

# OXON 40 & OXON 20 - 1993

## Route Description

Place names: **CAPITALS** = name appears on O.S. map (1:50,000)  
*Italics* = name can be seen from route

Abbreviations:

**T**=turn    **L**=left    **R**=right    **LHS/RHS**=left/right hand side    **enc**=enclosed  
**FP**=footpath    **BW**=bridleway    **tk**=track    **rd**=road    **junc**=junction    **X**=cross/across  
**ahd**=ahead    **thru**=through    **opp**=opposite    **nr**=near    **fld**=field    **wd**=wood    **fm**=farm  
**K/G**=kissing gate    **G/way**=gateway    **FPS**=footpath sign    **WM**=waymark(ed)  
**CB**=compass bearing (magnetic)    **GR**=O.S. grid ref    **RWP**=Ridgeway Path    **cont**=cont  
**immed**=immediately    **PH**=Public House    **m**=metres  
"up" and "down" Mean up and down

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*Before you start: - Please check for any amendments to the route. Details will be on display.*

- 1. Start**                      Out of main entrance & TL up tk to rd. X <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>R & along *Vicarage Rd*. At junc TR & ahd 630m. At school, ahd on FP 200m to rd at church. Ahd to junc. X <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>L, along *Deanfield Ave*. Uphill & bear R to main rd. GR 756 826
- 2. 1.0 miles**                X <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>R & along *Hop Gardens* opp. At T-junc beyond school TL & X to grass opp. Pass R of garage block & bend R down to rd. TL to T-junc & TR. At *Luker Ave* TR. In 50m (FPS) TL on enc FP to playing fld. X <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>R to hedge corner & ahd to seat/rd. X rd <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>L & along *Oxford Way* opp (FPS). At wd, ahd 50m & beyond rise, fork L & up to K/G. Ahd up fld, thru K/G L of barn & on RHS of next fld to K/G. Immed. before drive, TL on enc FP, becoming sunken tk. At rd bend, ahd down to X-rds beyond stables. Ahd on rd opp (*Old Chiltons* on R) to rd at LOWER ASSENDON. GR 745 847
- 3. 3.0 miles**                X rd & along *private* rd opp. TR & up lane 1300m. 30m beyond *Grey Lodge* on L, TR thru gap & TL along LHS of Bix Common. Pass L of church & TR on rd. In 270m (rd bends R) TL on tk to fld. Ahd X fld. At obscure X-paths nr first trough TR (CB 15) to wd & ahd on FP. In 210m bear R, soon on wider tk down wd edge. In 120m, re-enter wd, later TR on tk from L. Before gate TL to stile & down RHS of fld. X stile & TR on tk. Where tk bends R, cont ahd & thru gate & between fm buildings to rd at VALLEY END FM. GR 727 867
- 4. 5.5 miles**                TL on rd. In 250m (just before church ruin) TL up tk (FP *Crocker End*) 500m to wd & ahd thru wd. In 800m, ahd on LHS of fld to stile by cream house at CROCKER END. Ahd on tk. TR onto rd, passing R of green. After next rd from L, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>L X green & cont in same general direction on FP. At rd TL. In 80m TL & ahd 100m to checkpoint.

**CP1. CATSLIP                      GR 705 868    7.1 miles.                      Private Depot**  
**9.15 am - 5 pm**  
(no parking for supporters)

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### OXON 40 Route only:

5. **7.1 miles** Retrace steps 100m to junc & TR. In 25m fork L on rd (*Magpies*). Cont straight ahd. In 600m, nr white bungalow, TL (FP *Russells Water 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>*). Pass R of fm &, when tk bends R, ahd X stile & along RHS of fld. In 350m X 2 stiles on R & down RHS of fld. X next fld <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>L down to LH corner to junc. Ahd on tk. In 1250m fork L & ahd 1km to rd at *Cookley House*. GR 697 903
6. **9.8 miles** TL on verge. In 30m X rd & ahd X green to rd signs R of house. Ahd on rd (*Swyncombe Church*). At wd, 60m beyond white gates, TL X stile & on FP thru wd. Pass R of conifers & keep ahd down thru scrub to K/G. Ahd down thru park to K/G & enc FP. X drive & follow FPSs & up thru churchyard (water tap nr wall) to lane. TL & ahd on RWP thru G/way. In 500m (RWP turns L) cont ahd on tk. In 650m (tk bends down R) cont ahd thru “gap” then on RHS of fld. Thru end gap & TR down lane 350m to BW junc.  
GR 663 906
7. **12.2 miles** TL on BW. In 850m (X-tks) ahd (trees on R) 850m to T-junc. TL on wide tk. In 1050m (just beyond white bungalow) where tk bends R, TL thru wide gap. In 30m TR on FP along tree belt. In 600m X gap & cont ahd on FP. In 200m, ignore FP NU7 & TR on RWP. X fld & into wd & up to rd. TL on verge & X rd (**extreme care!**) to checkpoint beyond PH.

