

**OXON 40-2014**  
**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 way marks

**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).

## **GR SU753822**

- 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.

## **GR SU724831**

- 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.

## **GR SU716832**

- 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.

## **GR SU700843**

**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.

### **GR SU725853**

- 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 AHD 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.

### **GR SU775860**

- 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 CP cross to church entrance and pass through the church yaRD to the L of the church, exit onto RD. Ahd 60yds to K/G on RT. through gate then BL to cross fld towaRDs hedge, BL to K/G then Ahd to K/G. Ahd through 2<sup>nd</sup> K/G to pass paddock and enter encl footpath. Ahd to minor RD, cross to encl footpath to K/G, then Ahd on RHS of fld, through K/G continue to 2<sup>nd</sup> K/G Ahd on LHS of fld to K/G in corner of fld. Through K/G pass seat to K/G onto RD.

**GR SU782881**

- 2.01 BR then L on RD to pass large house on left then Ahd on track to enter Fld. Ahd on LHS to reach Encl track to RD. X RD to K/G. Ahd to cross field to K/G, continue across of field to reach K/G at TK. X TK continue on LHS Fld to K/G in corner. Continue Ahd to gate and RD at Skirmett.
- 2.02 TL on RD, continue Ahd at junction (towards Hambleden) **Take Care** and cross to RHS. As road bends sharp left then straightens look for enclosed FP on RHS.  
**TR through gate** and climb on enclosed path. Ahd on this path which becomes TK at the top of the hill. Follow TK for 1000yds across top of hill eventually descending to sharp LH bend (ignore left fork on descent), cont Ahd on FP to enter Fld. BR across fld to corner of woods. TL into woods and follow FP to RD.

**GR SU765904**

- 2.03 X to K/G in hedge. through then BR across fld. TR at hedge Ahd to K/G to enter encl path to Turville centre. Pass right of green and Ahd on TK between houses. As TK bears L Ahd through K/G ascending to K/G then climbing hill to pass Windmill on RT. Through K/G to RD.

TR on RD then after 30yds TL over ST to descend on TK. **After 80 yds TL** on FP down through woods to emerge in fld. BR across fld to reach stile at gate. Ahd on TK to reach RD

### **GR SU774918**

2.04 TR on RD, after 50yds TL over ST, through K/G then climb on RHS of Fld to reach K/G into woods. Ahd on FP to reach top of hill. At cross TK **BL following WM** through woods to X TK Ahd to 2<sup>nd</sup> TK. BL on TK descending to junction with BW from RT. **Turn Right** follow BW for 1100yds reaching TK junction by storage sheds. TL on TK. After 150yds as TK turns RT, BL then RT entering Fld. Pass through animal pens then Ahd on RHS of Fld to reach ST in corner. X ST Ahd on RHS of Fld. Follow hedge as it bears RT to reach K/G to RD.

### **GR SU787916**

2.05 TR on RD, after 200yds as RD turns RT, **cross with care** to K/G left of drive. Climb FP on RHS of Fld to reach K/G. Through K/G Ahd on encl path to K/G to Fld. Ahd on RHS of Fld following boRDER around to left to reach K/G into woods. Ahd on Encl path to reach K/G into Fld. Ahd LHS of Fld to reach K/G. TR to descend with fence on L to K/G. Ahd to end of fence where TL on FP by water container. Ahd on RHS of Fld to K/G on RT. TR Ahd on LHS of Fld to reach ST /gate in corner. X St Ahd on encl path to Y junction. BL through K/G to pass allotments on right to reach TK (old bicycle on left). TL on TK in front of houses. As tracks reaches builders yaRD BR on FP across grass area. BL with path to pass Church on (your) LHS. Cont on TK bearing R between houses to reach RD with Lane End village hall on RT' (**Follow route description not walkers retracing steps from Checkpoint**)

### **GR SU807917**

**23.3miles**

### **CP3 Lane End Village Hall**

**Opening Times 10.40am – 3.00pm**

3.0 From CP retrace steps to pass church on your RT, but BL to cross RD with care to pavement. TR on pavement to pass Lane End conference centre. Cont on pavement for 400yds to reach private drive on L. Take RH FP on TK into woods. Pass houses on L to encl FP. TL at the end of the wall and Ahd to K/G into fld. Ahd across fld parallel to fence line to K/G at TK. X TK to FP up steps. Ahd by woods then RHS of Fld. Follow RHS of Fld to reach gap and steps on RT. Through gap and then BL to FP into woods. Ahd on TK to reach

fld. BR 120° across fld to enter woods. Ahd on TK through woods. As TK turns L Ahd over ST.

### **GR SU818899**

3.01 BR climbing to post, then into bushes. At top TR on WM path. After 60yds BR at WMP cont Ahd on ridge after 250yds BL to reach broken ST. TL and climb to fence line. TR and follow fence to TK. TR and descend on TK to reach large open grass area. TR with paddock fence on L. Descend and then climb to reach gate onto drive. Ahd on drive to RD.

