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Route Description

Place names: **CAPITALS** = name appears on O.S. Landranger 175 or Landranger 171 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 WM: **X**=cross/across: **yds**=yards

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Thru Henley YMCA Sports Pavilion car park, TL then immed TR towards main RD. In 80yds TL along slip RD. At end ½R to cont on pavement of main RD, past *Esso* garage then 600yds past mini-roundabout and *Jewsons* to traffic lights. TL up FP (SP : *Holy Trinity Church*). At T junc at top, TR on FP, pass church and continue to end of *Church St* and main RD. X RD with care and ½ L on LHS of *Deanfield Ave* for 30yds. TL in front of youth centre (FPS) at *No Parking* sign and ahd. up TK, cont on encl FP. After 400yds, ahd on RD and after 200yds, TR along *Tilebarn Close*. In 120yds, TL at *Paradise RD* sign & take encl FP to R (FPS: *Rotherfield Greys*)(CB280) heading up bottom of valley.

GR SU753 822

1.2 miles : Cont ahd up valley bottom, ignoring all cross tracks, for 1300yds to X ST. Ahd RHS of trees passing L of house, to X ST. Ahd along FP to reach & cont on TK. Over X TKs & ahd over fld in valley bottom. In 300yds where TK bends L (*Hernes Estate Keep Out*), BR to X ST into fld. Ahd along LHS of fld, thru gate and keep ahd up valley for 800 yds, ignoring two paths to left. Thru gap in fence and enter trees. After 100yds, immed before reaching RD, TR on path paralleling road. After 160yds, when path intersects with RD, 50yds on RH road verge then X RD (with care) TL at bend onto minor RD.

GR SU724 831

3.3 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 fork L at junct, after further 250 yds reach multi-path junct, where XST them immed L thru wooden gate and T sharp R (B26) (CB 10). Follow valley bottom for 200 yds, then TL at 4 way junct (B27). Keep to valley bottom for 900 yds. X ST and ahead on same trajectory (CB 340), pass to L of overgrown pit, X lane and 100 yds ahead to X ST (not gate to R of this). Ahd into woods (picking up Builders Tape marking this section) for 500 yds then TL on wider gravel path for 200 yds, downhill into dip. Just as this path starts to climb again, TR at faint yellow WM on tree on faint path with WMs, eventually TK, for 450 yds. At fork in paths BR, then after 100 yds, TL on grassy path and follow this, ignoring path bearing R, to RD at HIGHMOOR

GR SU 700 843

5.0 miles: TR on pavement of main RD for 100 yds, X RD with care at *Stonehouse* and take marked FP up gravel Lane, to pass R of houses and swing R at wooden garage. Ahd on drive to X ST & cont down RHS of fld. X ST to encl FP to RD. X (with care) to RD opp (*Witheridge Hill*).

GR SU698 842

5.4 miles: Ahd up RD (not FP!) for 60yds & TR on TK to pass R of *Bucksbarn*. Cont on TK & after 2nd FPS, at *Witheridge Hill Farm*, FL downhill. In 60yds X TK & down FP to L of concrete mushrooms, 300yds to lane. TL along lane for 100yds to reach XRDs. TR up wider road (*Stoke Row*), then after 80yds next to entry to *Bushwood*, TR into wood (FPS). Follow path in wood uphill for 500yds (CB 270), ignoring fork to R. At T-junct with path on edge of wood, TR, then after 70yds, TL into fld and recreation ground. Proceed uphill, passing to R of pavilion and on leaving car park, X ST on L to take encl FP on far side of hedge. Follow FP over ST to village green, cross green ½ R, then TR on main road thru village, passing *Cherry Tree* pub to reach Village Hall on L immed after *Power Garage*.

CP 1 STOKE ROW VILLAGE HALL GR SU680 840 6.6 miles
OPEN: 10.00-12.30

6.6 miles: From Village Hall, TL on main road for 160yds, pass school, then TL in front of church onto *School Lane*. After 220yds, cont on TK (ignore FP to R), then 130yds further, TR on encl FP (marked on inside of fence : *Checkendon*). X Fld on encl FP and TL into woodland, bear R at path junct 50 yds after passing corrugated iron shed. Descend thru wood and X improvised ST into fld. Ahd on LHS of field, over ST in front of house and further ST to reach RD. TL on RD and after 30 yds, TR over ST. X fld to corner of trees ahd, pick up earth path to L of wood, and ahd to ST at far corner of fld at end of line of electric posts. X RD and take FP opp, bec TK at house, where BR on RH of two FP (do not proceed to pub on right), ahead thru trees to emerge at SCOTS FARM, GR SU662 839

7.7 miles: X RD and cont ahd.on TK (FPS) to R of houses. Ahd. at X TKs (WM) after 200yds, then descend thru woodland for 500 yds to 4 way junct in dip, ignoring all paths to R and L. At 4 way junct, TL on TK and follow this for 800 yds thru trees into grassy area, where BR on FP which rises uphill, sporadic views thru trees to L. After 200 yds, TL down steps to reach *Johns Gate*. Thru gate and downhill, thru K/G into next field, then BL at bottom thru K/G (FPS) into encl FP. Ahd and BL of pond to emerge on RD at entrance to *Bottom Farm House* GR SU 646 836

9.1 miles : TR on lane for 300 yds, then TL on restricted byway. Follow path uphill for 1200 yds, bec TK then RD to meet main RD at T-junct after passing *Hammunds*. TL on RD (**care needed : single file please**) for 250 yds passing postbox and ignoring TK to R. After 30mph sign, take encl FP to L for 200 yds, then TR thru 2 green K/Gs and X fld to R of hedge/wall bounding large country house. Thru K/G to lane then TR, passing R of church to reach RD, TL on RD, pass church and next house to reach village hall on L

CP 2 CHECKENDON VILLAGE HALL GR SU664831 10.7 miles
OPEN: 10.30-14.30

10.7 miles : X RD in front of hall ½ R and take FPS opp up TK to R of cricket pitch. Pass thru gate/ST to L of *Timbers Yard*, then up TK, At hut on L, ahd on WM into wd, ignoring all side paths. Thru wood on main path to emerge at end on TK, X ST into fld and X to reach RD. TR on RD for 400 yds to *Larchdown Farm*, Take BW on R to L of farm sign, ahd 250 yds to reach four way junct where ahead over small mound onto unmarked FP, which swings L after 30 yds (not on OS map). Follow this downhill to reach RD at T-junct. GR SU677 827

11.9 miles : TR on RD at T Junct (CB 180) for 400 yds, pass house on L, then take FP on L immed afterwards (FPS : *Stoke Row*). Uphill past forestry sign, thru K/G and BL at top, to emerge after 300 yds at stables. Take RD for 40 yds (*Private* sign ahead), then BL on marked FP for 150 yds to 4-way junct,

