

OXON 20 2015 - Route Description

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Place names:

CAPITALS = name appears on O.S. Landranger 175, Explorer 171 or is Street Name:

Italics = name can be seen from route

Abbreviations: All GRs are SU XXX XXX

ahd=ahead: **B**=Bear: **bldg**=building: **BW**=Bridleway: **ByW**=Restricted Byway, **CB**=compass bearing (magnetic): **cont**=continue: **CW**=Chiltern Way: **CWE**=Chiltern Way Extension: **encl**=enclosed: **F**=fork: **fld**=field: **flw**=follow: **FP**=Footpath: **FPS**=Footpath sign: **GR**=O.S. grid ref: **immed**=immediately: **junc**=junction: **KG**=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: **SP**=signpost: **TK**=track: **thru**=through: **T**=Turn: **T-junc**= T junction: **wd**=wood: **WM**=waymark(ed): **X**=cross/across: **yds**=yards

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Start GR 766 815 Henley YMCA Pavilion:

Thru YMCA car park, TL then immed TR towards main RD. In 80yds TL along slip RD. At end ½R to cont on pavement of main RD, pass *Esso* garage then 600yds past mini roundabout to traffic lights. Ahd 15yds TL up FP (SP: *Holy Trinity Church*). At T-junc at top TR on FP, pass church & cont ahd to end of *Church St* at main RD. X RD **with care**, ½L onto LHS of *Deanfield Ave* for 30yds. TL on TK with cream & blue bldg on R (FPS), ahd up TK 400yds becoming encl FP. At end ahd on RD for 200yds, TR along *Tilebarn Close*. In 120yds, TL at *Paradise RD* sign & take encl FP to R (FPS: *Rotherfield Greys*) (CB280) to head up bottom of valley. **GR 753 822**

1.3 miles: Cont ahd up valley bottom X ST but ignore all cross TKs, for 1300yds to X ST by WM. Ahd RHS of trees passing L of house to X ST. Ahd to TK & cont. Over X TKs & ahd over fld for 300yds in valley bottom, eventually hedge on R. Go R of WM & ahd 10yds (10yds before TK turns L), BR to X ST in hedge into fld. Ahd along LHS of fld, & keep ahd up valley for 800yds, Xing 2 STs (by gates) & ignoring paths L & R. Thru KG in corner & enter trees. After 100yds, at WM immed before RD, TR on path parallel to road. After 160yds, when path intersects with RD, ahd 50yds on RH verge then X RD **with care**, TL at bend onto minor RD. **GR 725 831**

3.4 miles: Ahd up RD 400yds (CB295) past Xing of CWE (FPS) past trees on LHS to FPS on L. TL thru KG, ahd up RHS fld & thru gate into wd. Up RHS of wd to wooden fence, BL (fence on R) to gate. Thru gate & ahd, after 50yds BR (CB270) & cont thru trees. At end of wd ignore TK joining from L & gate on L, ahd into encl FP & thru KG. Ahd LHS fld thru KG into encl FP. At end thru gate & ahd 20yds, X tarmac track onto gravel TK past *The Strip*. Where TK turns R ahd on grass. BR thru gap in hedge. Flw grassy path to KG, thru KG & TL behind houses. Flw LHS fld thru KG & ahd (CB320) to next KG approx 4yds from RH corner of wd. Thru KG & ahd, close to RHS wood. At end thru KG, X TK & ahd thru KG. X fld to KG, ahd X 2nd fld & thru KG into wd. Ahd 50yds to WM post, TR on BW to RD. X RD ½L to FPS & thru scrub into fld. X fld (CB330) into wd, flw FP 70yds to WM post, TL flw FP ahd to RD, ignore FP on R. X RD **with care** to KG opp (FPS: *Witheridge Hill*). **GR 703 839**

