

OXON 40 - 1994 ***Route Description***

Place names: **CAPITALS** = name appears on O.S. Landranger 175 (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

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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 & TR. X main rd & along *Mill Lane* opp. Beyond railway TL into car park. Ahd with trees on R. In 440yds TR thru gap & cont with trees on L, past white posts & alongside railway to station & ahd on rd. At T junc TR to river. Bear L & follow river up past *Angel Inn*. TR X Henley Bridge. TL X rd at bollards. TR along fence & ahd to rd. Thru K/G opp & ahd on FP. X stile & fld ½L to trees & up to stile. Ahd on FP & in 200yds, at clearing, fork slightly R (CB30) to stile & into wd. Ahd up FP. At junc beyond crest, ahd down to fld. X fld ½R (CB55) to rd. GR 773 838
 - 2. 2.1 miles** TL on rd. In 250yds (FPS) TR on tk. In 1000yds, where tk bends L, ahd on FP down to rd at *ASTON*. TL & in 100 yds TR up lane. At RH bend, ahd on FP to K/G. Follow FP & thru K/Gs between river & *CULHAM COURT*. Ahd X next fld (CB130) to k?g & ahd on enc tk (WM). Before rd, TL thru K/G. Follow fence, then ½R (CB75) to river. TR thru K/Gs & X FB. Ahd with river on L over 2 more Fbs. Immed beyond concrete FB (FPS), leave river & TR on RHS of fld. Thru gate & ahd up to fm buildings. At top, TL on tk (FPS) to A123 rd at *ROSEHILL*. GR 806 828
 - 3. 5.0 miles** X rd (**extreme care!**) & up lane opp. In 530yds TL by big gates (Permitted Path - please shut gate). Ahd down drive. At junc by grass triangle fork R & cont up drive. At top, pass small roundabout, later ½L with drive. At RH bend (FPS) TL X grass to stile. Ahd down FP by hedge (Beware old post holes). At bottom, X 2 stiles & TR between fences (WM). Ahd 450yds, where fences diverge, fork L. In 60yds TL X stile & TR on tk. In 300yds cont ahd on wider tk 250yds to rd. Cont ahd to checkpoint.
- CP 1. WARREN ROW GR 817 806 7.0 miles.**
09.15 - 11.00
(no parking for supporters)
- 4. 7.0 miles** From CP retrace steps to beyond junc & TR up lane. At end (*The Warren*) TR into wd. Cont ahd on BW then soon fork R to stile. Ahd up FP, thru barrier & fork R (CB60) up *ASHLEY HILL*. Keep ahd & at top (FPS) TL past houses. At next FPS TR (CB150) to main gates. TL on drive. In 550yds (X tks just before clearing) TL on FP & ahd down to rd. GR 828 814

5. **8.2 miles** X stile opp & ahd on RHS of fld. X far stile & thru trees. X Fbs/stile then next fld (CB10) to stile by trough. Thru K/G opp & ahd to wd. Thru wd & down enc FP to A423 rd at HURLEY. GR 827 831
6. **9.25 miles** X rd (**extreme care!**) & along *High Street* opp. In 850yds, ignore *Mill Lane* & cont ahd past car park & along FP (*No Cycles*) to river. X FB & TR past lock. X next FB & TL along river to *Temple River Bridge*. X river & TR. Cont past lock & "Gents". Beyond last white post TL on tk. Pass R of LOW GROUNDS FARM & ahd to *East Lodge*. TL on drive & X stile on R. Ahd with barbed wire fence on R to K/G & up to drive. Thru yard opp, L of buildings & up steps to top stile. Ahd on drive. Bend R before houses. Thru white K/G & cont in fld with fence on L, rejoining tk at K/G beyond house. Ahd on tk. At end TL thru K/G & thru wd to junc. TL on enc FP by flint wall, thru tunnel & down to river. Cont on FP to emerge at house. Ahd on drive to main rd at MEDMENHAM. GR 812 844
7. **12.9 miles** TL on rd. In 15yds TL (*Abbey Lodge*). X 2nd bridge & TR to K/G & far stile. X flds (CB230) to posts & FB. Ahd on FP by stream then on gravel drive to rd. TR 550yds to main rd at MEDMENHAM. TL on pavement. In 600yds X rd & up FP (CW), thru wd. Beyond replants, bear L on enc FP (CW). At end, TR along wd edge then bend L down to junc & fork R to rd. GR 793 858
8. **14.4 miles** Up bank opp, to stile. Ahd on CW thru replants then bear R down to stile. Cont on CW between flds, & TL on tk. At junc TR (CW). In 360yds, TL thru K/G & ½R X sports fld to car park at Hambleton.