### **GR SU816890**

3.02 TR on RD, **Cross with care** to LH side. Ad on RD for 250yds to RD junction TL on Chisbridge Lane for 900yds to pass Chrisbridge farm. 150yds past farm TL over ST and cont Ahd on LHS of Fld to ST in corner. X double ST and BR 145° across Fld to ST and encl FP. Ahd 100Yds to X TK, TR then immed TR over ST. BL on FP to pass house on L then TL with fence to reach ST in hedge. Ahd on FP across Fld to TK and gate. Cont Ahd across Fld to TK, Ahd 30yds onTK to reach junction at fence.

### **GR SU808876**

**(follow route description, not walkers on loop from Hambleden)**

3.03 TR on TK and descend to junc in dip. Ahd 10yds BL over ST. TR and climb on FP parallel to TK. After 250yds X TK and Ahd. After 150yds TR at WMP to emerge on TK. X TK then Ahd on FP across fld to enter woods. Follow path through woods to X ST into fld. BR around edge then BL to cut corner to ST onto RD. TR then immediately LT over ST by gate. Follow track for 800yds to merge with main track from right, Ahd on main track for 200yds. At WMP just before leaving woods, TR and descend on path. After 60yds BL at fork to follow on LHS of woods. **After 300yds at WMP TL under tree to fld.** BR on FP to descend field to ST onto drive. TR on drive down to RD. Cross RD to gate and enter fld. TL in fld and retrace your steps to church yaRD and CP

### **GR SU784865**

**30.2miles**

**CP4 Hambleden Village Hall**

**Opening Times 10.00am – 5.30pm**

**35 Mile Route**, On leaving checkpoint TL and retrace steps over bridge. On the other side of bridge TL over ST 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 (*Hamblenden 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, **Go to 5.1**

#### **40 Route Continued**

- 4.1 Leave the checkpoint and turn right to pass *The Stag and Huntsman*. Continue up lane, pass *Kenricks* on R, lane becomes path then TK leading uphill. Pass thru gate at top of hill onto wider TK, pass barn on R then after 150 yds, TL at FPS to pass *Huttons Farm* on R. Continue Ahd thru gate onto TK (FPS, *No Biking*). Ahd on TK for 220 yds, swinging R into wood, continue Ahd on main TK staying RT at two forks. After second fork Ahd 170 yds to field gate. 10yds before gate BR with TK (field on left). Ahd 800 yds to RD.

#### **GR SU798876**

- 4.2 TL on RD for 250yds (passing “Heathwood” on right) to reach ST on RT just before house & road junction. TR over ST and Ahd downhill to fence line. TL along fence for 50yds to ST. X ST and BL thru woods for 300yds to reach gate in fence. Cont Ahd with fence on L thru second gate to reach X TK. Over TK Ahd **70 yds to WMP at X TK**. TL Ahd down LH side of wood to X ST on L to TK.TR to TK junction.

Ahd at TK junct ascending for 400 yds, then swing R with main TK. Ahd 150yds between fences onto narrow FP in woods. Cont on FP, X 2 TKs, then downhill to X wide TK in valley. Up opp side of valley, thru gap in fence then BR on WM to pass house on your L.circumnavigating garden to meet RD at *Woodside House*. TR on RD for 350 yds, then take CW path on L, X stile into field Ahd on CB 260 (aim for houses ahead), X two STs and further fld to reach houses at ROTTEN ROW.

#### **GR SU799867**

- 4.3 Ahd on RD past duck pond for 150 yds, then after house TL thru gate (FPS), follow path along LHS of field and Ahd thru wood ignoring paths to L and R. Swing L with TK into valley after 200 yds, joining TK from R, then 30 yds later, before grass clearing, TR on FP uphill to edge of wood. Ahd on TK across fld to reach lane at gate. TR on lane for 200 yds to RD. Cross

RD and ST. TL on FP parallel to RD for 250 yds to X ST. TR thru K/G and Ahd on path with barbed wire fence to R, over small rise, then downhill on Path /TK for 400yds to K/G. Ahd thru K/G to X fld. At TK junct TL and follow TK for 400yds to reach X path, (60yds before RD). TL through K/G. BR across field to reach K/G in RH corner. TR on RD for 40yds to reach CP in car park.

**GR SU785855**

**35.23mls**

**CP5 Mill End Car Park (Outside)**

**Opening Time 1.30pm – 6.30pm**

5.0 On leaving CP TR on RD cont down RD to T junc with A4155. X RD to driveway (*Hambleton 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**

5.1 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 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.

**GR SU763826**

5.2 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**

**Ascent 4,644ft**

**GR SU765815**

**40.9 miles**

**07.00 – 20.00 WELL DONE!**