5.1 miles: Thru KG, fillw LH fld edge to WM post, TL X plank bridge, thru gate fillw RHS of fld pass wooden bldg on R (Note Shark sculpture on end of bldg) and thru KG to TK. AHD on TK past wooden shelter on L. Where TK turns L and thru KG & cont down RHS of fld. Thru KG to encl FP to RD. X **with care** to RD opp (*Witheridge Hill*).
GR 698 841

5.5 miles: Ahd up RD for 60yds & TR on TK to pass R of *Bucks Barn*. Cont on TK & before 2nd WM (as TK bends R) FL 60 yds downhill past *Treetops* on R to X TK & and to R of telegraph pole for 300yds to lane. TL along lane for 100yds to reach XRDs. TR up RD (*Stoke Row*), then after 80yds next to entry to *Bushwood*, TR into wd (FPS). Fillw path in wd uphill for 500yds (CB270 after early climb). At T-junc with path on edge of wd, TR, then after 80yds, TL into recreation ground. Ahd ½R, to RH corner of car park on R of pavilion, on leaving car park immed X ST on L to take encl FP on far side of hedge. X 2nd ST and fillw encl FP to village green, cross green ½R to road junc at RD sign, then and on RD thru village (*Nuffield*), passing *Cherry Tree* pub to reach Village Hall on L immed after *Power Garage*. **GR 680 840**

CP 1 STOKE ROW VILLAGE HALL - 6.8 miles OPEN: 10.00-13.00

6.8 miles: From Village Hall X RD, TL on main road for 150yds, pass school then TL in front of church onto *School Lane*. After 220yds, cont on TK (ignore FP to R), then after 130yds, TR on encl FP (inside of RH fence: *Checkendon*). X Fld on encl FP & TL into wd, BR at path junc 50yds after passing corrugated iron shed (10yds after white arrows on tree) (CB280). Descend thru wd, thru KG into fld. Ahd on LHS of field, X ST in front of house & further ST to reach RD. TL on RD & after 30yds, TR over ST (FPS). X fld to corner of trees and, and with wd on R to X ST far corner of fld. X RD & take FP opp, joining TK past house, where TK bears R take RH of two FPs and (between house & telegraph pole) and thru trees then BR to RD at SCOTS FARM. **GR 662 840**

8.1 miles: X RD & cont and on TK (FPS) to R of houses. Ahd thru metal gate & past *Beach*. Thru gap by wooden gates, and into woods & ignoring all paths to R & L descend for 650yds to 4 way junc in dip. TL on TK & ignoring path on R follow this for 800yds thru trees into more open grassy area where TK fades. Ahd on path to WM post where BR on FP uphill for 200yds, sporadic views thru trees to L. At WM TL down steps to reach *Johns Gate*. Thru gate & BR downhill, and thru/past KG then BL to fillw fence on L thru gate (WMS) into encl FP. Ahd & BL of pond to emerge on RD at entrance to *Bottom Farm House*. **GR 646 836**

9.5 miles: TR on lane for 300yds, then TL on ByW (FPS). Follow path uphill for 1200yds (ignoring all paths L & R) becoming TK then RD. 200yds after *Hammonds Cottage* meet main RD at T-junc. TL on RD (**care needed: single file please**) for 250yds. After 30mph sign, take encl FP to L (FPS) for 200yds, then TR at WM thru 2 KGs & X fld to R of small octagonal bldg. Fillw fence on L, thru KG to drive, TR passing R of church to reach RD, TL on RD, pass church & next house to reach village hall on L. **GR 664 831**

CP 4 CHECKENDON VILLAGE HALL - 11.1 miles OPEN: 11.00-15.00

11.1 miles: X RD in front of hall ½R & flw FPS opp up TK to R of cricket pitch. BL thru gate/ST opp *Timbers Yard*, at hut on L ahd into wd (yellow arrow on tree), ignoring all side paths. Thru wd on main path to emerge thru KG on TK, X TK, thru KG, X fld (CB70) thru KG to RD. TR on RD for 500yds to *Larchdown Farm*, take BW on R (L of farm sign), ahd 250yds to reach four way junc at WM, ahd over small mound onto unmarked path which swings L after 20yds. Flw downhill to reach RD at T-junc.