### CP 2. GANGSDOWN HILL GR 675 877 14.7 miles. 10.45 am - 1.00pm

8. **14.7 miles** From CP retrace steps past PH to RWP FPS. Follow beside R of cottage & along lawn. Follow white posts X golf course & thru wd then X greens R of clubhouse (**beware flying golf balls!**) to stile. X next fld to church at NUFFIELD. TR on rd (water supply nr church tower). In 100m TL on RWP on LHS of fld. Thru gap, X stile & ahd thru wd. Where RWP turns R cont ahd, X stile & along wd, then on LHS of fld to next wd. Follow FPSs & TR to drive. X stile opp & on RHS of fld. Opp house on R (FPS) TL along old fld boundary & ahd to drive. TR on drive (*UPPER HOUSE FM*). GR 663 863
9. **16.1 miles** Pass fm & ahd on tk. Pass sheds & beyond replants bend R on WM tk down & out of MONGEWELL WDS. Ahd between flds. In 800m, at junc, bend R & down to fm. Immed beyond fuel tanks TL up WM tk in WICKS WD. At top (X-tks) ahd & down to stile/grid. Ahd X fld (CB 200) then on wide tk. Between fm buildings in dip & ahd 580m up to rd at HAILEY. TR on rd. In 300m (WM) X fence on L & <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>R X fld corner. X rd & on same line X next fld corner to stile. TR on rd. In 280m, at chapel, TL on BW & down to rd. Up FP opp, pass R of hedge & ahd to drive & out to rd. GR 634 850
10. **19.1 miles** TL on rd. In 60m TR (CB175) X fld to far LH corner. TR on rd. In 350m, pass *BRAZIERS COLLEGE* & in 80m, fork L & up lane. At top, beyond white house, cont ahd on tk. In

500m, at wd, 1/2R on narrow FP. In 300m bear R down to valley. TL on main tk up valley 1km to rd. GR 658 846

**11. 21.3 miles** TR on rd. At T-junc TL. At next T-junc TR. At X-rds TL. Cont ahd on rd joining from R. Ignore LH turn to *Homer* & in 15m 1/2R into wd (FPS). X drive & ahd to stile. On RHS of fld then follow stakes to far corner. TR on lane. Beyond big house on R, cont ahd on enc tk. At house (*Oakingham End*) TL down drive to T-junc. GR 684 851

**12. 23.6 miles** TR on lane. In 550m (15m beyond long paddock) TL up thru wd, later beside fence to tk junc. Ahd on tk to T-junc (*Newnham Hill Fm*). TL. Pass R of fm & thru metal gate. Beyond barn X stile & along LHS of fld to wd. X stile & along FP inside wd edge then ahd 50m to wide tk. TL. Where tk leaves wd, TR & down RHS of fld. At bottom 1/2R on BW into wd. In 300m (WM) TL to stile & out of wd. Ahd on RHS of fld. Pass R of fm. At church TR thru gap in flint wall & ahd to rd at NETTLEBED. GR 698868

**13. 26.2 miles** TR on rd thru village. X rd **when safe**. Beyond *Watlington St*, ahd thru barrier. Pass R of *Old Kiln* & ahd on minor rd. In 330m TR & ahd to checkpoint.

**CP 3. Catslip GR 705868 26.8 miles Private Depot**  
**9.15 am - 5 pm**  
No parking for supporters.

**Remainder of route common to OXON 40 and OXON 20.**

**14. 7.1/26.8 miles** From CP retrace steps & TR (*CATSLIP*). At end, TR on rd & out to main rd. X rd (**extreme care!**) & along BW (NE 13) opp. In 220m, at junc, 1/2R on obscure FP in younger trees (WM), bending L & ahd down to tk. Ahd up FP opp, thru wd then bushes to T-junc. TL on tk & cont, ignoring turnings, 350m to X-tks (big house MERRIMOLES on far L). Ahd on tk opp. In 300m, at junc (white board: *Estate Office*) T 1st L to G/way. Ahd on tk on RHS of fld then thru wd 900m, bending L to drive by grid. TR on drive. At rd junc, ahd 150m & TL on FP into wd. In 100m fork L. At FP-junc (WM) ahd to rd at SATWELL. TL on rd (*Shepherds Green*). Before *Lamb Inn*, TR on rd to T-junc. GR 706 833

