

OXON 40/20 routes - 1995

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** TR out of Henley YMCA Sports Pavilion car park. In 80yds TL along slip rd. At end T½R to cont on pavement for 700yds to mini-roundabout. TL up tarmac lane (SP *Holy Trinity Church*). At top, TR to church. TL up *Greys Hill*, In 300yds reach *The Saracen's Head* PH car park. TR to rd (**X with care**). Ahd on path to R of *St John Ambulance* gateway. Down rough steps. TL along FP to join rd. Ahd for 200yds. TR along *Tilebarn Close*. In 80yds at *The Henley College* sign, TL & take RH FP between fences to K/G & in 400yds X stile to BW & stile opp. X stile & ahd between fences to X stile. Ahd thru trees to X stile. Ahd (CB260) along tk. Ahd over X tks & in 300yds leave tk by the *Hernes Estate Keep Out* sign (on L) & FR up slope to X stile. Ahd along LHS of fld to gate/stile (**DO NOT CROSS**). TR on (FP39) up LHS of fld to stile at top. TR along tk to rd. GR 735 835
2. **3.25 miles** TR for 50yds, X rd to X stile (FPS). Cont along LHS of fld to X stile. Ahd for 50yds then (CB20) past trees on L to X stile into wd. TL on FP48 (follow yellow Wms) & in 250yds at X tks, TL on FP32 (CB275). Ahd thru LAMBRIDGE WOOD to rd. GR 730 838
3. **4.45 miles** TL on rd & in 15yds TR on FP by *Forge Works* sign. In 50yds at Y junc, TL (FPS) X stile. Cont on FP past works. TL X stile & in 5 yds TR. Keep close to trees & X FB. Ahd to painted ticket office at GREYS COURT. TR down drive & after 300yds FR on FP to X stile to rd. X stile opp & ahd uphill to X stile into wd. Cont uphill to GREYS GREEN. Keeping pavilion & hedge on R, cont to flint wall (FPS). TR past houses on R. Ahd thru gates into wd. Ahd along LHS of wd on FP22 to leave on enc FP to SHEPHERD'S GREEN. GR 716 833
4. **5.73 miles** Ahd along RHS of green to FR on grass path to X stile by FPS. TL along LHS of fld & X stile. Ahd to R of trees & cont along LHS of fld to X stile. Ahd to R of mid-field enclosure to X stile into wd (PADNELL'S WOOD). FR (WM) & in 20yds FL (WM) (CB300). X FP & cont ahd thru wd (WM) to rd. (T junc). GR 704 838
5. **6.30 miles** X main rd **with great care**. TR & walk on verge. In 100yds TL (FPS) into sports fld. X ½R (CB280) to X FB. TR between pigstys (WM). Ahd on drive. X stile & cont down RHS of fld to rd. X **with great care** to rd opp (*Witheridge Hill*). GR 698 842

6. **6.80 miles** Cont up rd for 80yds & TR on tk to pass *Bucksbarn* on L. Cont on tk & after FPS, FL down hill. In 60yds X over tk & down FP to rd. TR along rd for 400yds. TL up BW (CB210), up thru wds to lane by fallen tree trunks. Ahd up lane. At sharp RH bend by the *White House*, TL to sports fld & checkpoint.

CP 1. STOKE ROW GR 686 841 7.6 miles.
09.15 - 11.15

7. **7.6 miles** From checkpoint, retrace steps & immed TL over stile, & ahd on enc FP to X green (CB250) to rd. X rd to tk opp & rd. TR on FP (after *The Church House* on R) for 30yds to *Touchdown*. Cont ahd on enc FP to rd. TL on rd for 20yds. X to enc FP between fences. Then ahd thru wd to follow faint winding FP thru holly bushes to TR on FP by wooden garden shed. Follow on FP (CB300) to white metal barrier at *School Lane*. TR to main rd. X **with care**. TR & pass MAHARAJAH'S WELL (cottage), then immed TL thru white metal barrier, on path. Cont to lane. TL on lane by *Pond House* & cont ahd to pass *Stoke Row Farm* on R. Ahd on BW for 1 mile to rd.
GR 668 856

