

Vanguard way closure – live map updates



Today I went on a run with some friends from [Crowborough Runners](#).

It was a glorious day and we enjoyed running in the sunshine, chatting as we went and stopping to enjoy the views from time to time. Our route was a loop: from the Crow & Gate on the A27 just south of Crowborough to High Hurstwood and back.

There were lots of lovely paths and some quiet roads.

But we found one major problem. We went on a [part of the Vanguard Way that is closed for repairs](#). At first we just thought the path was overgrown and then we came to a bridge that had been blocked off with a footpath the other side that had partially fallen away. It was a scramble through brambles and nettles and over a stream to get round.

The moral of our adventure is that we should have checked on the [East Sussex website listing footpath closures](#).

It also has reinforced my view of the great value of route maps showing up to date information when you are choosing where to walk/run/ride.

That is what Routopedia is aiming to provide.

If such a map already exists, please let me know below. Or please leave any other comments about route closures and updates.

Lack of progress but stile repaired



Old stile
before
replacement

Apologies to everyone visiting this site who has been expecting new routes and improvements to the methods of choosing a route. We had promised progress on this but we have been delayed by other (paid) work so it has taken a back seat.

Realistically there will not be much more progress before the end of the summer.

However, we have been doing some work helping keep the footpaths around Mayfield accessible for users. Today it was replacing a stile on Newick Lane just to the north of St Dunstan's Bridge (the end of footpath 21d for those that know their local footpath numbers).



Replacement
stile

The old stile, which was very rickety, is shown at the top of the post and the new one is here – more stable and hopefully the dog latch is also now more accessible.