

OXON 20-2016 Route Description

Parking spaces are limited please car share if possible.

Place names: *Italics* = name can be seen from route

CAPITALS = name appears on O.S. Landranger 175 (1:50,000) - or Street Name

Abbreviations: **ahd**=ahead: **B**=bear: **bld**=building: **BW**=bridleway:
CB=compass bearing (magnetic): **cont**=continue: **CW**=Chiltern Way:
CWE=Chiltern Way Extension: **enc**=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: **NT**= National Trust: **opp**=opposite:
OW=Oxfordshire Way: **R**=right: **RD**=road: **RW**=Ridgeway: **SP**=
signpost: **ST**=stile: **TK**=track: **thru**=through: **T**=turn: **wd**=wood:
WM=waymark(ed) (often white arrows): **X**=cross/across: **yds**=yards
All GRs are SU xxxxxx

Start GR 766 815 Henley YMCA Pavilion:

Leave car park & TR, at T-junc TL, BR with RD to T-junc TL, thru enc FP to Zebra crossing, X RD (**with care**) then TL 60 yds, TR into *Mill Lane*. Ahd over railway to river. TL on towpath (TP) for 1500yds, passing *Hobbs of Henley* & cont ahd on river bank. At *Angel Inn* TL, X RD then TR 10 yds to main RD, TL on main RD (A4130). After 100 yds X RD at controlled crossing & TR to church. TL at church entrance to take tarmac path thru churchyard (*Dusty Springfield's* grave on L) & pass almshouses to RD, X RD & TL. Flw RD for 200 yds & at end of RD (opp. *Asquiths Teddy Bear Shop* on L) TR on RH pavement for 200 yds to 2nd mini roundabout. **GR 760 831**

1.9 miles: X the *Marlow Road* & take the A4130 (SP: *Nettlebed*) for 400yds keeping to the RH pavement. Immed after *Rupert House Playing Fields* sign on R TR on enc FP. Enter copse & BL uphill. Thru KG & ahd uphill (CB340) on open ground for 1100yds, thru KG & ahd another 1100 yds on tarmac drive past houses then on TK to RD. X RD flw OW sign, X ST/gate onto TK between paddocks, X 2nd ST/gate into fld. X fld (CB270) & X 3rd ST into enc FP, X 4th ST (may be missing) into fld with open views ahd, flw fence on LHS downhill to enter trees, X ST & flw FP to RD at MIDDLE ASSENDON **GR 739 857**

4.3 miles: TL 30 yds on minor RD then TR into slip RD before B480, ahd on RH verge to pass the *Rainbow Inn* on L. 200 yds later X RD at houses, pass *Sarsens* on L & TL at 2nd RD (SP: *Bix Bottom*). Up lane in valley bottom for 1000 yds to TR at RD junc. In 330yds, immed after 2 houses on R, TR on FP, then after 30 yds as TK swings R behind house, leave TK & ahd on RHS of fld, flw faint WM. After 120 yds, X ST in hedge (CB90), X fld to rejoin TK, BL uphill on TK to brow of hill, ignoring side TK.

Ahd (CB80) over hill & down to hedge gap at bottom corner of fld. Thru gap & immed. TL back on yourself on enc TK (CB290) (Do not proceed to RD). **GR 735 867**

5.6 miles: Fllw TK uphill for 1 mile to TK junc near fld edge, BR (SW 33) & cont to reach lane at yellow fire hydrant. TL on lane, then after 250 yds at next fire hydrant, BL & keep bearing L at TK juncs, passing *Tuckers Cottage*, to fllw LHS of common 500 yds to RD. Ahd on grassy TK on RHS of RD for 400 yds, then opp *Cookley Hill Farm*, TR on TK for *Nuttalls Farm*. After 120 yds at faint Xpath TL (CB300) in direction of gap in trees. Fllw this path thru gap joining path from L & ahd on LHS (west side) of common for 700 yds to meet gravel TK. TL & fllw TK for 300 yds, past duckpond to RD, BR to Village Hall.

**CP 1. RUSSELLS WATER VILLAGE HALL. GR 708 898 - 8.5 miles.
OPEN: 10.50-13.50**

8.5 miles: From CP TL on RD for 150 yds (**BEWARE TRAFFIC**), TR at FPS (CW) on TK between houses. Fllw TK downhill to junc (WM), TR for 1100 yds on TK & eventually lane to main RD. TL for 20 yds, X RD **WITH GREAT CARE** & take WM'd FP (CW) opposite. Fllw on RHS of green then ahd on RD for 300yds thru 7.5T road signs, take 2nd FP on L (CW). Thru trees & ahd ignoring all X TKs to KG. Ahd X fld (CB290) then BL under power lines thru KG into enc FP. X lane into trees for 50 yds, then TR thru gate into churchyard. Keep L of *St Botolphs Church* & leave at gate. TL on TK to leave CW and join RW at *Gardeners Cottage*. **GR 682 902**

