

1989 OXON 20 / OXON 40 Routes

in entrances: "Quoted Name" - name can be seen on the route

unquoted name - name appears only on OS map

Abbreviations used:

T = turn L = left R = right diag = diagonally X = cross opp = opposite

Tjunc = T-junction Rd = road BW = bridleway Tk = track FP = -footpath

FPS = footpath sign yds = yards m = miles OW = Oxfordshire Way

CB = compass bearing from MAGNETIC NORTH GR = OS map reference

Emergency phone number: Henley 576648

START Out of main entrance & TR to main Rd A4155. X diag to MILL LANE opp. Over railway & TL into car park. In 15 yds TR thru hedge & immediately TL to follow boundary on L for almost 1 Km. Join Rd at car park by station & ahead to "ROYAL HOTEL". TR on Rd to river bridge where TL (HART ST). X pedestrian crossing & TR thru churchyard & cont to Rd where TL. At Tjunc TR to mini-roundabout where ahead on A423 ("OXFORD"), GR 760 831

1.3m 20 yds beyond 40 mph sign TR on FP & up The Mount thru a copse. From kissing gate CB 350 ahead. Thru 2 gates & onto tarmac past Henley Park House. Pass houses on R & at far edge of 2nd field on R TR. Ahead on 2 more field edges til Rd. X & ahead past barn then TR on Tk (CB 140). At "McAlpine" property follow fence on L down to stile, CB 130 slightly L down field to corner stile (just L of single tree). PLEASE KEEP TO THE ROUTE. Ahead on same bearing to stile at far end of line of 4 trees on R across field.

Number check at stile

GR 763 849

4.1m TL CB 360 back over same field to top R CORNER. X stile into wood & follow waymarks to Rd. TL for 400 yds to drive before post box. TL on it & cont to X stile & follow L edge of copse to kissing gate. CB 260 slightly L to top L corner of 2nd field. X Tk diag R into field & follow L edge round garden. X stile onto drive & TR to Rd. GR 752 863

5.6m Into field opp & CB 350 diag R past pylon to hidden stile 40 yds up from corner. CB 340 diag L down to kissing gate into wood. TR down .and then ahead on narrow path down to Rd. TL to Tjunc where TL for 1 mile. (Sorry about the road. Look at the scenes and guess which one you'll go up!} GR 739 857

7.1m At Tjunc TR & X Rd but before "RAINBOW" pub TL on FP by phone box. In 65 yds X stile & diag R up field to stile in corner. Up enclosed FP then on to Rd. TL up public Rd to Bix Common. Follow beside Rd to far side of common where TL along its edge away from Rd towards church.

CP1 Bix & Assendon Village Hall GR 728 853 7.7 miles 9.45 - 11.00

OXON 20 route continues on page 3 at 7.7/27.0m

OXON 40 route only

7.7m From CP onto common & TL to Rd junc. Ahead (no Rd sign). Down thru wood & ahead at next junc. In 360 yds TR immediately after 2 houses on FP into field. TR again into field behind houses and follow R field edge swinging L R L and over brow of hill to stile in far corner. X stile & TL on path between hedges. GR 735 867

9.0m Follow for 1 mile to track junc where fork R & cont to Rd at Lodge Farm. Ahead and fork R on Rd at yellow hydrant marker. At next corner in 60 yds TR off Rd on FP to left of house. Ahead X field into wood. TL on "PS17" along wood edge to X Rd at Maidensgrove. GR .723 888

10 .6m Swing R thru woods opp following arrows on trees. In 360 yds fork L on "PS17" keeping L with wood edge. Later follow fence on L down to Tk. X to field opp & along R edge to far side. Ahead onto lane & pass Pishill church to join B480 Rd. GR 727 900

11.5m X Rd WITH CARE & TR. At corner ("Pishill Farm House") TL on Tk. Follow in valley ("OW") to stile into wood. In 50 yds fork diag R up following arrows. In 800 yds just before stile out of wood, T sharp L on "PS5" back down in woods.

GR 724 914

12.5m X clearing in dip & slightly L on "W21" (CB 230) under trees (past holly tree, NOT into cleared area) on broad waymarked Tk over hill shoulder to path junc in hollow. Take 2nd R ("W19") with field on R. At wood edge TR up with arrows. Leave wood & X field (CB 350) to conifers to R of houses. Leave field to join concrete drive leading to Rd at Greenfields.

GR 711 918

13.9m X Rd to single gate in wall (FP "W15"), Follow arrows on trees swingino L (CB 310). Soon descend to join path from L. Ahead thru cleared area to cont (CB 310) on narrow path ("W10") under trees with field on R. Later descend into field & ahead on L edge to B480 Rd near white house.

GR 698 926

14. 9m TR & in 70 yds X to follow FP to R of white house ("DUMBLE DORE"). At far end TR on Tk ("W22"), At barn on R ahead on waymarked Tk. At surfaced X-Tks TL on "Ridgeway Path". In 1200 yds X Rd.

CP2 Bottom of Britwell Hill GR 681 922 16.6 miles 12.00 am - 1.45 pm

16. 6m Cont for just over 1 mile to next Rd (bottom of Sliding Hill). Ahead on Rd for 100 yds. TL on BW along field edges & X drive of Down Farm. Ahead for further 1000 yds to X-Tk in dip where TL. Later follow fence on L & then R edge of field up to Ridgeway Path" by Ewelme Park.

GR 674 892

19. 8m Ahead on surfaced BW between hedges. Immediately after white houses on L, TR inside wood edge. At far side of clearing TL on broad Tk with another clearing on R. In 300 yds thru metal gate & along L field edge. Leave field & ahead to next gate with arrow. TR on field edge. Into tree belt & TL on narrow path in it keeping same field on L until Rd & house at Park Corner.

