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Route Description O.S. Explorer 171 (1:25,000)

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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

1.1 From YMCA entrance, thru car park then turn immed sharp L at *Noble Rd* sign onto encl BW. Ahd 200 yds to RD, X RD then TL on Harpsden Way. Single file when pavement ends after 300yds, downhill to BR at RD junction, to pass in front of church. At small 30mile limiter sign, TL on BW(*Woodlands Rd*). Ahd uphill. After climb straight on following yellow WM. On reaching RD, BR of FPS (*Binfield Heath*), taking RH of two FPs. follow white WM to join metalled TK after 200yds at *Harpsden Wood House*.

GR SU759805

1.00ml

1.2 TL 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 and follow 600 yds thru woods to RD. TL to follow RD as far as *Bottle and Glass* pub.

GR SU744793

2.20ml

1.3 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, to valley bottom ignoring **all** paths to left and right. Ahd up opposite side for 550yds bearing right along railings to pass *Keepers Cottage* on R and ahd to descend to RD

GR SU733804

3.2mls

1.4 TL on Rd (CWE) and in 100 yds TR up lane (CWE). In 500 yds, TL on encl FP just past *Kingsfield House*. Pass through 2 K/G and over stile then down wood edge. At bottom TR in wood to pass “*Welcome*” sign in 30yds. 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 on LHS of woods 850 yds to reach wide TK at double metal gates.

GR SU722819

4.6mls

1.5 TR and follow TK 100yds then TL thru wooden gate. Ahd on track for 600yds to reach metal gates. Ahd then through another metal gate and follow encl path 200yds to Rd. X Rd to path through woods to Rd. TL on RD for 400 yds then BR passing telephone box on left to Shepards Green. BL along left side of green passing in front of white cottage to reach grass track to K/G. Through gate TL along top of field behind houses to K/G. Ahd across field to K/G entering woods. Ahd to K/G leaving woods, through K/G to cross field to K/G, through next field, taking L fork after 40 yds, to K/G to enter woods. Ahd 40 yds to X TK. TR on track, Ahd to 200yds to road.

GR SU706839

6.1mls

1.6 X Rd then X stile and Ahd to X field into woods. Ahd 80yds to X track **TL, then after 15yds TR on path**, Ahd 200yds to T junction (new plantation). TL 200yds to X track at tree,(25yds before Rd) TR, after 30yds BL on faint path through bushes (parallel to road) to emerge on road at Highmoor. X Rd TR Ahd 200yds to checkpoint.

GR SU700843

7.1mls

CP 1 Highmoor Memorial Hall

Opening Time 8.30am – 12.30pm

1.7 Leaving hall **X Rd with care**. TL on pavement for 400yds to reach Pub (for sale). Past car park and then TR on TK (Bix 2ml). Ahd on TK 400yds to X TK, Ahd on TK to pass “*Merrimoles*” on right to reach X TK. Ahd on path into woods. Ahd on path for 400yds, **BR at finger post**, Ahd on path to reach and X TK. Ahd ascending up path, after 300yds BR on NE13 path through trees then BL on track for 300yds to Rd.

GR SU709862

8.2mls

1.8 **X Rd with care** then Ahd on minor road to reach Catslip sign. Continue Ahd on Rd for 300yds to BL at fork to reach green on right. Ahd with green on right to FPS (CWE). TR. **Ahd** to K/G BL across field (CB mag N) to reach K/G in opposite corner. TR on TK to pass gated entrance to Soundess House. Cont Ahd on TK 300yds descending to X TK. Ahd on same bearing ascending TK opposite. **After 300yds FR at FPS(SW23)** and follow path down through woods to reach X TK. TR then after 15yds TL through K/G into nature reserve. Ahd on FP crossing several grass TK,s to climb to K/G. Through gate and Ahd uphill 300yds to emerge on TK. TL 5 yds to X track (grass triangle).

GR 722882

10.2mls

1.9 TR on track then L on encl FP(CW) between hedges. On entering field, BR (CB 070°) to go under electric wires across field into woods. Down thru wood on WM path, then thru

K/G and down field in direction of village. Pass L of copses to K/G and down field, to K/G cont to RD at STONOR.

GR SU736 886

11.1mls

2.0 TL on road for 300 yds, single file on RHS with great care at bend. TR thru metal turnstile (CW) into deer park. Follow path uphill 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 RD.

GR SU752896

12.5mls

2.1 X Rd. Ahd on TK 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

13.2mls

2.2 TL on Rd, fence and field to L, after 300yds at FPS TR through green gate to WM 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 2nd field (CB 230) to X ST to meet BW.

GR SU760881

14.0mls

2.3 X BW and Ahd along RH side of field following fence bearing left to reach ST on right. X ST Ahd on LHS of field to reach gate and drive. Ahd on drive to rd. TL and follow Rd 800yds to reach check point.

GR SU755869

14.9mls

CP4 Fawley Village Hall

Opening Time 2.00pm – 6.00pm

2.4. Leaving CP TR and retrace your steps 600yds to LH bend. TR on TK at “Round House”. Follow TK to house drive, BR on encl path for 200yds to reach woods. Ahd for 1000yds on main TK through woods, FL thru old gate posts (blue WM on left post) 400yds to emerge on a hill. BL down the hill to reach TK in valley. TR to pass through gate and Ahd on TK to Rd.

GR SU775855

17.1mls

2.5 X Rd with care, TR on pavement for 250yds to reach ST on L. X ST BR across park to reach FB. Continue ahead to Thames River path. TR and follow path through fields with Thames River on left. Pass in front of “Toad Hall”. On approaching Henley BR with FP to reach Rd.

GR SU760832

18.6mls

2.6 TL on Rd and Ahd to mini roundabout, BL towards Henley Town. TL with one way system in front of Teddy Shop. With care X to RH side, after Old Brewery House TR into “Church Terrace”. Ahd to pass Church and reach Rd. Use Pelican crossing to X Rd. TL. At traffic lights TR by *Angel Inn PH &* in 20yds TL to join towpath. Pass *Hobbs & Co* office and keep Ahd on 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 to YMCA hall.

HENLEY YMCA SPORTS PAVILION GR SU765815 20.4 miles
07.00 – 20.00
WELL DONE!