m) reach RD JCN. TR to reach Moor St. TL & when safe to do so, X RD **CAREFULLY** to pavement opposite & continue in same direction. Thru arch & TR to return to Palmer Community Centre.

(Total Distance 13 miles / 21 km)