

OXON 20-2014
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

WMP=Way marked Post

GR=OS Grid Reference

RD=Road

ST=Stile

Encl=Enclosed

WWM=White Waymarks

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, crossing mini roundabout).
- 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).

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- 0.5 Cont Ahd up valley bottom, ignoring all cross tracks, for 1300yds to X ST. Ahd through 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, continue on LHS up valley though two flds ignoring two paths to left, to reach K/G into woods.
- 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.

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- 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 through K/G on encl FP and through KG to SHEPHERD'S GREEN.

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- 0.10 X small RD and Ahd along RHS of green, passing in front of 'The Strip' cross grass then BR thru trees to K/G (FPS). TL along LHS of fld behind gardens, through K/G to next fld. Ahd to K/G to enter woods Ahd RHS woods to exit at K/G. X TK through K/G Ahd over fld to K/G and Ahd to K/G into PADNELL'S WOOD.
- 0.11 Ahd 40yds to FP junc at WMP where TR on FP that swings along RHS of wood to reach KG to RD. X RD to ST 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 Ahd 225yds to emerge on road, TR to walk into Highmoor. X RD at Church and TR Ahd 200yds to checkpoint.

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5.8 miles

CP 1 Highmoor Memorial Hall

Opening Time 8.00am – 11.00am

- 1.0 Leaving hall **X RD with care**. TL on pavement for 200yds to reach FPS on right. TR into woods. Ahd 40yds then TL at WMP. Follow this path 400yds to intersect with path from right at WMP. BL with path and continue Ahd through bushes, cross path and continue Ahd to reach K/G. BR to cross TK

and pass right of small copse/pit. Continue to BR to reach stile into woods. Cont down hill 600yds through woods on path (ignore cross path) to reach multi junction in clearing. Continue Ahd on grass track bearing left to walk up valley. Continue up valley for 800yds ignoring all FPS/TRK until you are 100yds from field, where BR at WMP to climb out of valley. Ahd to reach K/G cross track through K/G continue Ahd to reach farm TK. X and Ahd on path to reach minor RD. TR and continue to main road.

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- 1.1** **Cross main RD with Great Care** to FPS and KG. Through KG and Ahd to cross large field into woods. BL in woods following WWM arrows to reach TK. Continue Ahd on track, which becomes FP with field on right. Reach K/G, Ahd down field to K/G onto TK. TR towards farm, BL through gate, then through buildings to reach RD. TL on RD for 600yds to reach TK on right (OW). TR and climb up TK for 1000yds to reach grass triangle on lane.
- 1.2** TR on lane then immediately left between hedges. Ahd to field. BR on bearing 65° to cross field and enter woods. Cont on path through woods to reach K/G to field. Cont down field to reach K/G, then Ahd to reach K/G to enclosed path. Ahd to RD. BL across RD to FPS opposite. Take enclosed path, which becomes a climb through woods with fence on left. Cont Ahd to reach lane. TL on lane and follow to metal gate and RD.
- 1.3** TR on RD and after 150yds TL over ST into field. BR on bearing 140° to cross field to ST Through two ST,s and Ahd to enter small copse. Pass through copse to reach drive by large gates. TR down drive and through white gate, pass large house on left to TL on FP through farm yard. BR pass barns passing through iron gate to BR on TK. At bend in TK cont Ahd over ST into field. Ahd downhill with line of power cables to reach ST into woods. Climb through woods to reach enclosed path past house. Emerge onto RD. TR on RD Ahd 600yds to reach “Round House” before road turns right.
- 1.4** TL 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, BL thru old gate posts (blue WM on left post) continue Ahd for 400yds to emerge on hillside. BL down the hill to reach TK in valley. TR to reach gate.

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- 1.5** TL before gate at FP sign, Ahd on enclosed path bearing right after 100yds. Cont Ahd for 300yds then BL on FP climbing through woods. after 250yds

at brow of hill TR by WM post. After 30yds TL at T junction and follow path as it descends to RD at Hambleden. **Cross busy RD**, ahead over bridge to enter village.

BR with RD to reach village hall on right.

GR SU784865

15.3miles

CP2 Hambleden Village Hall

Opening Times 10.00am – 5.30pm

2.0 On leaving checkpoint TL and retrace steps over bridge. On the other side of bridge TL over stile and follow path down the valley between stream and road. Pass through two K/G to cross track and continue down valley to reach K/G in field corner. Continue 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

2.1 TL on TK and follow TK for 1000yds as it turns RT then LT and then RT through K/G to RD. TL on Rd to pass “Flower Pot Hotel”. BR with Rd as it climbs past house on right. At the end of the fence / wall TR over stile at FPS. Climb RHS of field over stile to reach FP sign at TK. Ahd on TK across open fields to reach gate at road. TL on RD for 150yds then TR through gap in hedge on FP. BL across field towards power line pole. Ahd through gap on path into woods. continue on path through woods to stile. Ahd across field to FPS then descend on enclosed path at edge of wood to stile. X stile and BR across garden to stile at bottom of field. X 2nd field to RD X RD and through gap into Henley Regatta grounds. Continue on left side of field to reach barrier and car park on left. TL through barrier and Ahd to RD. TR to cross bridge over Thames.

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2.2 TL 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 SU766 815

19.84 miles. 07.00 - 20.00

WELL DONE!