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Route Description

Tusker's 10K

Saturday 5th April 2025

Start 9am - Finish 1pm

1. Start at the Mammoth Tusks. Go ahead for 30 metres only and turn left, following the path leading past the community garden to a gate leading into a lane. As the lane splits in 100m, keep ahead and continue for 200m to a metal footbridge.
2. After the bridge, head $\frac{1}{2}$ right across the field looking for a wooden footbridge in the trees. Cross the footbridge and continue ahead, climbing the steep bank in front of you.
3. At the top of the bank, bear right to follow the field edge with the fence on your right to reach a kissing gate in the field corner.
4. At the gate, do not go through it, instead turn left to stay in this field and continue for 200m to the field corner and a gate and stile.
5. Go over the stile and onto the track. Follow the track for 250m to reach a lane via a gate. At the lane, turn right and continue for 250m and then take the footpath on the left just after the house with a tall garden wall. This is signposted "Three Woods Walk".
6. Climb on this path to reach a fork and fingerpost in 250m. Here fork left, following the "Three Woods Walk" arrow.
7. Stay on this path, which follows the wood edge for 600m to reach another fingerpost.
8. Continue on this path as it leaves the wood edge and begins to climb.
9. At the first path-split, continue ahead and then at the second, turn left on a fainter path (slight downhill).
10. Stay on this path for 400m, until you see a (partially hidden) fingerpost on your left. Here turn right on the narrow path which climbs gently through the trees. Careful not to miss this.
11. As you emerge from the wood, turn left and follow the field edge, turning right at the corner. When you reach the next corner, leave the hedge and head diagonally left down the field, aiming for a stile in the hedge to the left of the large oak tree.
12. Go over the stile and head straight down the field, aiming for the gateway left of the barn.
13. Go through the gate and turn right onto the lane. Continue for 120 metres and look for the fingerpost on the right and **self-clip checkpoint Norton Lane (SO 458 815)**.
14. Follow the fingerpost arrow up the path (may be wet) and, in 200 metres, go through the gate which leads onto a track. Here bear right and stay on the track for 1200 metres in total, as it turns sharp right, then left, to arrive at a gate. Go through the gate (may be open) to reach a house and the **checkpoint The Pheasantry (SO 448 818)**.

15. After the CP and turn left keeping the house to your left and continue into a grassy path which climbs gently into a wood for 200m to a T junction.
16. At the T junction turn left following the three woods walk arrow, over the old wall and stile and continue ahead on the path along the ridge line.
17. When you reach a stile and broken fence, cross the fence line and continue along the top of the ridge, now with the fence on your left.
18. Continue along this path for 400m until it bends right and begins to descend, continue for a further 350m, passing the marker post with the "50" arrow and continue to descend to reach a track.
19. At the track, turn left, and go around a right-hand bend in 400m to the **self-clip checkpoint (SO 443 806) on the right-hand side.**
20. Continue on this track for a further 300m as it continues to drop closer to the road.
21. Before the road, look for a finger post on your right signposted "Three Woods Walk Shortcut". **DO NOT MISS THIS, OR YOU WILL HAVE AN UNPLEASANT AND DANGEROUS SCHLEP UP THE A49 TO GET BACK.** Follow this path on the right which is almost a double-back, for 40m only, to reach a higher track. Here turn left (un-signposted) and continue for 50m to a fork and a hidden fingerpost. Here fork left, following the "Three Woods Walk" arrow and continue on this track for 1100m, following the edge of the wood.
22. In 1100m, you reach a fingerpost on your right and a stile on your left. Go over the stile leading out of the wood and head down the field with the hedge on your right to join a lane.
23. At the lane turn right and continue for 400m to reach a stile and gate on your left (un-signposted). **CAREFUL NOT TO MISS THIS.** If you get to the house with the white garden wall (mentioned in paragraph 5) you have come too far, so you need to turn back.
24. Go over the stile and follow the path diagonally left down the field to reach a stile in the fence. Go over the stile and turn right (ignoring the footpath arrow) to keep the fence on your right and the river on your left.
25. Continue with the river on your left in the same direction (there is no visible path here) for 500m and look for a metal kissing gate in the field corner. Head up to the gate, go through it and continue on the enclosed path to reach another kissing gate.
26. Go through this second kissing gate and keep ahead, retracing your steps down the bank to the wooden footbridge, across the field to the white footbridge leading into the lane. Cross the river and retrace your steps back to the Start/Finish at the Mammoth tusks.

