

## ***OXON 20-2008*** ***Route Description***

Place names:      **CAPITALS** = name appears on O.S. Landranger 175 (1:50,000)-or Street Name  
*Italics* = name can be seen from route

Abbreviations:    **ahd**=ahead: **B**=Bear: **BW**=Bridleway : **CB**=compass bearing (magnetic)  
**:cont**=continue: **CW**=Chiltern Way: **CWE**=Chiltern Way Extension: **encl**=enclosed:  
**F**=fork: **fld**=field : **fm**=from: **FP**=Footpath : **FPS**=Footpath sign : **G/way**=Gateway :  
**GR**=O.S. grid ref : **immed**=immediately: **junc**=junction : **K/G**=Kissing gate: **L**=Left :  
**LHS/RHS**=L/R hand side : **nr**=near : **opp**=opposite : **OW**=Oxfordshire Way : **R**=Right :  
**RD**=road : **RW**=Ridgeway : **ST**=ST : **TK**=track : **thru**=through : **T**=Turn : **TP** =  
Thames Path **wd**=wood : **WM**=waymark(ed), usually arrow: **X**=cross/across: **yds**=yards

**Dogs on lead in fields with animals and where signposted please**  
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From YMCA entrance, thru car park then turn immed very sharp L at *Noble Rd* sign gate onto encl FP. Proceed 200 yds to RD, and X RD then TL on Harpsden Way on pavement. Single file when pavement ends after 300yds, then downhill to BR at RD junction, to pass in front of church. At arch at entrance to second cemetery, TL (*Woodlands Rd*), then TL immed on BW. Uphill by fence and FR after climb, following yellow WM. On reaching RD, B slightly R of FPS (*Binfield Heath*), taking RH of two FPs., follow yellow WM to join metalled TK after 200yds at *Harpsden Wood House*.  
GR SU759805

1.0 miles : Ahd on metalled TK 250 yds, then X 2 ST at *Harpsden Wood End* into fld, X fld and ST, then thru encl FP, over and ahd at further ST, along LHS of next fld and X ST to Lane. TR then at end of metalled lane (*Highwood House*) ahead on FP to BR after 40 yds on blue WM on BW (not FP), and follow 600 yds thru woods to RD. TL to follow RD as far as *Bottle and Glass* pub GR SU744793

2.2 miles : TR into pub car pk and ahd on BW past farm. After 400 yds, BL on BW at entrance to thick woods (blue WM). Descend on partially sunken FP/BW, BR at path junct after 300 yds to cont straight downhill between 'No Horses' signs to valley bottom. Up opp side for 550yds and along railings to pass *Keepers Cottage* on R and descend to RD GR SU733804

3.2 miles : TL on RD (CWE) and in 100 yds TR up lane (CWE). In 500 yds, TL on encl FP just past *Kingsfield House* (FPS). X 2 ST and 2 gates then down wood edge. At bottom TR in wood on new TK and follow path along valley bottom, ignore FP to R, then at end of wood TR to go thru 2 K/G into field. Ahead RHS of fld to wood then ahd at junct on LHS of woods 850 yds (fence then golf course to L) to reach wide TK at double metal gates GR SU722819

4.6 miles: TR and follow TK 100yds then TL thru wooden gate. Ahd then after 160 yds TR over ST into field. X 2 flds and 3ST to pass L of church then to RD at ROTHERFIELD GREYS. TR on RD then opp. phone box, X into field and take LH of 2 FPs, leading X fld into wood at ST in 150 yds. Down thru holly trees on same trajectory to leave wood at broken ST. TL 300 yds along field edge then up thru woods, but just before reaching RD, TR on FP for 150 yds that parallels and eventually meets RD. Ahd on road verge for 50 yds, then X RD with care at T – Junct. GR SU725832

5.6 miles: Ahd up lane (CB 295), past crossing of CWE then 130 yds later, at end of trees on L, TR thru K/G, passing NT *Vermin* sign. Follow path 400yds into wood then BL at junct, after further 250 yds reach multi-path junct, where XST them immed L thru wooden gate and T sharp R (BW) (CB 10). Follow valley bottom, woods to R, field to L, for 200 yds, then R at 4 way junct to keep to valley bottom in spruce/pine plantation. GR SU719841

6.4 miles : Ahd on TK on valley bottom 900 yds, then approx 100yds before you reach end of plantation, FR (yellow WM) and climb 250yds to X 2ST next to farm. X TK and cont thru trees on right of woods, following faint WM on trees, 500yds to RD where TR. After 150yds reach main road at start of dual carriageway. X main RD (A4130) with care. TR on pavement & in 200 yds BL (FPS) between houses to reach *Bix Church*. X RD to R of church & TL on FP keeping to church wall on LHS of common to reach Village Hall behind church.