GR 677 828

12.1 miles: TR on RD at T-junc (CB190) for 400yds, pass houses on L, then take FP on L immed afterwards (FPS: *Stoke Row*). Uphill past forestry sign, to KG - DO NOT GO THRU - TR on path & flw wire fence, ignoring obvious RH TK, to X ST on L by *Wyfold Court* sign, after 10yds TR at signpost then flw path thru trees to reach fld, TR & flw RHS of fld. After 300yds, X ST & TR on BW. Follow BW for 500yds to RD.

GR 684 815

13.3 miles: TR 30yds & X RD, take BW sign opp, but immed BL on unmarked FP. After 200yds merge onto path from R then 150yds later (& 20yds before TK turns R) take centre of 3 paths at junc (CB90). Keep edge of field in sight to your L (20-30yds away). Continue on path close to LH side of wd for 600yds eventually thru holly to meet wide path leading in from L, TR for 20yds & thru gap between wooden & wire fences. Immed TL at *Access on Foot only* sign onto wider path (CB80), ahd on this for 700yds to pass pit on L. Then 60yds later, as main path swings sharply R, keep ahd (white arrow on tree). BL immed after passing wooden posts, after 15yds TR for 30yds to leave wd at KG. X fld & flw LHS hedge, ignore ST on L but ahd thru KG at far LH corner of field. Ahd RHS of house, thru KG to busy RD (**LOOK**). **GR 700 811**

14.6 miles: XRD ½R into hidden path, thru wd (CB100), after 100yds TR at 2nd X TK (CB130), ahd 400yds (ignoring TK to L after 200yds) to gate at RD end. Ahd down residential road for 800yds, passing *Hare and Hounds PH* on L, to T-junc at end of RD, TR at *Co-op supermarket* to Village hall on R. **GR 708 803**

CP 5 SONNING COMMON VILLAGE HALL - 15.3 miles OPEN: 11.45-17.30

15.3 miles: TL on main RD for 100yds, then X RD & take marked FP to R (FPS: *Library*). Flw this between houses, crossing minor RD, for 250yds to reach main B481 road. X **with care** & up *Blackmore Lane* opp for 600yds. Pass *Wester & Easter Barns*, ahd 100yds & immed before next house on L, TL onto FP, thru 2 KGs & T sharp L into fld. After 30yds, (10yds before WM in hedge) swing R to X fld (CB10) to RD (**CAUTION**). TR for 30yds, then L on FP (FPS: *Henley*). Ahd passing end of hedge on L, X fld (CB70) & down LHS of wd into trees, ahd at WM in valley bottom & up opp side of valley into encl FP, X ST & thru 2 KGs to emerge on lane at *Kingsfield House*. TR on lane (CWE), 500yds to RD. **GR 732 804**

17.3 miles: TL 120yds on RD (ignore 2FPs on R - 40m route leaves here) to TL over ST at FPS. Ahd up fld (CB30) X ST by gate, ½R across fld (CB40) to X ST by gate. TR on lane for 950yds to grass at T junc, BL to RD (*Hunts Green*). **GR 744 806**

18.2 miles: TL on RD, pass barn on L then TL on RH TK (*Harpsden Hill Cottages Only*), TR with TK & when TK turns R into house ahd on encl FP. Thru KG, B½L X FLD (CB40) & thru KG, thru trees, X FLD CB30 to KG at RD (**care**). *Gillots Lane* on R, X *Gillots Lane* ahd on gravel TK to FPS. Take 3rd TK on L (BW CB80), after 1000yds becomes RD (*Peppard Lane*). Ahd on RD ignoring all side roads & FPs, eventually onto pavement in front of houses on L to 4 way RD junc at *Vicarage RD*. X RDs to encl TK (also *Peppard Lane*), ahd to gate on R into **the finish at**

HENLEY YMCA PAVILION. GR 766 815 - closes at 20:00

CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE 2015 OXON 20 WALK.
(20.0 miles 1525 ft ascent)