**15. 9.6/29.3 miles** X main rd (**care!**) & along BW opp. Follow WM down thru wd. At bottom TR along valley. In 500m (WM) TL up FP. At top, join better tk & ahd to gate/rd (*BURNT PLATT WD*). X barrier opp & 1/2R up FP (fence soon on R). In 350m TL on FP. Beyond dip fork R up to wide gravel rd. Ahd on FP opp, thru wd, bend R to gate & ahd with guard fence on L & out to rd. X 1/2L & up *Neals Lane* opp, ignore side tks. In 450m (X-tks) TL. In 110m ignore G/way into wd. 1/2R on grassy tk. In 450m (just beyond RH bend) TL (WM) into wd. In 30m TR on grassy tk, later join tk from L. Before gate, 1/2L on WM FP down thru scrub, bending L. X stile (FPS) & ahd in dense conifers down to rd. GR 677 824

**16. 12.2/31.9 miles** TL on rd. In 25m (FPS) TR up tk. In 140m (WM) bear L. Tk soon becomes FP. Follow WM straight sections in conifers & emerge to X plank bridge (*BEECHWOOD FM* away L). Ahd with WM (CB 234). Soon bend 1/2R. At X-tks (white house on R) TL on FP. In 400m leave wd

& ahd on enc FP to rd at LOWER FM. TL on rd, then ahd. In 250m fork L on rd to *Peppard*. In 1200m (X-rds) TR. In 700m (just beyond *Kate's Cottage*) TL on tk & into wd. In 140m X earth bank & TR on edge of wd/felled area (NEW COPSE). In 700m (barrier on R) cont round L on narrow edge FP. Beyond black metal shed, ahd along RHS of wd to far side. TR on tk & out to rd. X rd & along FP opp. In 80m X stile & TR to checkpoint.

**CP 2/4 BISHOPSWOOD CAR PARK. GR 699 808 15.7/35.4 miles  
11.00 am - 7.00 pm.**

**17. 15.7/35.4 miles** From CP, return to wd & TR on WM FP thru wd to far side by fallen signpost. Ahd thru barriers & along rd 600m to T-junc (*Woodland Rd*) at SONNING COMMON. TL. In 60m TR on enc FP (*library*). X rd & cont on enc FP & down to rd.  
GR 711 802

**18. 16.7/36.4 miles** Ahd up *Blackmore Lane* opp. In 500m (just before *Pond Fm Cottage* on L) TL (FPS) thru hidden gap & along fence. At corner TL along tree line. Just before oak tree TR X fld (CB 35) to FPS/rd. TR on rd. In 30m TL on FP (*Henley 3*) along strip, then X fld (CB 70). At far corner, ahd down RHS of next fld. TR thru bottom gap & ahd (fence on R) & steeply up KENTS HILL & into fld. Ahd with hedge on R. TR thru gap & cont with hedge on L. X stile & ahd to lane at *Georges Cottage*. TR down to T-junc at *OLD PLACE*.  
GR 732 804

**19. 18.2/39.7 miles** X rd & TL. In 100m TR up BW (*Binfield Heath 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>*). At top, ahd passing L of *North Lodge* & in 50m TL X stile & ahd on *Forest Walk*, emerge to TR down lane. At house fork R up wide tk to rd & ahd up rd. In 350m TL down BW (*Perseverance Hill*) soon forking L down sunken tk to rd. TR on rd. In 200m, TL up (RH) lane to *Harpesden Hill Cottages*, bending R to top & ahd on FP. Follow FP X next two flds to stile/rd junc.  
GR 747 814

**20. 20.0/39.7 miles** TR, X *Gillots Lane* & ahd on tk. At multi-junc, cont past barrier & cont <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>L with wooden fence on L along DRAWBACK HILL. Beyond *Cilgerran House*, ahd on metalled lane, becomming *Peppard Lane*, & ahd down to main rd. X rd & ahd down tk opp. At bottom TR to YMCA & **finish**.

**HENLEY YMCA SPORTS PAVILION GR 766 815 21.2/40.9 miles.  
8.00 am - 8.00 pm.**

**WELL DONE!**