8. **9.94 miles** TR on rd & after 40yds (FPS & WM), TR & thru wd, crossing tk, to X stile into fld. Follow white marker posts (CB70) & X stile into lane. X stile opp into fld. T½R (CB80) & X stile. Ahd between beech hedge & tennis courts to drive. TL (WM) on drive to pass house on L. X cattle grid & cont along LHS of fld. At wire gate X stile on R & cont on lane to fm (ENGLISH FARM). TR & with barn on L, in 30yds TL over stile. Follow WM down tk to X stile on L (30yds before wd ahd). Follow (CB30) up fld to fir trees & RH corner of fld. X stile. TL on tk & in 15yds TL on BW. Follow BW thru wds to X tks by *Elderberry Cottage*. TR on BW to rd. TR along rd & in 150yds, TL on tk across NUFFIELD COMMON GOLF COURSE to checkpoint.

CP 2. NUFFIELD GR 675 877 12.4 miles.
10.15 - 18.00
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9. **12.4 miles** Leave checkpoint & pass *The Crown* PH on L. Cont on RWP (FPS) between garage & house (*Fairway Cottage*). Follow numbered white marker posts across golf course & thru wd to clubhouse. Ahd X fld (CB250) to rd. TR on rd to pass church on L (*SP Drinking water*) at NUFFIELD. Ay end of flint wall TL on RWP (FPS) along LHS of fld. In 400yds TR on RWP (GRIM'S DITCH). Follow RWP for 3 miles (crossing 2 rds) to meet A4074 opp CARMEL COLLEGE.
GR 616 879

10. **16.44 miles** TR for 30yds, X rd (**with care**) before roundabout, to stile opp (RWP sign). Ahd for 650yds to join rd. As RWP TL, TR under rd. In 20yds at top of slope TL. TR over road-bridge over River Thames. TR down path, thru gate, to riverbank. TL. Follow to boatyard & cont ahd to leave on enc path. Follow to lane. Ahd 75yds to LH bend. At railings on R, TR under arch & follow FP to rd (*Thames Street*). TR to major rd A4130.
GR 609 895

11. **17.9 miles** X rd, TR for 30yds & TL (*Castle Lane*). In 30yds TR to riverbank. TL & follow for 1 mile to BENSON LOCK & WEIR. Before Pill Box TR under fence & TL to BENSON LOCK. X LOCK/WEIR by FB to rd.
GR 616 911

- 12. 19.2 miles** TR & in 100yds TL on concealed FP by white house (*Old Swan*). Follow to main rd (A4074). X **with great care** to FP opp. Follow FP ahd to rd (ST HELEN'S AVENUE). X rd & cont ahd on FP to rd & pink house. TL along rd, later with stream on L to rd junc (*Crown Square*). GR 621 918
- 13. 19.9 miles** TR for 400yds withn stream on R, past *Blacklands Road*. X rd to TL along FP by side of No. 61, & cont to rd. X rd (B4009). TR, & in 15yds TL to take (CB350) across fld to fence. TR on tarmac FP to rd. TL then immed R (FPS) for 700yds, crossing stile. Ahd to rd (house on R *Treegon*). TR to *Home Sweet Home* PH at ROKE. GR 627 935
- 14. 21.4 miles** FR & follow for 500yds to B4009. X rd & ahd on FP (TIDMARSH LANE). After 300yds TL up bank with hedge on R. Ahd to lane (COTTESMORE LANE). X ½L to stile. Cont on FP ahd to rd. TR to junc. Ahd on FP with hedge on R to house. TL for 5yds then TR for 100yds to TR & out to rd (*Chaucer Court*). TL along rd. At sharp LH bend, TR on minor rd (*Swyncombe 3 miles*), & in 100yds FR on FP before Ewelme Church to rd. GR 645 914
- 15. 23.4 miles** TL along rd. Cont ahd at junc, past church & sports fld to checkpoint.