10.4 miles: Ahd on RW along valley bottom for 400 yds, then TL uphill (RW). Thru 2 KGs & steeply uphill in wd. Cont on LHS of fld then ahd to enc TK to reach farm at EWELME PARK HOUSE. TL thru farm blds. After farm, at 4 way junc TL on BW/RD, (leaving RW). After 400 yds, just past white houses, TR at WM. Fllw TK 250 yds to TL at WM, then thru trees & onto grass to meet wider TK from L. Ahd on TK on LHS of fld, TR after copse(WM) & fllw RHS of next fld to gate. **GR 683 885**

12.2 miles: Thru gate, X TK & uphill on path opp on white WM. TR thru metal posts & BL up LHS of wd. At T-junc just before houses, TL to enter fld then TR on RHS of fld next to houses for 400 yds. Thru gap in fence & immed TL at junc, 300 yds thru wd & thru gate to RD. TL on RD for 250 yds (**BEWARE TRAFFIC**), X ST on R & take LH of two FPs on RHS of hedge (CB150). **GR 689 875**

13.2 miles: At end of hedge, enter wd soon joining winding grassy TK. Ahd for 450 yds on grassy TK ignoring all side paths & eventually swing L to 4 way offset junc, XTK & ahd on FP opp (white WM on tree). At end of wd into fld, B½L towards gap in trees on skyline (CB100), thru gap & ahd ½L for 500yds keeping to LHS fld as fld edge TL, TR & TL. Then 70yds after fld edge swings ½R TL over ST in hedge (WM). TR on TK for 80 yds

to junc. TR on enc TK & at end TR into FP for 400 yds thru allotments to RD. TL 200 yds to Village Club on L.

CP 4. NETTLEBED VILLAGE CLUB. GR 699 868 - 14.5 miles

OPEN: 11.50–16.50 (CP 2 & CP 3 apply to 40 route only).

14.5 miles: From CP TR, X RD via controlled crossing & TR 150 yds. Immed past Church TL onto enc FP. At end ahd 250 yds on gravel TK past farm. At end of trees BL into fld at WM. Cross fld 900 yds, L of copse (CB140) to LH corner of fld, X TK & thru gap onto FP into trees. At T-junc after 30 yds, TL (note 40s go R). **GR 701 857**

15.3 miles: Fllw BW past sawmill to RD, X RD (B481) **BEWARE FAST TRAFFIC** & ahd up lane opp (*SP: Lower Highmoor*), at junc after 400 yds BR on TK then 200 yds later, at 5 way junc, ahd on mud/gravel TK (L of *Estate Office*). Fllw TK past white house & further 400yds into wd, at 4 way junc (WM with dog control notice) TL onto FP. Thru trees for 400yds to KG & into open fld, T½R (CB150), X grass, X drive then R of trees surrounding old pit & ahd to X ST into wd. **GR 711 844**

16.4 miles: Ahd 900 yds on FP in wd along valley bottom ignoring FP on R. At Xpath, TR on blue WM. Fllw for 300 yds, then TL thru gate & immed TR thru another gate on R of *NT Vermin* sign. After 250 yds BR at 3 way junc by post (note NT sign on far side of post), 400 yds later as TK BL at NT WM ahd 20 yds thru KG to RD. TL on RD 350 yds, BR at '*Give Way*' sign to main RD. **GR 725 832**

17.7 miles: X RD **CAREFULLY**, TR & fllw path on LH verge & into trees. At path T junc (WM) TL downhill thru trees & thru KG to fld. Keep ahd on RHS thru 3 flds. In far RH corner of 3rd fld X ST on R & TL onto wide TK, cont down valley. At X TKs ahd on enc TK, when TK TL X ST ahd & pass LOWER HERNES HOUSE on L. At end of fence ahd on edge of trees to X ST & cont on enc FP for 800yds to X diagonal path then cont ahd passing sports ground to L to reach RD at *Paradise Road* sign. **GR 753 823**

19.8 miles: TR on TILEBARN CLOSE to main RD. X main RD, TL & cont ahd, 20 yds after *Leaver Road* on L B½R into enc FP on LHS of 55 *Deanfield Road*. At end of FP pass garages on R and fllw RH pavement to crossroads. X main RD & ahd into *Church Street* then ahd on gravel past Church. Thru metal posts & ahd thru barrier to enc path. At end of path thru barrier & cont ahd for 500yds on *Vicarage Road* ignoring all sideroads to pass Church on L (*Sacred Heart*). Cont ahd X RD junc & ½ way round RH bend TL on RD (*SP: Chiltern Cycleway*). At multiway junc X RD from L into enc BW (*Peppard Lane*) & cont to gate on R into **FINISH**.

HENLEY YMCA SPORTS PAVILION GR 765 815 – CLOSSES AT 20.00

21 miles Approx. 1700 feet ascent - WELL DONE!