

OXON 20 - 2002

Route Description

Place names: CAPITALS=appears on OS Landranger 175(1:50,000) *Italics* = name can be seen on 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 **CB**=compass bearing (magnetic) **GR**=OS grid ref
cont=cont **immed**=immediately **PH**=Public House **m**=metres **CP**=Checkpoint

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Please check for any amendments to the route.

BEFORE YOU START REGISTER YOUR START TIME WITH THE START DESK.

- 1. Start** From hall main entrance ahd thru car park to rd & ahd along *Noble Road* to main rd. X main rd, TR & immed TL along *Mill Lane*. Continue over railway to river. TL (*Thames Path*) along towpath (river on R) for 900m. Leave the towpath to pass L of *Angel Inn*. At traffic lights TR X Henley Bridge over river. At far side of river TL & X main rd at bollards. TR then immed TL & ahd (ignore *Thames Path* on L) with buildings on L & car park on R. In 70m at end of car park, TR & ahd following fence on R to fld corner & thru gap to rd. X rd & thru K/G opp. Ahd on FP to X stile to L of mound then ½L(CB40) across fld 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 thru wd then descend to 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 by gate & ahd on tk across fld (CB90). In 1000m where tk bends L (FPS), ahd on FP (houses on L) & X stile down to rd at ASTON. TL & in 100m(FPS) TR up drive (*Culham Court Estate*) rejoining *Thames Path*. At RH bend, ahd on FP (FPS) & thru K/G. Follow FP ahd across fld towards large house. Thru 4 K/Gs between river & CULHAM COURT. Ahd X next fld (CB130) to gate at T junc (FPS). TL & go thru posts to drive. Ahd on drive (*Thames Path*) to rd junc(FPS). TL thru K/G(*Thames Path*) & ½R(CB75) across fld to river & X FB. Ahd thru flds close to river on L & X 2 further FBs. Immed after 2nd FB (concrete)(FPS), TR(leaving *Thames Path*). Ahd on RHS of fld to X stile to tk. Ahd on tk, X drive & in 400m up pass fm buildings. At T junc(FPS), TL & follow tk thru K/G to main rd at ROSEHILL(FPS). 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 go thru gap in fence. Ahd down FP with hedge on R. At bottom, squeeze thru 2 gaps in fences & immed TR(WM) between fences (BW below on L). Ahd 450m & where fences diverge, fork L. In 60m X stile(WM) on L & TR on BW. In 300m(FPS), where drive crosses BW cont ahd on tk thru gate for 250m to rd & CP.

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

08.30 - 11.00

(no parking for supporters)

- 4. 12km/7.5 miles** From CP retrace steps & TR(BWS) up lane (*Pudding Hill*). At end beyond house TR into wd(FPS). Ahd on BW(ignoring FP on R). In 20m at junc(FPS) fork R to X stile & ahd up

FP, thru barrier & immed fork R (CB60) up ASHLEY HILL. Keep ahd ignoring any cross tracks & at top(FPS) TL past houses. 80 m after houses(FPS) TR(CB150) sharply to main gates & TL on drive. Ahd down drive (ignore FPS on L after 100m) & in 550m (just before clearing) TL on FP(WM on post) & ahd(CB30) thru wd down to rd. GR 828 814

