

# DIRECTIONS

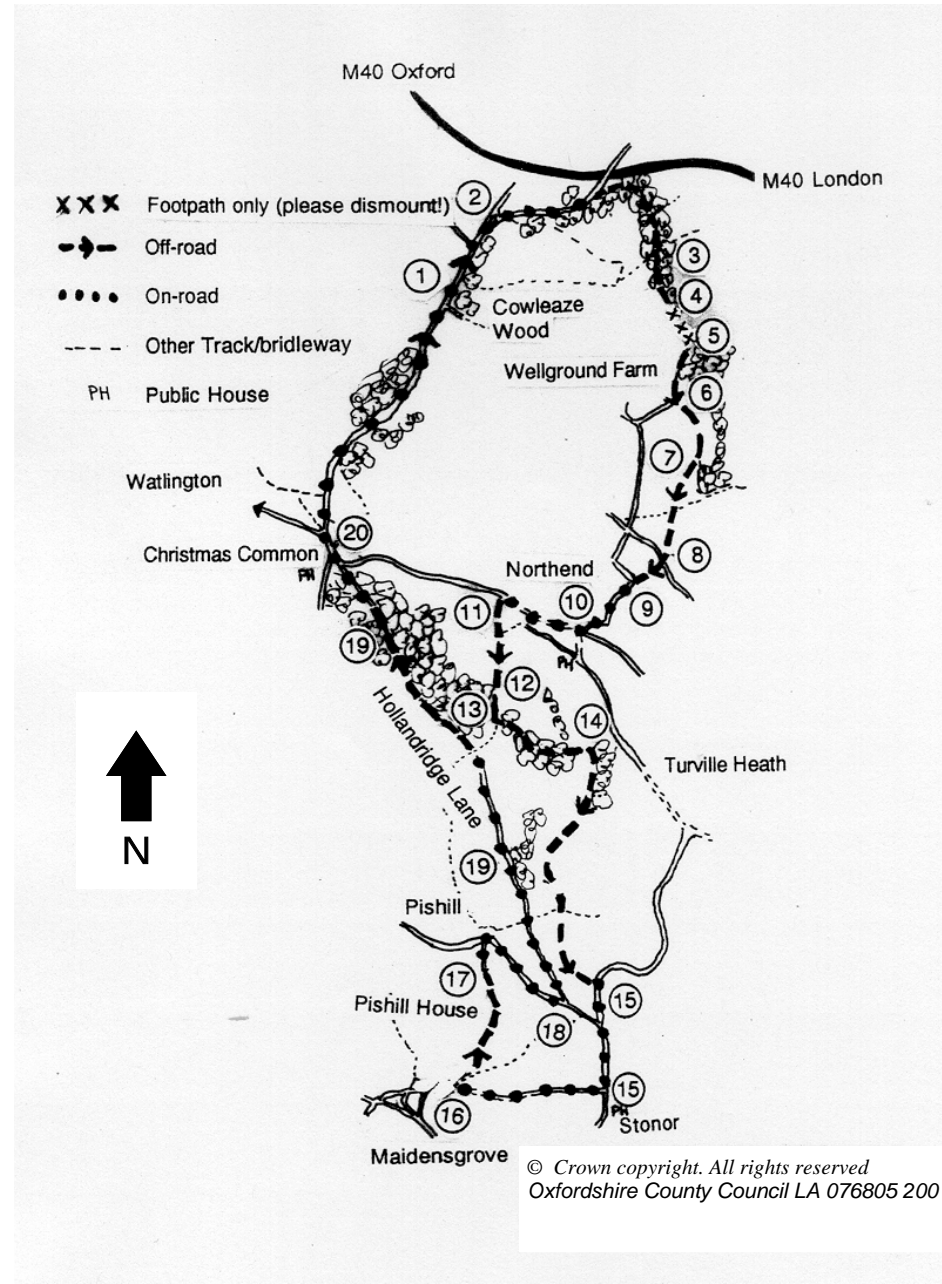
Total distance approx 27 km (17 miles). Time 2-3 hours at a moderate pace.

TL= Turn Left TR = Turn Right

FL = Fork Left FR = Fork Right SP = Signposted

## TAKE EXTRA CARE AT ALL ROAD JUNCTIONS

- 1 From car park TR onto road towards Stokenchurch. Follow until just before bridge over M40 where brideway leaves from right hand side of road.
- 2 Follow brideway down into woodland through small gate. