

OXON 20-2012
Route Description
O.S. Landranger 175 (1:50,000)

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Directions

Ahd=Ahead
BL or BR=Bear Left or Bear Right
Cont=Continue
FL or FR= Fork Left or Fork Right
LHS or RHS = L/R Hand side
L =Left *R*=Right
Immed = immediately
Frm=from
Nr=near
Thru=through
Opp=opposite
X=cross
TL or TR=Turn L or Turn R

Descriptions

BW=Bridleway
CB=Compass bearing
CW=Chiltern Way
CWE=Chiltern Way Ext
K/G=Kissing Gate
OW=Oxfordshire Way
Fld=Field
FPS =Footpath Sign
TK=Track
WM=Way marked
GR=OS Grid Reference
RD=Road
ST=Stile
Encl=Enclosed

Note: Follow your route description, not the person in front. Some paths are common to 20 and 40 mile routes but then split in different directions.

(Tricky Bits In bold, pay attention)

Start

- 0.1 Thru Henley YMCA Sports Pavilion car park, Ahd 80yds to main rd. TL along main RD 1000yds to traffic lights, passing Esso garage on right.
- 0.2 TL up FP (SP Holy Trinity Church). At T junction TR, past church and continue to end of *Church St*.
- 0.3 Cross main RD. to Deanfield Ave. TL in front of youth centre (FPS) and ahd. up TK / FP. After 400yds, ahd on RD and after 200yds, TR along Tilebarn Close.
- 0.4 In 120yds, TL at Paradise Rd sign and take encl FP to R (FPS: Rotherfield Greys).

GR SU753 822

1.2miles

- 0.5 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 TK, over X TKs and ahd across fld.
 In 300yds where TK bends L, BR to X ST into fld.

- 0.6 Ahd along LHS of fld to gate/ST, keep ahd up valley in direction of white house for 800 yds, ignoring two paths to left. Through K/G and enter trees.
- 0.7 After 100yds, immed before reaching RD, TR on path parallel to road. After 160yds, when path intersects with RD, cross RD (with care) and TL at bend onto minor RD.

GR SU724 831**3.3miles**

- 0.8 Proceed up minor RD for 200yds, turn through KG to L (FPS:CWE) ahd uphill to KG into wd. Cont uphill to KG ignoring cross paths to reach GREYS GREEN.
- 0.9 TR (FPS:CWE) , In front of pavilion and follow hedge to reach drive. TR past houses then ahd thru gate & then encl FP into wood. BL along LHS of wood to leave on encl FP. Through KG and ahd on LHS of fld then BL on encl FP and through KG to SHEPHERD'S GREEN.

GR SU716 832**4.00miles**

- 0.10 X small RD and ahd along RHS of green, passing in front of 'The Strip' cross grass then thru trees to KG (FPS). TL along LHS of fld behind gardens, through KG to next fld. Ahd to right of trees & cont along LHS of fld, ignoring green KG to L, to X 2 STs. Ahd over fld to KG by gate and ahd to KG into PADNELL'S WOOD.
- 0.11 Ahd 40yds to FP junc (WM on tree) where TR on FP that swings along RHS of wood to reach KG to RD. X RD and cont on FP (FPS) opp, X fld and ST into wood, then 70yds to T-junct ahead (WM). TL (CB 230) and cont straight for 250yds to main RD at HIGHMOOR, ignoring 2 FPs to R.

GR SU703 840**5.1miles**

- 0.12 X main RD (with care) and take FP opposite into sports fld. Follow LHS of field 250yds until TL to FP through bracken. X bridge to KG. TR to pass burnt down sheds on right to X ST. Ahd on drive. X ST and cont down RHS of fld. X ST to encl FP to RD. **X (with care) to RD opp** (Wetheridge Hill).

GR SU698 842**5.4 miles**

- 0.13 Ahd up RD for 60yds, then TR on TK to pass R of Bucksbarn. cont on TK ignore FPS on left. Then 20yds later at Wetheridge Hill farm, FL down hill on track. In 60yds X TK & down FP opposite 300yds to lane.

- 0.14 TL along lane for 100yds to reach X RDs. TR up wider road 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 border of wood, TR, then after 70yds, TL into recreation ground.
- 0.15 Cross to car park. At car park exit take enclosed FP to L. Follow FP over ST to village green, cross green $\frac{1}{2}$ R, then TR on main road thru village, passing Cherry Tree pub to reach Village Hall in 300yds on L.

CP 1. STOKE ROW VILLAGE HALL

GR SU680 840 6.6 miles

OPEN 08.30-17.00

- 1.1 From Village Hall, TL on main road for 160yds, pass school, then TL in front of church onto School Lane. After 220yds, at end of houses, cont on TK (ignore FP to R), then 130yds further, TR on encl FP (Checkendon arrow on back of fence) to X Fld and then TL into woodland, stay L passing corrugated iron shed. Path passes by fence to L then merges and descends thru woods (fence now to R), 200yds to 4 way junct. TR on path, becoming TK at house, 300yds to RD.
- 1.2 X ST opposite into fld and cont on LHS of field to far corner to join TK. Ahd 350yds on TK to RD

GR SU662 839

8.3miles

- 1.3 X RD and cont ahd on TK (FPS) to R of houses. Through gate to follow track for 800yds down thru woodland to 4 way junct in dip, At 4 way junct, ahd on steep FP on CB 315. Climb thru woods, merge with and then BR off contouring TK to reach RD after 250yds.
- 1.4 TL on RD, pass farm on R, then TR at WM onto small encl FP, X fld on encl FP, X ST, then BL (WM) as path swings into wood.
- 1.5 **Ahd 150yds to path junction, with red disc no entry sign and barn on left TR (CB310) and follow FP downhill.** X ST into and cross fld, X ST and keep to RHS of next fld to descend to RD. X RD and take WM'd FP opposite in trees. Follow ridge of ditch.
- 1.6 After 150yds look for small FP on L, by new fence corner. TL on encl FP by fence, down hill in direction of farm, cross farmyard to reach TK.