**CP 3. EWELME GR 647 912 23.5 miles.
11.45 - 16.00**

- 16. 23.5 miles** Leave checkpoint & ahd (CB128), thru gate & along LHS of fld (COW COMMON). After 300yds (with stile on L) T½R to K/G. X rd. Ahd on BW (GRINDON LANE TRACK). In 800yds (at path T junc) TL for 250yds to path junc, where TL (CB30) & cont on BW ahd to X tarmac drive & cont ahd (CB20) to rd. TR to sharp RH bend. Ahd on tk (BWS - *Swans Way*) (CB42). GR 666 914
- 17. 25.63 miles** In 1200yds with fm buildings on R (NORTH FARM), TR (thru gate) on RWP. **CLIPPER POINT ON GATE.** GR 678 921
- 18. 26.35 miles** Follow RWP for 1 mile to Swyncombe Church (water tap). GR 683 902
- 19. 27.65 miles** TL thru churchyard to gate at rear, TL. BR, X drive to K/G ahd. TR (CB100) up to white gate, & thru CHURCH WOOD for 400yds to stile. TR keeping in wd & in 60yds TR (CB210) for 600yds thru HAYCROFT WOOD to driveway. TL by house & in 200yds TR on metallated driveway to EWELME PARK. In 1000yds take R fork to fm buildings. TL on RWP past *Ewelme Park House*. GR 674 893
- 20. 30.15 miles** Follow RWP for 900yds to A4130. X rd **with great care**. TL past *The Crown* PH to checkpoint.

**CP 4 NUFFIELD GR 675 877 31.3 miles
10.15 - 18.00**

Remainder of route common to OXON 40 and OXON 20

- 21. 12.44/31.3 miles** Leave checkpoint & ahd on main rd (A4130). X rd **with great care** to bus shelter opp. TR along pavement & in 90 yds TL down drive. In 300yds *pass The Country Seat*

Antiques sign on L, & then TR on drive to pass *Huntercombe Manor* on R. Cont ahd & follow FP thru wd (PARK WOOD) for 600yds (CB100) to rd. TL on rd by *The White Cottage*. In 200yds TR on FP (CB160) (FPS *Nettlebed 1 mile*). Follow FP to R of newly planted trees. X stile on R into GROVERIDGE WOOD. In 30yds TL on tk (WM). Follow tk to BL out of wd. Cont ahd & at X tks cont (CB165) (yellow WM), thru trees to X stile. Ahd (CB120) up fld to gate/stile. TR on FP to rd (A4130) *Port Hill*. GR 695 869

22. 13.94/32.8 miles **With great care** X rd. TL along pavement for 800yds thru NETTLEBED. Where houses end, TR thru large iron gates (JOYCE GROVE). Cont along driveway, past houses on R, to lodge gates & rd. TR & in 60yds X rd to tk. Follow tk for 1½ miles to main rd (A4130) at BIX. GR 726 853

23. 16.94/35.8 miles X main rd (A4130) **with great care**. TR on pavement & in 250yds FL (FPS) to Bix Church on L. X common (CB70) to rd. TR down rd (WHITE LANE) for 500yds. TR (FPS), X stile & cont downhill to X fld & *The Rainbow* PH at MIDDLE ASSENDON. GR 739 857

24. 17.94/36.8 miles X rd (CB120) & TL up rd passing *Mill Close* & houses on R. TR uphill on tk (FPS *Oxfordshire Way Footpath*). Cont uphill across fld to tree belt. Follow path (CB90) to X stile to rd. **Take care on rd.** GR 749 857

25. 18.49/37.42 miles X rd to tk opp (FPS *Oxfordshire Way Footpath & Pond Cottage - Private Road*) & follow for 1½ miles (CB160) thru *Henley Park* going eventually downhill via K/G & thru wd to rd (A4130). TL on pavement passing *The Old White Horse* PH to X rd at mini-roundabout. Ahd on pavement towards town centre. TL along *New Street*. At river, TR along riverside path. X rd (A4130) at traffic lights **with great care**, to rd opp. Follow river for 250yds. At *Hobbs & Sons Ltd* boathouse, TR, & in 60yds TL into *Meadow Road*. Just past house on R, FR on enc FP, with railway on R. Ahd over FB with stream on L for 350yds then along LHS of fld & thru carpark to rd. TR on rd. Over railway bridge to rd (A4155). X main rd **with great care**. Ahd to Henley YMCA Sports Pavilion carpark to finish.

HENLEY YMCA SPORTS PAVILION GR 766 815 22/41 miles.
07.00 - 20.00

WELL DONE!