

OXON 20-2011

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 : **enc**=enclosed: **F**=fork : **fld**=field
: **fm**=from : **FP**=footpath : **FPS**=footpath sign : **G/way**=gateway : **GR SU**=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**=stile :
TK=track : **thru**=through : **T**=turn : **TP**= Thames Path : **wd**=wood : **WM**=waymark(ed), usually arrow
: **X**=cross/across : **yds**=yards

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*Before you start: - Please check for any amendments to the route. Details will be on display.
Please start promptly . Torches are recommended for slower walkers. Dogs on lead whenever in fields
with animals and in nature reserves. You will use CP 2 and CP 5 of the 40 route.
Get your card, tick box or fill in start time, detach serrated part, place in box provided, get your card
clipped then.....*

- 1. Start Henley CP 1.** Out of main entrance & TR to RD (A4155). X RD diag R (**with care**), then ahd on *Mill Lane* (pass L of *Jet Service Station*). Follow over railway to river (**Do not X bridge over river**). TL along towpath for 1500yds, pass *Hobbs & Sons Boat Rental* . At RD junc (the *Angel Inn* on R) TL on main RD (A4130). After 100 yds X RD at controlled crossing and TR to church. TL at church entrance to take tarmac path thru churchyard (*Dusty Springfields* grave on L) & pass almshouses to RD, X RD & TL. Follow RD for 200 yds and at end of RD (opp. *Asquiths Teddy Bear Shop* on L) TR (Don't X RD!) . Ahd 200 yds to reach 2nd mini-roundabout. GR SU 760 831
- 2. 1.6 miles** Cross the *Marlow Road* and take the A4130 (signed *Nettlebed*) keeping to the RH pavement. Opposite *Fairmile Court*, just after closed pub, TR up FP. Enter copse & ahd on WM uphill. At top, go thru K/G & ahd uphill (CB350). Cont ahd on open ground, thru k/g to FL on tarmac drive (OW : *Henley Park Private* sign). Pass posh houses and ahd. to RD . X RD following OW sign, X 2 ST into fld. X fld (CB 270) and ST, thru encl FP into further fld, X ST and fld on same bearing and follow FP steeply downhill to RD at MIDDLE ASSENDON GR SU 739 857
- 3. 4.0 miles** TL 30 yds on minor RD then TR at B480 to pass R of the *Rainbow Inn*. 200 yds later, TL at second road labelled '*Unsuitable for HGV*' (SP: *Bix Bottom*), passing *Sarsens*. Up lane in valley bottom for 1000 yds . At RD junc in valley bottom TR. In 330yds, immed after 2 houses on R, CARE NEEDED HERE : TR on FP, then after 30 yds as TK swings behind house, leave TK and go ahead on RHS of fld, following faint WM.. After 120 yds, X ST (CB90), X fld to rejoin TK , BL uphill on TK to white topped marker post on brow of hill, ignoring side TK leading to red topped post. Ahd (CB80) over hill and down to gap at bottom corner of fld. Thru gap & immed. TL, following purple arrow, (CB290) up encl path/TK. (do not proceed to RD ahd) GR SU 735 867
- 4. 5.3 miles** Follow TK uphill for approx 1 mile. At TK junc nr fld edge, BR (SW 33) & cont to reach lane at yellow fire hydrant. TL on lane, then after 250 yds at next fire hydrant, BL and keep

bearing L at following TK juncts, passing *Tuckers Cottage*, to follow LHS of common 500 yds to RD. Take grassy TK on RHS of RD for 400 yds, then opp *Cookley Hill Farm*, TR on TK for '*Nuttalls Farm*' After 120 yds, TL on path (not on map) Xing common in direction of gap in copse. Follow this path through gap joining path from L and ahead on LHS (west side) of common 700 yds to meet TK. Turn L and follow TK, 300 yds past duckpond to meet RD, with Village Hall on R