GR 692 885

21.3m X Rd & TR. In 20 yds TL to "BIX BOTTOM". At junc TL & stay on surfaced lane. At junc outside "Park House" TR. Cont to pass thru field gate ("SW15") & into Priors wood. At bottom of dip, up with fence on R. Join wall on L & TL with it but immediately TR at "FOOTPATH" sign behind barn. X drive & descend to path junc.

GR 705 894

22.8m TR for 1200 yds to T-junc. Ahead over fence on FP "27" slightly R up field to stile by wood edge. Follow tree line to top & TL along L field edge. Leave field & ahead on Tk to lane by Soundess House.

GR 705 873

24.0 m TR on lane for 100 yds then X stile on L. Diag X field (CB 190) to R of cedars. X stile at end of hedge & out to Rd at Crocker End. TL on Rd past post box. At end ahead X grass & along earth Tk. At gate TL over stile & follow R field edge to stile into wood. In 900 yds descend from wood to Rd by ruins of church.

GR 727 869

25.5m TR on Rd & pass houses & garages. Immediately after large barn TR. Pass front of Valley End farmhouse & thru waymarked gateway. Ahead into field & in 200 yds TL at FP sign. Up & TR in woods. In 110 yds fork L with arrows along wood edge (CB 215). At top TL just inside edge of wood to stile. X into field & ahead (CB 190) towards L of trough. At path junc in mid-field TL to gate & drive leading to Rd at Bix. TR on Rd for 130 yds to village hall on L.

CP3 Bix & Assendon Village HaII GR 728 853 27.0 miles 2.00 - 4.45

Remainder of route common to both OXON 20 and OXON 40 routes

7.7/27.0m From CP onto common and TR to church & Rd. TR to pass No Through Rd sign & reach A423 dual carriageway. TR but 50 yds before the "FOX" pub X Rd into lane opp. Follow it but fork R at white gate. Take 2nd Tk on L (after further mile). Pass large house (MERRIMOLES) on L & TL. Ahead to B481 Rd at "Dog and Duck" pub. GR 701 848

10.0/29.3m TR on verge for 50 yds then X to drive of "GREENMAN". Follow hedge on R to stile and along L edge of paddock. Into wood & immediately fork L to gate at wall end. X drive to gate opp and follow R field edges to 2nd stile. X & along L field edges to pass L of house & join drive. TR with garden hedge ("Witheridge Hill Farm" sign) & at bend in 45 yds go ahead down path (15 yds R of overhead wires). At bottom meet Rd & TL to X-Rds. GR 693 842

10.8/30.2m Ahead (signed "HENLEY") & X Rd. In 260 yds TR on unsurfaced lane by "THE OLD PLACE" signpost. Cont to field on L & at far side, TL (FPS) down wood edge to bottom. TR & cont to X-Tks immediately after field (on R). TL (CB 100) up & after sunken stretch leave wood to meet B481 Rd. GR 706 833

12.8/32.2m X Rd half-L to Rd opp (to SATWELL). At "THE LAMB" pub TR & in 800 yds TL by phone box on Rd. Cross the green at Shepherd's Green & cont past "NO THROUGH ROAD" sign. In 140 yds TL on FP immediately before buildings. Follow down & up to Rd opp "ROSE FARM". TR & at bend in 250 yds fork L on BW "31" with field on L to X-Tks. GR 718 838

13.6/33.0m Ahead (CB 60) up BW "31". Follow waymarks to move away from fence on R. In 750 yds cont thru 2 gates & reach another gate in further 240 yds. On to join Rd and TL beside it. At Rd junc TR on gravel drive into Lambridge Woods. GR 732 845

14.5/33.9m Follow for 900 yds to entrance to "LAMBRIDGE WOOD HOUSE". Ahead 15 yds to stile out of wood. X drive & down R field edge opp. Down thru copse & L field edge. Thru gate on L & TR to A423 Rd. TR on verge for 440 yds to cemetery entrance opp B481 Rd junc.

CP2/CP4 Cemetery entrance GR 745 845 15. 7/35. 0 miles 11.45 am - 6.45 pm

15.7/35.0m TR to entrance but before gate TL on BW "19" up into woods. At top X drive & ahead on FP "51" following yellow arrows. In 500 yds drop to path junc in hollow. TR & in 100 yds TL over stile into field (FP "50"). Along R field edges to Rd. GR 737 834

16.6/35.9m TR & in 80 yds TL on concrete drive. At junc ahead to just beyond large pit on L & TL over stile. Down edge of L field to stile at bottom. TL along valley to pass Lower Hernes house on L and in further 800 yds meet BW at stile. GR 748 825

18.4/37.7m Ahead on FP opp to unsurfaced lane. TR & in 550 yds emerge on "VALLEY ROAD". TR & pass "THE A E HOBBS" pub. TL (it-'s "ELIZABETH ROAD") .&: then TR. In 80 yds TL on hidden FP after number 281 "LAWNS". X multi-path junc (CB 230) to meet Rd in 100 yds. TL & pass entrance to indoor SPORTS CENTRE". Cont down to junc at bottom. GR 754 808

19.5/38.8m TL into Harpsden & pass Village Hall. In 40 yds TL on FP & climb with fence to stile. In 50 yds TR on Rd. At end TL on pavement. At Rd junc TR on FP beside phone box. Joining Rd, TR into YMCA grounds.

THE FINISH ! Well done.

Henley YMCA Sports Pavilion GR 766 815 20. 7/40. 0 miles 8.00 am - 8.00pm