CP 2. HAMBLETON GR 785 865 15.15 miles.
11.00 - 19.00
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9. **15.15 miles** From CP, ahd to lane. TR up *Private Rd*. At end of tarmac, ahd up thru wd then on LHS of fld to lane corner. Ahd on lane to rd junc. GR 798 871
10. **16.15 miles** Ahd on RHS of fld opp & cont with fence on L. In 70yds (WM) TR into wd & ahd on H25. At 2nd X tks, ahd (H9) to stile & ahd down wd edge, to valley. At wire mesh fence, go L into fld. Ahd up RHS of fld. Thru gap at top corner & thru replants (wall on R. HOLYWICK). ½L (CB50) X fld corner, tk, & next fld, then thru gap at far corner. TR on tk, pass L of WOODEND FARM & keep L out to rd at Sunny Bank. GR 814 879
11. **17.3 miles** TR on rd. In 450 yds (FPS) TL X fld (CB110) to rd. TL down to dip. At FPS TR X stile. Ahd then ½R up FP "groove", to gate. X stile & TR along fld edge. X corner stile & TL up LHS of fld to rd. TL on rd. in 330yds (BWS) TR down lane (*MUNDAY DEAN*). At posts, ahd to phone box & rd. GR 827 881
12. **18.8 miles** TL on rd, becoming tk. At BW junc TL. In 20yds, fork R on gravel tk up to clearing. Fork L (WM). In 280yds follow WM to stile at wd edge. X stile & TR. X 2 more stiles & ahd thru white gate. Beyond tree roe TR. In 40yds (FP junc) fork L (WM) to white gate & fld. Ahd, then on LHS of fld & thru trees to gate/wd. Ahd thru wd & in 450yds (stile on R) TL on wide tk thru *MOOR WOOD* to fld. X fld (use LHS) to re-enter wd at WM gap opp. Ahd to stile, then ahd X fld corner (CB340) up to X high stile. TL on fld edge. At power pole, ahd to tk. X stile opp & ahd X fld (CB325) to X stile at far corner. Ahd, then bend R with wall & ahd on tk to rd at MOOR

COMMON.

GR 805 910

- 13. 21.65 miles** TR on main rd. Beyond *Clinkard Place* TL X rd & up tk (FPS). At transformer pole TL on FP thru allotments & X stile at end. TR on RHS of fld. X stile & ahd on RHS of fld. X next stile & TL along fld edge. X next stile & TR with fence on R. At dip X stile & TL to wd corner. X stile & down wd edge then ahd to R of "pond" to stile & up to rd. GR 796 910
- 14. 22.55 miles** Up steps opp, to K/G. X fld (CB230) to stile into MOUSELLS WOOD. TR on FP bending L. Cont ahd on FP. In 400yds ignore L fork. Cont ahd 600yds & bend out of wd (WM) to wide tk. GR 787 908
- 15. 23.25 miles** TR 270yds, keeping R, to gateway. Ahd X fld (CB300) & thru wd. Ahd down LHS of 2 flds to rd at *FINGEST*. TL on rd. Beyond church on R, X grass & up enc FP by wall. At wd, fork L to rd. Ahd on FP opp. Cont ahd down next fld (CB285) to fence. Thru small "paddock" (please shut gates) & TL to rd at TURVILLE. GR 768 911
- 16. 24.55 miles** TR on rd (water tap by church wall). In 330yds (*TURVILLE*) TL up BW & LHS of fld. In 400yds fork L X stile. In 15yds, cont up steep FP to tk. TR & in 650yds TL, out of wd to rd at TURVILLE COURT. GR 755 908
- 17. 25.55 miles** TR 50yds & TL X stile by gates (FPS). Down LHS of fld to rd & ahd up FP opp, to X stile/gate nr L of 3 trees. Ahd on RHS of fld. X end stile & TR on tk to checkpoint.