**CP 2. RUSSELLS WATER VILLAGE HALL GR SU 708 898 8.2 miles.
OPEN 0845-1100**

5. **8.2 miles** Leave hall and TR on RD, follow for 600 yds, then TL at FPS (*Cookley Green*) Take faint path X field in direction of gap in hedge and electric wires (CB 280). Under wires and XST, TR on lane and proceed to main RD. TL for 20 yds, X with great care and take WM'd FP (CW) opposite. Follow on RHS of green, emerging at 7.5t signs. Ahead on RD through these signs for 300 yds, taking second FP on L (CW). Descend thru trees, ahead on CW at junct, eventually entering fld at gate. Descend thru fld, keep L of enclosure then BL to join fence at bottom and thru K/G into encl FP. X lane (CW), into trees for 50 yds, then TR thru gate into churchyard. Keep L of ST BODOLPHS CHURCH then leave yard at gate. TL to leave CW. GR SU 682 902
6. **10.0 miles** At signpost opp *Gardeners Cottage*, ahead on Ridgeway (RW) along valley bottom for 400 yds, then TL uphill on RW. Thru 2 K/G and steeply uphill in woods. Keep ahead on RW at top, swinging round on LHS of field, then onto TK to reach farm at EWELME PARK HOUSE. After farm, TL on BW/RD at 4 way junct, leaving RW. After 400 yds, just after white houses, TR at WM. Follow TK, swinging L at WM after 250 yds, then thru trees and onto grass to meet wider TK from L. Ahead LHS of field, swinging R after copse to go down RHS of next field to meet gate. GR SU 683 885
7. **12.0 miles** Over step to R of gate and X TK and uphill on path opp on white WM. TR thru metal posts and BL up LHS of wood. At T junct just before houses, TL to enter field and proceed up RHS of field next to houses for 400 yds. At T-junct after gap in fence (sports field to R), TL and thru wood 300 yds to K/G onto RD. TL on RD for 250 yds, X ST on R and take LH of two FPs down RHS of hedge (CB 150), At end of hedge, enter wood soon joining winding grassy TK. Ahead on this, ignoring all side paths, swinging left for 700 yds., then cross TK at 3 way WM sign and take smallest FP opp (*Welcome*). Follow FP thru glades, swinging R round fld edge and corner and merging with another path. 200 yds from field corner, TL then R to emerge in grassy field., brown houses ahead. BL of brown houses to meet main RD, down RD on TK/pavement for 400 yds. TR where FP and byway emerge from R (black gate on opposite side of road) and take FP to L down thru allotments, 400 yds to RD. TL on pavement, 200 yds to Village Club on L. (CP 3 and CP 4 apply to 40 route only).

**CP 5. NETTLEBED VILLAGE CLUB GR SU 699 868 14.3 miles
OPEN : 1115 - 1615**

8. **14.3 miles** Cross pedestrian crossing to R of village hall and TR 150 yds to pass church. TL on encl FP (watch your head!) then keeping church to your L then gravel lane past farm.. After 250 yds, 50 yds after Private sign, BL off lane into field at WM. Cross field to L of copse(CB 160)., 900 yds to reach LH corner of field, where BL to X TK and thru gap onto FP in trees. At T-junct after 30 yds, TL, (don't follow 40 milers going R) . GR SU 700 857

9. 15.2 miles Follow path/TK to sawmill then RD, X RD (B481) with great care and ahead up lane opposite (*SP: Lower Highmoor*), BR after 400 yds then 200 yds later, at 5 way junction, take second TK from L (L of that for *Estate Office*) following blue WM.. Follow TK 500 yds past white house into trees and rhododendrons then TL at 4 way junct onto narrow path heading into bushes (ignoring blue WM to R). Thru trees and glades for 400yds to X ST and emerge into open fld, T1/2R (CB 150), X grass to X RD, then BR of circular tree enclosure surrounding old pit and cont in direction of ST at edge of wood, (rejoin 40s) . GR SU 711 844

10. 16.4 miles X ST and cont on FP down wooded valley bottom. After 900yds at X paths, TR on blue WM. Follow path for 200 yds, then TL thru gate, immed TR over gate past *NT* sign on ground. BR after 250 yds, then 400 yds to reach lane. TL on lane and follow to junct with main RD, ignoring CW crossing. GR SU 725832

11. 17.9 miles X RD with care, TR and follow LH verge for 50 yds, then BL on FP into trees. TL after 150 yds then down thru trees to X ST to fld (into valley you will now follow all the way to Henley). Keep ahead down valley on RHS of three fields. Ahead with hedge on R. X stile & FL on wide TK, continuing down valley. Straight on at X TKs, continuing on path with fence and fld to R, X ST & ahd to pass LOWER HERNES HOUSE on L. Thru trees to X ST and cont in the same direction for a further 800yds to X path that crosses diagonally, cont ahd (CB 110) down bottom of valley, soon passing rugby pitches to L. Cont ahd on FP to reach RD. GR SU 753 823

12. 19.9 miles X RD, with Henley College car park on L, bear L to go up tarmac FP ahead to R of 'The Dene'. After 150yds, as main path swings L up steps, go ahead on gravel path to L of fence, finally emerge at Lower Lodge. Ahd 150 yds to RD and TR downhill on Deanfield Ave. Follow 300 yds to X RDs, passing more Henley College buildings, X busy road with care and ahd on Church Street opp. Cont onto gravel TK L of churchyard, then 120 yds later, TL at school gates and down metalled FP to main RD. Turn R on pavement, soon pass over Hamilton Ave, then follow signs for A4155 to Reading, ahd L of Three Horseshoes. 120 yds after Esso station, BR of old well onto lane paralleling main RD. After 200 yds, TR on Noble Rd to finish. (CP 6 applies to 40 route only).

CP 7. HENLEY YMCA SPORTS PAVILION GR SU765815 21.3 miles

07.00 – 20.00

**PLEASE REGISTER!
WELL DONE!**