

## ***OXON 20 - 2000***

### ***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   **CB**=compass bearing (magnetic)   **GR**=O.S. grid ref   **RWP**=Ridgeway Path  
**cont**=cont   **immed**=immediately   **PH**=Public House   **m**=metres   **CW**=Chilton Way

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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 ½R (**with care**) & along *Vicarage Rd.*  
 At junc TR & ahd 630m. At school (on L), ahd, thru barrier, for 200m to rd. Cont ahd to rd junc. X  
 ½L (**with care**) & along *Deanfield Ave* opp. At top of hill bear R to main rd.                      GR 756 826
  
2. **1.6 km(1.0 miles)** X ½R (**with care**) & along *Hop Gardens* opp. At T-junc X ½L to grass area opp.  
 Pass to the R of garage block & bend R down to rd. TL & at T-junc TR. At next T-junc TR (*Luker  
 Ave*). In 50m (FPS) TL on enc FP to playing fld. X ½R (CB 70) to hedge corner & cont, with hedge  
 on L, to rd. X (**with care**) & TL. In 20m TR (FPS - Oxfordshire Way). Enter wd & in 50m fork L  
 uphill to go thru K/G. Ahd up fld & thru 2nd K/G (L of barn) Ahd on RHS of next fld. At far side go  
 thru 3rd K/G (at drive bend) & immed TL on enc FP, which soon becomes a sunken tk. Ignore tk on  
 R & cont downhill to reach stables on L. X minor rd & ahd on rd opp (R of large grassy triangle) to  
 main rd at LOWER ASSENDON.                      GR 745 847
  
3. **4.9 km(3.0 miles)** X rd (**with care**) & along *private* tk opp. TR up lane for 1300m to reach house  
 (*Grey Lodge*) on L. In a further 30m TR thru gap in hedge & immed TL along LHS of Bix Common.  
 Pass L of church & TR on rd. In 270m (where rd bends R) TL on tk to fld. Ahd X fld & in 200m, at  
 X path, TR (CB 15) to wd. Cont ahd on FP(white WMs). Where wider tk joins from L, cont ahd  
 along wd edge. In 150m, where tk enters field on R, cont ahd on FP which soon bends R to reach a  
 gate. At gate, TL to X stile & down RHS of fld. X stile & TR on tk. Where tk bends R, cont ahd,  
 thru gate to pass between buildings (VALLEY END FARM) to rd.                      GR 727 867
  
4. **8.5 km(5.3 miles)** TL on rd. In 250m (just before church ruin) TL up tk (FPS *Crocker End*) for  
 500m to wd. Ahd thru wd & in 800m X stile into fld. Keeping hedge on L follow LHS of fld round  
 to reach stile in fld corner (CROCKER END). X stile & ahd on tk. X minor rd & ahd (keeping to  
 LHS of green). X 2nd minor rd & ahd, first with houses, then tree-lined hedge on L, to emerge on rd.  
 TL. In 80m ahd at rd junc. In 330m ahd thru barriers to side rd (*The Old Kiln* on R). X rd (**with care**)  
 (*Watlington Street*) & continue ahead 150m along main rd past *White Hart* to checkpoint on R.

**CP 1. NETTLEBED VILLAGE CLUB    GR 699 868    11.7 km(7.3 miles).**

**08.20 - 10.30**

(no parking at club for supporters-please park at village common)

5. **11.7 km(7.3 miles)**                      TL on main rd past *White Hart Hotel*. X rd (*Watlington  
 Street*)(**with care**) & thru barriers. Cont ahd on minor rd (*The Old Kiln* on L) until level with large

tree on common on R. X common (CB140) towards wood. Cont on fp thru wd for 200m to reach lane. TL & in 100m TR (*CATSLIP*) on stony tk. At far end, TR to reach main rd. X rd (**extreme care!**) & along BW opp. Follow white arrows(WM). In 220m, at junc, bear L (ignoring any paths leading off L) & cont ahd for 200m, dropping down to reach X tk in dip. Cross & cont ahd uphill (CB204) on FP, meandering thru wd, for 250m to reach X tk. TL. In 360m reach tk junc (big house MERRIMOLES on far L). Ahd on tk opp. In 300m, at junc (FPS *Estate Office*) TL on 1st tk to go thru G/way passing house on R & ahd on enc tk to enter wd. In 900m reach gate & drive (cattle grid on L). TR along drive to rd (bend). Cont straight ahd & in 150m TL on FP into wd. In 100m fork L. In further 100m, at FP-junc (WM) cont ahd (keeping near to wd edge on R) to reach rd junc at SATWELL. TL along rd (*Shepherds Green*). Just before *Lamb Inn*, TR on rd to T-junc. GR 706 833

6. **16.5 km(10.3 miles)** X main rd (**care!**) & along BW opp soon descending thru wd. At valley bottom (x tks). Cont ahd uphill (WM- field visible on R). Pass gate to lane. TL on lane (*Colmore* on L). Pass kennels on L & in 1km at LH bend (*Rose Cottage* on L) TR on rough tk to reach rd at Peppard Hill. GR 699 819
7. **18.9 km(11.8 miles)** X rd (*with care!*) to grass area opp. Ahd on rd into new housing (*Leading to Esther Carling Lane*). At junc ahd on lane to go thru posts & K/G (*Woodland Trust*). Swing L to go thru K/G to lane. TR & in 100m round bend & TL over st. Ahd on RHS of fld to X st. Cont ahd on RHS of fld to X st. T½L (CB180) to X st & cont ahd over next fld to X st to enc FP. TL to rd. X rd & along FP opp. In 80m X stile & TR to checkpoint.

**CP 2 BISHOPSWOOD. GR 699 808 20.7 km(12.9 miles)**  
**13.15 - 18.15**

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

(no parking for supporters in Bishopswood - please park on roadside before checkpoint)

8. **20.7 km(12.9 miles)** From checkpoint return to wd over large tree-trunk. Enter wd & in 10m TR on FP (follow WM) thru wd (CB90) for 330m then bending R for a further 40m (CB105)(with WM) to reach FPS, near fence corner. Ahd with fence on R to gate/barrier. Go thru & ahd along rd for 600m to reach T-junc (*Woodlands Rd*) at SONNING COMMON. TL. In 60m TR on enc FP. X rd & cont on enc FP opp down to rd. GR 711 802
9. **22.2 km(13.8 miles)** Ahd up *Blackmore Lane* opp. In 500m (just before *Pond Fm Cottage* on L) TL (FPS) thru hidden gap & along fence. X stile & ahd. X stile & TL along tree line. At *Footpath* sign TR X fld (CB 35) to FPS/rd. TR. In 30m TL on FP (*Henley 3*) along strip to hedge, 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. X stile into fld. Ahd with hedge on R. X stile on R. X stile & cont on enclosed FP. X stile & ahd to lane at *Kingsfield House*. TR down to T-junc at *OLD PLACE*. GR 732 804
10. **24.9 km(15.5 miles)** X rd & TL. In 100m TR up BW (*Binfield Heath 1½*) ignoring FP. 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* passing *Hunts Farm*, bending R to top & ahd on FP. 1/2L (CB30) X fld to stile. Cont ahd to stile/rd junc. GR 747 814

**11. 27.7 km(17.2 miles)** TR, X *Gillots Lane* & ahd on tk. At multi-junc, ignore barrier on L & cont ½L with wooden fence on L along DRAWBACK HILL. Beyond *Cilgerran House*, ahd on metalled lane, becoming *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 30.1 km(18.7 miles).**

**07.00 - 20.00**

**WELL DONE!**