CP 3. SOUTHEND COMMON GR 752 898 26.15 miles).**12.30 - 16.45**

- 18. 26.15 miles** From checkpoint, ahd to rd & TL. In 165yds (FPS) TR on tk past houses & ahd on WM tk/FP down thru wd. Thru high K/G & ahd thru STONOR PARK. Beyond mansion follow grassy tk & down to K/G & rd. GR 737 890
- 19. 27.45 miles** TL on rd, thru STONOR village. In 780yds (just beyond fm) TL (FPS) up LHS of fld & ahd up thru wd. At junc nr top TL onto wide tk. At X tks, cont ahd. Pass L of house/high hedge & TR thru gateway at COXLEASE FARM. ½R on enc tk & ahd 1500yds to fld corner. X hurdle & TR along fld edge to stile & wd. Ahd on FP down along wd & finally ahd down fld to rd. GR 737 861
- 20. 29.55 miles** TL on rd. In 550yds, fork L on side rd opp *Rainbow Inn*. At junc (*Mill Close* opp) TL & in 40yds TR up tk (*Oxfordshire Way*). Cont X fld (CB90). At top, thru gap (FPS) & ½R X 2 flds (CB100) to X stile to rd at *Pond Cottage*. GR 749 856
- 21. 30.4 miles** Ahd on tk opp. In 250yds TL (FP 30) on fld edge & ahd to X works drive. Ahd on RHS of next 2 flds to rd. Up FP opp. Beyond barn TL on tk to rd at bend. TR on rd & ahd thru FAWLEY village, passing church & *Walnut Tree* PH. In 1900yds (just after LH bend) TR on drive to *LOWER WOODEND FARM*. Keep R of buildings & thru gate. Ahd on RHS of fld. Thru wicker gate at end & TL. Keep fence on L for 230yds. At WM, ½R (CB 35) X fld to stile. TR on BW. At wd, fork R & follow WM tk to valley. GR 767 877

22. 33.15 miles X valley tk & up HA42 opp. At top, fork R X open area. Soon bear L & TR on wide tk. In 370 yds (X tks) TL out of wd. Ahd to far wood. Cont 40 yds & TR thru gap (WM) & down thru wd to wide X tks. TR back uphill, bending L. Later, fork L (HA35) & ahd 1200yds. Just beyond hill crest, TL (WM) thru clearing. In 60yds (WM) TL on FP down to rd. Ahd on rd opp. Keep R thru *HAMBLEDEN* village. Beyond church, ahd past *Stag & Huntsman* PH & TR to checkpoint.

CP 4 HAMBLEDEN GR 785 865 35.15 miles

11.00 - 19.00

Remainder of Route common to OXON 40 & OXON 20

19.00 is the cut-off time. Marshals will retire walkers who arrive at this checkpoint after the cut-off time!

23. 35.15 miles From CP, ahd to lane & TL. Keep L thru village. Beyond bridge TL thru K/G. X fld (CB140) to K/G nr bridge. TR on tk to rd. TR 110yds. X rd (**with care**) & up BW behind houses. In 650yds (WM) fork L to gate. Ahd on LHS of fld. Keep line X next fld to K/G at *Dairy Lane*. GR 775 856

24. 36.25 miles X main rd (**great care**) & TR on pavement. In 400yds (FPS) TL X stile. Ahd on FP. X drive & Fbs thru wd. Ahd X fld & next FB then keep river on L. In 1900yds, nr end fence, fork ½R to K/G. Ahd on FP & out to rd. GR 761 833

25. 38.15 miles TL to roundabout. Cont 50yds then TR X rd at islands. Cont on *Kings Road* opp. In 80yds TL on *Ravenscroft Road*. Cont ahd thru car park & thru *Market Place Mews*. X two rds (Town Hall on R) & ahd thru 2nd car park. At X rds TR. Beyond *Bird-in-Hand* PH TL on *Church Street*. Pass L of church & ahd on FP thru barriers to *Vicarage Road*. Ahd & beyond 3rd X rds, bend R to junc. TL to multi-junc. X rd & ahd down *Peppard Lane* to YMCA & finish.

HENLEY YMCA SPORTS PAVILION GR 766 815 40 miles.

08.00 - 20.00

WELL DONE!