

OXON 40/20 routes - 2001

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 **FB**=footbridge
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/BWS**=footpath/bridleway sign
WM=waymark(ed) **CB**=compass bearing (magnetic) **GR**=O.S. grid ref **CW**=Circular Walk
cont=cont **immed**=immediately **PH**=Public House **m**=metres **CP**=Checkpoint

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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 & bear R to go along *Mill Lane* opp. At river TL & follow river for 900m leaving the towpath to pass L of *Angel Inn*. TR X Henley Bridge. Immed TL X rd at bollards. TR then immed TL & ahd (ignore *Thames Path* on L) with buildings on L & carpark on R. At end of carpark in 70m, TR to gap to rd in fld corner. X rd & thru K/G opp. Ahd on FP to X stile then ½L(CB40) to trees (FPS) & up to X stile. Ahd on FP & in 200m, at clearing(FPS), fork R (CB30) to X stile into wd. Ahd up FP. At far wd edge(FPS) X fld ½R (CB55) to lane. GR 773 838
2. **3.8km/2.3 miles** TL on lane. In 250m (FPS) X stile on R onto tk. In 1000m, where tk bends L(FPS), ahd on FP & X stile down to rd at *ASTON*. TL & in 100m(FPS) TR up drive (*Culham Court*). At RH bend, ahd on FP(FPS) & thru K/G. Follow FP ahd thru K/Gs between river & *CULHAM COURT*. Ahd X next fld (CB130) thru 2 gates to T junc(FPS). TL to go ahd on drive (*Thames Path*). Just before rd junc(FPS), TL thru K/G(*Thames Path*) & ½R(CB75) to river & X FB. Ahd with river on L & X 2 further FBs. Immed after 2nd FB (concrete)(FPS), TR on RHS of fld(leaving *Thames Path*). Ahd over stile, X drive & in 400m up pass fm buildings. At top, TL on tk (FPS) to go thru K/G to major rd at *ROSEHILL*. GR 806 828
3. **8.7km/5.4 miles** X rd (**extreme care!**) & up lane opp. In 530m TL thru small gate to L of big gates (*Permitted Path - Private Property*). Ahd down drive. At junc by paved triangle fork R & cont up drive. At top, pass R of small ornamental roundabout, in 200m ½L with drive. At RH bend (FPS) TL over grass to X stile. Ahd down FP with hedge on R. At bottom, X 2 stiles & immed TR between fences (FPS)(BW below on L). Ahd 450m & where fences diverge, fork L. In 60m TL X stile(WM) & TR on BW. In 300m(FPS) cont ahd on tk for 250m to rd. Cont ahd to checkpoint.

CP 1. WARREN ROW GR 817 806 12km/7.5 miles.

09.15 - 11.00

(no parking for supporters)

4. **12km/7.5 miles** From CP retrace steps to beyond rd junc(BWS) & TR up lane (*Pudding Hill*). At end (*The Warren*) TR into wd(WM). Cont ahd on BW(ignoring FP on R). In 70m at junc(FPS) fork R to stile. X stile & ahd up FP, thru barrier & immed fork R (CB60) up *ASHLEY HILL*. Keep ahd & at top (FPS) TL past houses. At next FPS, just beyond houses, TR (CB150) to main gates & TL on drive. Ignore FPS on L & R & in 550m (just before clearing) TL on FP(FPS on post) &

ahd(CB30) down to rd.
828 814

GR

5. **13.8km/8.6 miles** X stile opp & ahd on RHS of fld. Thru K/G, down steps to 2nd K/G. Across next fld(CB10) to K/G by trough. Thru K/G, X rd & ahd on grass tk to wd. Thru K/G & wd to 2nd K/G. Thru K/G & gate to go down enc FP to major rd at HURLEY(*East Arms*). GR 827 831
6. **15.4km/9.6 miles** X rd (**extreme care!**) & along *High Street* opp. In 850m cont ahd past car park on L & along FP (*No Cycles*) to river. X FB & TR past lock(Toilet available). X next FB & TL down river to *Temple Footbridge*. X river & TR. Cont past lock(Toilet available). Beyond last white post TL on tk. After 500m pass R of LOW GROUNDS FARM & ahd to East Lodge. TL on drive(FPS) & between fences to white K/G. Ahd for 500m, thru white gate, with wire fence on R to K/G & follow wall on R up to drive. Thru yard opp(blue arrow on L gate post), L of buildings(FPS) & up steps to top. X rd & ahd on drive(FPS). Bend R before houses. Thru white K/G & cont with fence on R(golf course on R). Thru 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 tunnels & down to river. Cont on enc FP, following river, to emerge at house. Ahd on drive to main rd at MEDMENHAM. GR 812 844
7. **21.7km/13.5 miles** TL on rd. In 15m TL (*Abbey Lodge*). X 2nd bridge & immed TR thru gate & wd to fld(stile?). X fld (CB230) X stile & ahd to X stile to tk. X stile opp & ahd on enc FP to X FB. Ahd on FP by stream then on gravel drive to rd. TR 550m on rd to main rd at MEDMENHAM. TL on pavement. In 600m X rd to wd corner(FPS) & up FP (*CW*) thru wd. Keep ahd, ignoring path on L after 100m. At top ahd with wire fence on R & at end of fence ahd on tk(CB340). Pass L of replanted area, then bear L pass stile across fld(CB300) to gate. Ahd on enc FP (*CW*). At end, TR with FP along wd edge then bend L down to junc just before rd(FPS). TR along bank to rd. GR 793 858
8. **24.9km/15.5 miles** Up bank opp to stile. Ahd uphill. Keep ahd(FPS), ignoring tks to L & R, passing sign(*Hambleden Estate*) & 2 seats on R. Path cont down on LHS of wd for 700m to emerge at stile(ignore path on L just before). X stile & ahd to fld corner & TL on tk(FPS). In 100m TR at tk junc(FPS). After 500m TL thru K/G in hedge on L to sports fld. ½R(CB300) aiming for carpark. Thru car park & TL past *Stag & Huntsman* PH. Ahd at rd junc & in 50m TL into CP.