**CP 1. BIX & ASSENDON VILLAGE HALL GR SU728853 7.6 miles.  
OPEN 1030-1300**

7.6 miles: TL on leaving hall, thru car pk, then TR on lane. After 100 yds, TL (FPS). . 200 yds into fld centre, TR at path crossing (CB 10), 120 yds to enter woods (CW) and follow WMs thru trees, ignoring paths to L, eventually joining TK from L and head downhill thru trees. Ahead on FP (WM) FL as TK enters field, sharp L at end of trees, X ST into fld, down to next ST and TR on TK. At farm, FL to go thru gate and yard to emerge on lane at *Valley End Farm*. GR SU727867

8.6 miles: TL on RD for 400 yds then TR up TK at BW sign uphill for 1300 yds through Nature Reserve (dogs on lead) to reach RD at yellow gas pipeline marker, TR on lane (40s go left) then after 30 yds, TL (OW/CW) and follow path between house and hedge. On emerging in field, BR (PS12/CW) to cross field under electric posts. Continue into wood. Down thru wood on WM'd path, then thru K/G and X field in direction of village. Pass L of copses to ST and down field, X 2 ST (care needed) and cont to RD at STONOR GR SU736 886

10.7 miles: TL on road for 300 yds, single file on RHS with great care at bend. Thru metal turnstile on R (CW) into deer park. Follow path uphill, after 100m keeping to deer fence and passing R of STONOR HOUSE, eventually leaving deer park thru another metal K/G, then cont along path, after 130yds merging with TK, then 350 yds uphill. Ahd at multiple TK, then thru gate to X RD. Ahd on TK opp (FPS, leaving CW). After 50 yds, TL onto unmarked path thru trees (do not pass *Kiln Cottage* or follow walkers rejoining this TK from the checkpoint). Pass pond to L. Thru trees to emerge onto common and ahd to CP

**CP 2. SOUTHEND COMMON GR SU753898 12.2 miles.  
OPEN 1100-1430 SNACKS ONLY**

12.2 miles : Retrace the route you came on cross common and thru woods, past pond to rejoin TK and TL to pass *Kiln Cottage*. After 130 yds, where TK bears L to house, cont ahead over ST into field. Ahead on RHS of field, ignoring STs to R, for 500 yds, eventually leaving field over ST at far RH corner. Follow FP by fence downhill to path crossing and cont ahead up opposite bank for 300 yds, eventually leaving wood at ST, then X fld (CB 185 and further ST to RD junct. GR SU757887

13.0 miles : TL on RD (sign for vineyard), fence and field to L, then after 40 yds, as road enters woods on both sides, TR thru grass for 20 yds to meet power line. TL to follow line of poles downhill. 30 yds in front of fourth pole, TR on WM'd path entering wood, then ahd thru wood for

350 yds on faint WMs, ignoring path heading L, to leave wood at ST. Keep to RHS of first field, then ahead across 2<sup>nd</sup> field (CB 230 ) to X ST to meet BW, where TL. GR SU760881

13.8 miles : Follow encl BW downhill, eventually entering woods after 400 yds. Keep on main WM'd path and descend to 4 way TK junct in valley bottom. Ahead uphill for 350 yds on wide TK on opposite side of valley to reach marker post, where TL on winding FP through woods. Eventually, after 300 yds, emerge at TK junct, where cont ahead on TK (WM), then ahead at four way TK junct to join TK merging from L at sign for *Built Farm*. Follow metalled TK downhill to reach house (*no 84*) after bend, where cont ahd to leave main TK to pass under electric wires, then as TK turns uphill, cont ahead (CB25) on path across field in direction of trees and white house, eventually through gap in hedge to reach RD at *Colstrove Lane* GR SU780880

15.3 miles : Up *Colstrove Lane* to X bridge, then take path on R (FPS), and X ST. X further ST and ladder, then diagonally across fld in direction of house on hill (CB125) to reach fenced gap in hedge under electric wires, X ST and TR to go thru gate. Follow path down valley across LHS of 2 fields, X lane, then in between gardens (CW), thru 3 K/Gs to enter field paralleling RD to L, village ahead Thru further K/G, then follow path bearing to R of church, thru K/G to RD. TL on RD to pass to R of church , eventually emerging in centre of village. Cross RD junct to cont on gravel TK thru gate to signed *Village Hall*

**CP 3. HAMBLEDEN VILLAGE HALL GR SU784865 16.3 miles  
OPEN 1300-1700**

16.3 miles : Return to RD with church ahd & TL. Immed after small bridge TL thru K/G (FPS) & ahd X fld on FP paralleling RD to R. Thru 2 K/Gs thru next fld. Thru K/G in corner & ahd on pavement on LHS of RD Where pavement ends X to opp pavement & cont down RD to T junc with A4155. X RD to driveway (*Hambleden Marina*) TR & in 15yds TL between houses (FPS). Ahd on drive towards white gate where BR & follow encl FP across weir & lock gates to far bank of River Thames. GR SU782851

17.5 miles: TR & thru gate then follow riverbank with river on your R for 2.3 miles. Just before Henley Bridge follow encl FP as it bears L up to main rd.(FPS: TP). TR & in 15yds TL to X RD via island then TR over Henley Bridge. At traffic lights TL by *Angel Inn PH* & in 20yds TL down road and join to towpath. Pass *Hobbs & Co* office and keep to towpath with river on L for 1300yds. Over small FB & TR (*Pool House*) on lane away from river. Ahd on lane 600yds to main rd. Cross main RD with care & ahd up Noble Road. At end ahd to YMCA hall & finish.

**HENLEY YMCA SPORTS PAVILION GR SU765815 21.3 miles  
07.00 – 20.00  
WELL DONE!**