

OXON 20 - 1996

Route Description

Place names: **CAPITALS** = name appears on O.S. Landranger 175 (1:50,000)
or O.S. Explorer 3 (1:25,000)

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
F=fork **B**=bear **FB**=footbridge **diag**=diagonally **OW**=Oxfordshire Way
BWS=bridleway sign

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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 into *Waterman's Road* & cont ahd for 75yds to junc with main A4155 rd. X rd diag R to *Mill Lane* opp & cont ahd on rd, crossing railway bridge, to river. TL along tarmac riverside path for 1200yds to join rd (*by River trips & boats for hire sign*). Ahd & cont along riverside path (**not rd**) to *The Angel* PH. TL & then R on pavement past *The Angel* PH. At traffic lights X to rd opp (**with great care**) on RHS pavement with the *Red Lion Hotel* on L & RIVER THAMES on R. Cont ahd & turn sharp L with rd into *New Street* remaining on RHS pavement. Pass the *Kenton Theatre* on R & at rd T junc TR on pavement into *Bell Street* & cont to mini-roundabout. TR along the A4155 for 250yds & (just before rd sign on L - *A4155 Marlow 8*) TR on FP (FPS). GR 761 833
2. **1.75 miles** Follow FP ahd for 300yds. At large WM tree on R, FR for 50yds to pass thru metal gate. T½L (CB50) & ahd between iron railings to riverside path. Ahd with RIVER THAMES on R for 850yds. Go over narrow wooden FB & under flint/brick archway to cont along riverside path linked by several FBs. Where path runs parallel to TEMPLE ISLAND on R, X ½L (CB20) across meadow to WM wooden bridge & cont on WM FP crossing one more FB to X tarmac drive. Ahd to reach stile by rd (A4155). GR 772 855
3. **3.5 miles** X stile & TR on pavement for 350yds. Xrd (**with great care - ACCIDENT BLACK SPOT**) to wooden fence/grass verge opp & cont for 30yds to BWS. TL along BW (farm tk). GR 776 856
4. **3.75 miles** In 100yds, pass GREENLANDS DAIRY FARM on L & cont ahd up tk for just over 1½ miles (ignoring all side turnings to L & R) to reach FP/BW junc & white WM on tree *Public Footpath HA42 Footpath only No horses*. GR 767 877
5. **5.3 miles** TR uphill thru woodland on FP HA42 for 550yds & at top BR (CB160) on path by large yew tree with white WM (on R). In 100yds follow grassy WM FP as it swings L & in a further 100yds TR on wide WM tk. Cont ahd thru trees for 200yds & TL (CB90) at WM tree. Ahd for 50yds to enter fld & cont ahd on same bearing to WM post by wd corner. Ahd for 20yds then TR to enter

woodland on concealed path to go downhill just inside wd edge. At bottom, on leaving wd, cont ahd downhill on stony tk between hedges to reach rd by yellow house (*The Bell House*). GR 782 872

6. **6.3 miles** X rd to grass verge opp & TR (passing *Hambleden* sign) for 350yds to stile on L (FPS). X stile & ahd (CB140) X meadow to stile by stream. X stile & TL along rd to wooden gate into churchyard. Thru gate & FL on path thru churchyard to far gate by yew tree. Thru gate & TR on rd to rd junc. TL to pass the *Stag & Huntsman* PH on R, & in 50yds TR into the public car park and checkpoint.

**CP 1. HAMBLEDEN GR 785 866 6.85 miles.
09.15 - 11.00**

7. **6.85 miles** From checkpoint, retrace route to public car park entrance & TL to *pass The Stag & Huntsman* PH on L. In 25yds at rd T junc, TR with church on L & cont ahd on rd. In 350yds (BWS), TR on stony tk between houses & cont uphill on BW for 900yds. 75yds before HUTTON'S FARM on R, TL X stile. Cont ahd on wide tk for 400 yds (ignoring 1st path junc on L). At 2nd path junc by WM tree (24A), BL (CB40) on tk into wd. Stay on main tk thru wd (NORTH CLOSE COPSE PLANTATION). Leave wd & follow tk to end, to X stile onto rd (FPS). GR 792 880
8. **8.2 miles** TR on rd for 400yds, passing *Russells Barn* on R, to reach ROCKWELL END rd junc by rd direction/*Farm shop* signs. Swing sharp L with rd & in 80yds TL on FP (FPS), (CB250) on tk which eventually becomes tree-lined. Stay on main tk thru wds & at X tks cont ahd downhill thru wds to rd (FPS). TL down rd passing *Little Colstrove*, for 650yds to rd T junc. GR 780 880
9. **9.55 miles** X rd (**with care**) & ahd thru gateway (FPS). X fld diag L (CB220) to BACRES FARM. With fm buildings on R, cont ahd uphill on surfaced tk (*Built Farm - Private Road*) for 400yds. Just short of top, FL (CB270) on WM stony tk into wd. Cont on WM tk for 150yds & as tk turns L, cont ahd for 20yds (with fd entrance on R). F½L on FP into wd (*Public Footpath HA43*). Follow WM FP thru dense woodland & descend to tk (*FP42*). TR on wide tk for 350yds & descend to FP/BW junc in valley. GR 767 877
10. **10.5 miles** X diag R to *Public Bridleway HA37* & diag R up slope. Follow WM trees uphill & cont thru narrow gully, eventually leading to tree-lined path with fld on L & later on R too. In 440yds pass stile on L & 2 yds later TR over stile into fld. Ahd X fld (CB50) to WM gateway. Cont ahd along LHS of fld with fence/hedge & later wd on L, to stile on L. X stile into wd & follow clear WM path thru wd & out to rd (FPS). GR 762 889
11. **11.6 miles** X rd & TL for 500yds to rd junc at wd edge. TR over stile (by *Kimble Farm* sign on gate) & into fld. Ahd X fld (CB14) to X stile into wd. Follow path which swings L with conifers on R & cont down thru trees to valley bottom where X BW in GUSSETTS WOOD & cont uphill to X stile. Ahd along LHS of fld with fence on L, to telegraph pole with WM sign. FR with powerline to next WM powerpole then diag R (CB48) to stile in wd corner. X double stile into wd & follow FP down & then up by fence on L. Cont thru holly bushes to leave wd at stile. X stile & ahd X fld (CB347) to X WM stile. TL on concrete lane for 200yds to reach checkpoint.