CP 2. HAMBLEDEN PARISH HALL GR 785 865 26.3km/16.3 miles.

11.00 - 19.00

The next section is for Oxon 40 route only

9. **26.3km/16.3 miles** From Hall return to rd, TR past *Stag & Huntsman* PH & ahd up *Private Rd*. At end of tarmac, ahd up thru wd(WM) pass stile & then on LHS of fld to drive corner. Ahd on drive (*FP only*) to rd junc. GR 798 871
10. **28km/17.4 miles** X stile opp & ahd on tk on RHS of fld. In 300m (WM) TR into wd & ahd on FP. At 2nd X tks, ahd to X stile in wire fence. In 50m fork L down wd edge. X stile, TR & cont up RHS of fld. Ahd thru gap at end of field & thru replants (wall on R. HOLYWICK). ½L (CB50) X 2 flds & thru gap at far corner. TR on grass tk(FPS), X stile by gate & pass L of WOODEND FARM (meeting drive) & keep L out to lane (cottage on R). GR 814 879
11. **30km/18.6 miles** TR on lane. In 450m (FPS) TL X stile & fld (CB110) to lane. TL on lane & in 300m TR(FPS) & X stile. ½R(CB110) up fld to gate. X broken stile & TR along fld edge. X corner

stile & TL up LHS of fld to X stile to rd. TL on rd. In 330yds TR(BWS) down steep drive (MUNDAY DEAN FARM). At posts, ahd to phone box & lane. GR 827 881

- 12. 32.6km/20.2 miles** TL on lane, becoming tk. At BW junc(BWS) TL. In 20m, fork R(BWS) on gravel tk up to clearing. Fork L (WM). In 280m fork L (WM), off tk, to X demolished stile at wd edge. TR & in 50m X 2 more stiles. TL & immed TR on enc FP (with tall pines on L). At end of tree line fork R(FPS). In 40m (FP junc) fork L (WM) thru small gate to fld. Ahd, then on LHS of fld & thru trees to G/way to wd(WM). Ahd thru wd(follow WM) then on enc tk & in 450m (at stile on R) TL on wide tk thru MOOR WOOD for 500m to fld. X fld on LHS to gate with white post & re-enter wd at WM gap opp. Fork R to gate, then ½R X fld (CB340) up to X stile in hedge. TL on fld edge. At power pole(WM), X stile & ahd to tk. X stile opp & ahd X fld (CB325) to K/G at far corner. Ahd, then bend R(WM) with wall & ahd on tk to rd at MOOR COMMON.
GR 805 910

Proposed Drinks Point MOOR COMMON

- 13. 36.8km/22.9 miles** TR on main rd. Beyond *Clinkard Place* TL X rd & up tk (FPS). At transformer pole TL(FPS) on FP thru allotments & X stile at end. TR on RHS of fld. X stile & ahd on RHS of fld. X stile & TL along fld edge. X stile & TR with fence on R. At dip X stile & TL to wd corner. X stile & down wd edge. Where wd edge bends R ahd over fld to R of fenced area to X stile & up to rd. GR 796 910
- 14. 38.5km/23.9 miles** Up steps opp, to K/G. ½R X fld (CB230) to gate into MOUSELLS WOOD. TR on FP bending L. Cont ahd on FP. In 300m (WM on post) cont ahd 600m to bend out of wd (WM) thru K/G to wide tk(FPS). GR 787 908
- 15. 39.6km/24.6 miles** TR & ahd 270m(passing *Woodland Trust* sign on L) to G/way. ½R(CB280) X fld & thru wd. X stile & ahd(past seat) down LHS of 2 flds to rd at *FINGEST*. TL on rd. Beyond church on R, thru posts X stile(FPS) & up enc FP by wall. At wd, TL to X stile to rd. X stile opp & ahd on FP. Cont ahd down fld (CB285) to fence & K/G. TL to rd at *TURVILLE*. GR 768 911
- 16. 41.7km/25.9 miles** TR on rd (water tap by church wall). In 330m (*TURVILLE*) TL(BWS) & ahd LHS of fld. In 400m X stile on L. In 15m, ½R up steep FP to tk. TR & in 650m TL, out of wd to drive at *TURVILLE COURT*. GR 755 908
- 17. 43.2km/26.8 miles** TR pass house & immed TL(FPS) thru gates. X stile by gate. Down LHS of fld to X stile to lane & X stile opp. Ahd(CB220) up fld to X stile/gate nr L of 2 trees. Ahd on RHS of fld. X end stile & TR on tk to checkpoint.