5. **13.8km/8.6 miles** X stile opp & ahd on RHS of fld. Cont around bend (ignore ladder stile on R by gate) to K/G. Thru K/G, down steps & thru 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 fld corner. Ahd thru 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 at end of rd cont ahd past car park on L & along enc FP (*No Cycles*) to river. X FB (Thames Path) & TR past lock(Toilet available). X next FB, TL & ahd on riverside to *Temple Footbridge*. X river & TR on opp riverside. Cont past lock(Toilet available). 150m after lock TL(WM) away from river on tk. After 500m pass R of LOW GROUNDS FARM & ahd to T junc at East Lodge. TL on drive(FPS) & ahd on enc FP thru white K/G. Ahd for 500m, thru white gate, follow wire fence on R thru 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. Ahd thru white K/G & cont with fence on R(golf course on R). Thru K/G beyond house & ahd on grass 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 by 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 bridge & immed TR thru G/way, thru wd area by stream to fld corner. X fld ½L(CB230). Keeping in same direction X 2 stiles to reach tk. X stile opp & ahd on enc FP to X FB. Ahd on FP by stream then on gravel drive to rd. TR X bridge, in 12m TL X stile (FPS). Ahd on FP & X stile into fld. Ahd LHS of fld & X stile to rd. X rd & ahd. In 10m TL (FPS) on enc FP. At end X stile on R to fld. Ahd on RHS with hedge on R. In 30m TR with hedge & ahd on RHS(ignore crossing FPS). With trees now on R ahd thru gap into next fld & ahd on RHS fld. Conifer hedge begins on R. TL with hedge & in 100m TR(WM) thru gap in hedge to main rd. TL on path & in 80m TR X rd to wd corner(FPS). X stile & up FP thru wd. Keep ahd, ignoring path on L after 100m. At top ahd thru replanted area. At the far side (maybe tank on R) ½L to tk(CB340). Ahd with tk to bear L pass stile across small fld(CB300) to gate. Ahd on enc FP on L of gate. TR with FP along fld edge then bend L down to junc(WM) 30m before rd. TR along bank X stile to rd. GR 793 858
8. **24.9km/15.5 miles** X rd & up bank opp to X stile immed ahd(ignore stile on R). Ahd with wire fence on R at first thru wooded area to pass between 2 holly bushes to reach sign (*Hambleton Estate*). (Ignore tk turning R just before holly bushes). Follow grass tk ahd downhill passing 2 seats on R. Cont down on LHS of wd/replanted area for 700m to emerge at stile at wd edge(ignore path on L just before). X stile, ahd LHS fld 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 car park. Thru K/G, car park to lane, TL past *Stag & Huntsman* PH. Ahd at rd junc & in 50m TL (opp war memorial) to CP.

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

10.00 - 19.30

19.30 is the cut-off time. Marshals may at their discretion retire entrants who arrive at this checkpoint after the cut-off time!

9. **26.3km/16.3 miles** From CP, return 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 go thru K/G to R of bridge. TR on tk to rd.

TR on rd for 110m then X rd (**with care!**) & up BW behind houses. Keep to path following wd edge (ignore paths on the R) & in 650m at T junc TL thru small gate into fld. Ahd on LHS of fld(CB250). Keep ahd thru flds over 3 stiles & drive before thru K/G at Dairy Lane(*No Parking*). GR 775 856

10. 28.3km/17.5 miles X main rd (**great care!**) & TR on pavement. In 400m (FPS) TL X stile. Ahd ½R on FP(CB200) across fld. X drive & ahd passing L of a single poplar to X FB to L of gate. Ahd across next fld to X FB thru short wd & X FB to next fld. Keeping close to river on L, cross several stiles, FBs & K/Gs. (Ignore planks leading to small islet). In 1900m, when approaching fence ahd, fork ½R to gate in fence on R. Thru gate & ahd on FP away from river with fence & sports ground on R & out to main rd. GR 761 833

11. 31.3km/19.4 miles TL to roundabout. Cont ahd on LHS of rd. TL into *New Street*. In 50m X rd when safe (**great care!**) & cont ahd on RHS. Immed after Brakespears Brewery & *Old Brewery House* TR into *Church Avenue*. Ahd passing almshouses & thru churchyard (Note Dusty Springfields Grave nr end on R) to church. TR in front of church to pedestrian crossing in 20m. X rd & TL towards river. At traffic lights TR & in 20m X rd (**great care!**) to towpath behind *Angel Inn*. Follow towpath with river on L for 900m. Over small FB & TR (*Pool House*) on lane away from river. Ahd on lane 500m to main rd. Cross main rd **with care** & ahd up *Noble Road*. At end ahd to YMCA hall & finish.

WELL DONE!!

HENLEY YMCA SPORTS PAVILION GR 766 815 33.6km/20.8 miles.
07.00 - 20.00