**CP 2. SOUTHEND COMMON GR 753 898 12.75 miles.
10.30 - 15.30**

- 12. 12.75 miles** From checkpoint, cont on lane (CB260) for 100yds to rd junc & TL on rd by *Drovers*. In 150yds TR on tk (FPS). In 500yds FL on WM FP & in 25yds FR on FP. Cont ahd & pass thru tall K/G into *Private Deer Park*. Follow WM path (with STONOR HOUSE on R), later descending to K/G & B480 rd. GR 737 889
- 13. 14.0 miles** TL on rd for 700yds (passing *The Stonor Arms* PH on L) to far end of STONOR village. After last farm on L (*Upper Assendon Farm*), TL X stile into fld. Ahd up LHS of fld to X stile at wd edge. Cont ahd up path thru wd to join wide tk near top. Ahd for 75yds & at wd edge/X tk, ahd to pass COXLEASE FARM house on R. With barns on L, T sharp R onto main tk (with house on R) & cont along tk for ¾ mile to fld. TR down fld keeping hedge/fence on R to X stile in fld corner, & into wd. Cont downhill on winding FP thru trees to wd edge & tk. TR on farm tk & downhill X fld (CB210) to B480 rd. GR 737 861
- 14. 16.35 miles** TL on rd for 500yds (**take great care - no footpath**) thru *Middle Assenden* to reach *The Rainbow* PH on R. Ahd for 70yds (passing telephone box on R). X rd to *Oxford County* rd sign & ahd up rd (*Fawley 1¼*) for 50yds to FPS on R (*Oxfordshire Way Footpath*). TR steeply uphill on tk to reach fld. Cont uphill X fld (CB90) & by fenced enclosure, thru gap in tree-belt/hedge. X next 2 flds diag R (CB90) to X hidden stile onto lane. **Take care on rd.** GR 748 856
- 15. 18.25 miles** X rd to tk opp (FPS *Oxfordshire Way Footpath & Pond Cootage - Private Road*) & follow for 1100yds where tk becomes tarmac & passes houses on L. As tk turns sharp L, ahd thru WM gateway (*Oxfordshire Way Public Footpath*) into fld. Ahd X 2 flds (CB160) to K/G. Down path thru trees & then between fences to A4130 rd. GR 758 833
- 16. 19.9 miles** TL on pavement passing *The Old White Horse* PH on L. Just before mini-roundabout X rd to *Walkers General Store* opp. TL on pavement & in 40yds, at street corner by *Flohr's Hotel & Restaurant*, TR along *King's Road* & cont uphill to mini-roundabout. Cont ahd (still on King's Road) to end at rd junc with police station on L. TR up *West Street* with *The Victoria* PH on L. Cont uphill passing *The Row Barge* PH on L too. After last house on L (by white wall), TL across paved area & X main rd to pavement opp. TR on pavement for 40yds & 10yds after red letterbox, TL into *Paradise Road*. Cont ahd, & in 75yds swing sharp L with rd into *Deanfield Avenue* & ahd for 350yds to rd junc by yellow/white bollards. X rd **with great care** to *Church Street* opp. GR 759 823
- 17. 20.95 miles** Ahd along pavement for 100yds to reach churchgate on R. Ahd on gravel tk/pavement with churchyard on R & then thru 1st metal barrier with school on R. Pass thru 2nd metal barrier. Cont ahd for 880yds along the entire length of *Vicarage Road* (ignoring all side turnings to L & R & passing the *Sacred Heart* Catholic Church on L). Follow rd as it swings R, & immed after No. 69 (on L), TL to reach rd T junc. X rd to phonebox opp by *Harpden Road* sign. TR on pavement for 20yds & TL downhill by BWS (*Peppard Lane*) for 200yds to TR into YMCA Sports Pavillion car park & finish.

HENLEY YMCA SPORTS PAVILION GR 766 815 21.80
miles. 08.00 - 20.00

WELL DONE!