**CP 3. SOUTHEND COMMON GR 752 898 44.2km/27.5 miles.
12.30 - 16.45**

- 18. 44.2km/27.5 miles** From checkpoint, ahd to rd & TL. In 165m (FPS) TR on tk past houses & ahd on WM tk/FP down thru wd. Fork L following WM arrows. Thru high K/G & ahd thru *STONOR PARK*. Beyond mansion follow grassy tk down to K/G & rd. GR 737 890
- 19. 46.4km/28.8 miles** TL on rd, thru *STONOR* village passing *Stonor Arms Hotel*. In 780m (just beyond bus shelter & 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 1500m to fld corner. TR along fld edge to X stile to wd. Ahd on FP down along wd, TR on tk & ahd down fld to rd. GR 737 861

20. 50.1km/31.1 miles TL on rd. In 550m, fork L on side rd opp *Rainbow Inn* PH. At junc (*Mill Close* opp) TL & in 40m TR up tk (*Oxfordshire Way*). Cont X fld (CB90). At top, thru gap, X stile to enc FP. X stile & ½R(CB100) across fld to X stile to rd at *Pond Cottage*. GR 748 856

21. 51.6km/32.0 miles Ahd on tk opp X stile. In 250m TL(WM) X stile & ahd(FPS) on LHS fld to X stile to enc FP. X stile to works drive & X stile opp. Ahd on RHS of next 2 flds to rd. Up FP opp. Beyond barn TL on tk(FPS) to rd at bend. TR on rd & ahd thru FAWLEY village, passing church & eventually *Walnut Tree* PH. In 500m (after LH bend with BWS at *Meadowsweet Cottage*) TR(FPS) on drive to LOWER WOODEND FARM. Keep R of buildings & thru gate. Ahd on RHS of fld. X stile in corner & bear L. Keep fence on L for 330m. At WM, ½R (CB40) X fld to stile. TR on BW. At wd, fork R & follow tk to valley bottom at tk.junc. GR 767 877

22. 56km/34.8 miles Take R fork opp(CB60)(*HA42* on other side of tree) to go up trk. At top, fork R(CB140) X open area. Soon bear L & TR on wide tk. In 370m (X tks) TL out of wd. Ahd to far wd corner. Cont ahd 40m & TR thru gap to FP down thru wd to X tks. TR back uphill, bending L. In 300m, fork L & ahd 1200m. Just beyond hill crest, TL (WM). In 60m TL(CB20) on FP down to rd. Ahd on rd opp. Keep R thru *HAMBLEDEN* village. Opp church, TR to checkpoint.

**CP 4 HAMBLEDEN PARISH HALL GR 785 865 59km/36.7 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. 59km/36.7 miles From CP, ahd to rd & TL. Keep L thru village. Immed beyond bridge TL thru K/G. X fld(initially CB140 then parallel to rd on R) to K/G to R of bridge. TR on tk to rd. TR on rd 110m then X rd (**with care!**) & up BW behind houses. Keep to L path & in 650m fork L to small gate. Ahd on LHS of fld(CB250). Keep ahd to X 3 stiles & tk to go thru K/G at Dairy Lane(*No Parking*). GR 775 856

24. 61km/37.9 miles X main rd (**great care!**) & TR on pavement. In 400m (FPS) TL X stile. Ahd on FP(CB200). X drive & Fb & ahd to X stile thru short wd. X stile & ahd X fld to next FB then keep river on L, crossing several stiles, Fbs & K/Gs. Ignore planks to small islet. In 1900m, nr end fence, fork ½R to gate. Ahd on FP & out to rd. GR 761 833

25. 64km/39.8 miles TL to roundabout. Cont 50m then TR X rd at islands. Cont on *Kings Road* opp. In 80m 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.

WELL DONE!

**HENLEY YMCA SPORTS PAVILION GR 766 815 66.3km/41.2 miles.
08.00 - 20.00**