GR SU651 853

9.5miles

- 1.7 TR up wide track along valley bottom. Pass Lower Handsmooth Farm, then at barn, cont ahead on FP. Keep ahd on valley bottom, ignoring all side FPs for 1200 yds, eventually climbing thru trees on TK to reach RD.

- 1.8 TL on RD for 150 yds then TR on wide WM'd TK (CB 160). Pass skips and house to L. Follow path and track for 1.2 mls to reach Stoke Row Farm, and cont. ahead on RD for 350yds. Immed after passing entrance to Pond House on R, TR at FPS, under barrier and keeping to encl FP. Pass Maharaj's Well on R, to emerge on main road. X RD to Village Hall.

CP 2. STOKE ROW VILLAGE HALL
GR SU680 840 11.9 miles
OPEN 10.15-17.00

- 4.1 TR on main road, after 250yds, Take 2nd L onto Nottwood Lane. Follow this lane for 500yds until you reach the Crooked Billet pub. 50yds past the pub, TL at WM onto lane leading to gates into Bushwood House , and before gates, TR on FP descending thru woods, ahd at path junct, to reach RD after 400yds.
- 4.2 X RD and continue uphill on TK opposite on same bearing (CB 90), then ahd over X RDs, fence to L (*SP:Little Farm*). Cont ahd, after 300yds pass houses on R.
- 4.3 Just past houses, X ST at gate on R and X fld (CB 80). X ST with care (hidden barbed wire) X 2nd stile then ahd cross field to far LH corner in valley bottom, where X ST and climb other side of valley. X ST and keep to LHS of fld. X further ST and keep L to avoid garden and enter encl FP. Ahd at 4 way junct, through woods, then field, then side of house 250yds to reach main RD. X RD with great care and TR on grass verge for 100yds, passing closed pub.

GR SU701 848

13.6miles

- 4.4 Continue on pavement past pub for 100yds then TL at FPS. Ignore TK leading into fld to R and cont to fork in paths after 40yds. (Walkers Welcome post). TL (FP31), keeping fence and field to your L. Ahd on LHS of wood then swinging into wd and joining another path after 600yds. Ahd 50yds to crossing of gravel path.

GR SU707 847

14miles

- 4.5 Cont ahead at this crossing for further 400yds to X ST and emerge into open fld. Immed TR (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. X ST and cont on FP down valley bottom.
- 4.6 After 900yds at X paths, keep ahead on grassy track as it and valley turn northwards, keeping to valley bottom. Ahd 700yds then 100yds before

visible field ahead, FR (WM) and climb 250yds through 2 KG,s next to farm. X TK and cont thru trees, 500yds to RD.

- 4.7 TR. After 150yds reach main road at start of dual carriageway. X main RD (A4130) with care. TR on pavement and in 200 yds BL (FPS) between houses to reach Bix Church. X RD to R of church & TL keeping church wall on LHS to reach common.
- 4.8 TR and follow along RH edge of common, then FL to X common (CB60) to hedge corner & lane. **Pls follow this exactly, Bix Common is private.**

CP 3. BIX COMMON (outdoor)

GR SU731 853 16.3 miles

OPEN 11.15-18.30

- 6.1 AHD on lane (WHITE LANE) for 400yds.
- 6.2 TR (FPS) just before wooden fence on R, passing R of gate & ahd to X ST. Cont downhill then down steps on encl FP to X ST to fld. Cont downhill across fld to X ST and ahd between houses to main RD.

GR SU739 857

17.1miles

- 6.3 X RD with care and TR on slip RD to junc with *Mill Close* opp. TL up lane. Immed after houses TR uphill on TK (FPS *Oxfordshire Way*). Cont uphill thru trees then across fld to tree belt (CB80). X 2 ST then X fld in direction of shed (CB90). X ST to RD.

GR SU748 857

17.7miles

- 6.4 X RD to TK opp (FPS *Oxfordshire Way* and *Pond Cottage - Private Road*) and follow for 1100yds, passing large houses on the L. Where TK bends L ahd thru KG (WM) and follow track across *Henley Park* 1200yds to reach KG into wd. Downhill on FP thru wd leading onto encl FP to RD (A4130).
- 6.5 TL on pavement 200yds to mini-roundabout. Cont ahd on LHS of RD. TL into *New Street* opp *Teddy Bear shop*. In 50yds X RD. and cont ahd on RHS. Immed after *Hotel du Vin* TR into *Church Avenue*. Ahd passing almshouses & thru churchyard (Note *Dusty Springfields Grave* at end on R) to church. TR in front of church to pelican crossing in 20yds and X RD.

- 6.6 TL towards river. At traffic lights TR and in 20yds X RD (great care!) to towpath behind Angel Inn. Follow river for 1750yds on Thames Path until reaching footbridge across river. Do not cross.
- 6.7 Leave Thames Path and TR on lane. Ahd 700yds to main RD. X RD ½ R. Then retrace steps to Henley YMCA Sports Pavilion.

HENLEY YMCA SPORTS PAVILION

GR SU766 815

21.3 miles.

07.00 - 20.00

WELL DONE!