

OXON 40 - 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. HAMBLETON PARISH HALL GR 785 865 26.3km/16.3 miles.
10.00 - 19.30**

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 lane(*Private Rd*). At end of tarmac, ahd up thru wd. At top ahd(WM) pass stile & then on LHS of fld to drive corner.

Ahd on drive (*FP only*) to rd(FPS).

GR 798 871

10. 28km/17.4 miles X rd & X stile to L of gate opp & ahd on tk on RHS of fld. In 300m (WM) TR into wd & ahd on FP. Ahd over 2 X tks to X stile in wire fence. In 50m fork L to cont down wd edge to T junc. TL & in 10m X stile. TR & cont ahd up RHS of fld. Ahd thru gap at end of field & thru replants (wall on R. HOLYWICK). ½L (CB50) X fld. In 20m X next fld & thru gap at far corner. TR on grass tk, X stile by gate & pass L of WOODEND FARM (meeting drive). Keep L on drive 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 enc FP along RHS fld. 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), leaving tk, to go down steps at wd edge. TR & in 30m X 2 stiles to enc FP. Ahd to X stile at FP junc(WM). TL & immed TR on enc FP (with tall pines on L). At end of tree line fork R(BWS). 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) for 450m then at end of enc tk (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 (Arrow on tree). Ahd thru wd (CB320) ignoring tks on L. At end of wd cont ahd thru gate(broken stile) to fld, then ½R X fld (CB340) up to X stile in hedge. TL on LHS fld edge. At power pole(WM), cont ahd on enc FP to X stile to tk. X stile opp & ahd X fld (CB325) to K/G at far corner. Ahd, then TR(WM) with wall & ahd on tk to CP.

CP 3. MOOR COMMON GR 805 910 36.8km/22.9 miles
11.00 – 15.15

13. 36.8km/22.9 miles TR on main rd. Beyond *Clinkard Place* TL X rd & up tk (FPS). In 50m at transformer pole TL(FPS) on FP between houses. Fork L thru allotments & X stile at end to T junc. TR on enc FP 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, which soon bends L. In 300m (WM on post) cont ahd. Cont on main FP & in further 600m leave wd (WM) thru K/G to wide X 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 churchyard on R, thru posts X stile(FPS) & up enc FP with wall on L. At wd, TL(WM) to X stile to rd. X stile opp & ahd on FP to X stile to fld. Cont ahd down fld (CB285) to fence & K/G. TL(WM) 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 10m(WM), ½R up steep FP to tk. TR(WM) & in 650m at T junc(WM) TL out of wd to drive at *TURVILLE COURT*. GR 755 908
- 17. 43.2km/26.8 miles** TR(FPS) pass house & immed TL(FPS) thru gates. X stile by next 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 CP.
- CP 4. SOUTHEND COMMON GR 752 898 44.2km/27.5 miles.
12.00 - 16.45**
- 18. 44.2km/27.5 miles** From CP, ahd on tk to rd & TL. In 165m (FPS) TR on tk past houses & ahd on tk/FP(WM) down thru wd. Fork L following WM arrows. Thru high K/G & ahd thru *STONOR PARK* keeping wire fence/posts on L. Beyond mansion follow grassy tk down to K/G & rd. GR 737 890
- 19. 46.4km/28.8 miles** TL on rd, for 780m thru *STONOR* village passing *Stonor Arms Hotel*. Just beyond bus shelter & fm on L 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(CB230) on enc tk with farmhouse now on R & ahd on tk for 1500m to fld corner. TR along RHS fld edge to X stile to wd. Ahd on FP along wd edge gradually descending. At X tk TR cont down fld to rd. GR 737 861
- 20. 50.1km/31.1 miles** TL on rd (*MIDDLE ASSENDON*). In 550m, fork L on side rd opp *Rainbow Inn* PH. At junc (*Mill Close* opp) TL & in 40m TR up steep tk (*Oxfordshire Way*). Cont X fld (CB90). At top, X stile to enc FP. X stile & cont in same direction(CB100) across fld to X stile to rd at *Pond Cottage*. GR 748 856
- 21. 51.6km/32.0 miles** X rd & ahd on tk at side of cottage. In 250m TL(WM) X stile & ahd on LHS fld to X stile to enc FP. X stile to works drive & X stile opp. Ahd on RHS of 2 flds to rd. Up FP opp(FPS). Beyond barn at T junc by large metal gates, TL on tk(FPS) to rd at bend. TR on rd for 900m thru *FAWLEY* village, to pass church on L. In further 400m pass *FAWLEY VILLAGE HALL* & green on R(Ignore rd to R) & in further 400m pass *Walnut Tree* PH on L. In further 300m follow LH bend (ignore BWS at *Round House/Meadowsweet Cottage*) In 150m after bend TR(FPS) on drive to *LOWER WOODEND FARM/BARNS*. Keep R of buildings & thru gate. Ahd on RHS of fld. X stile in corner & TL. Keep fence on L for 330m. At WM on fence post, ½R (CB40) X fld to X stile. TR on BW. At wd, fork R on sunken tk. Follow WMs where FP leaves the ditch but follow it on the R to valley bottom at 5 way tk junc(preceded by *PLEASE KEEP DOGS ON A LEAD* sign on tree). GR 767 877
- 22. 56km/34.8 miles** Ignore the initial X tk & take R fork opp(CB60) to ascend tk ignoring all WM paths until you reach the top 50m after WM post on L. At top, TR(CB140) X open area. Cont ahd on tk bearing L & at T junc TR on wide tk(wd edge is now on L). In 370m (X tks) TL(WM) on tk out of wd. Ahd on tk X fld to far wd corner. Cont ahd 40m on RHS fld(wd on R) & TR thru gap into wd on FP leading down thru LHS wd to X tks. TR sharply on tk back uphill with wd on R. In 200m, fork L on tk keeping LHS of wd & cont ahd on tk ignoring all FP for 1200m. 15m beyond hillcrest at X tk, TL (WM arrow on tree on L). In 60m TL(CB20) on FP which eventually leads down to rd. **X rd with care!** Ahd on rd opp to *HAMBLEDEN* village. Opp war memorial by church, TR to CP.

**CP 5 HAMBLEDEN PARISH HALL GR 785 865 59km/36.7 miles
10.00 - 19.30**

Remainder of Route common to both OXON 40 & OXON 20. 19.30 is the cut-off time. Marshals may at their discretion retire entrants who arrive at this checkpoint after the cut-off time!

- 23. 59km/36.7 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
- 24. 61km/37.9 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
- 25. 64km/39.8 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 66.3km/41.2 miles.
07.00 - 20.00**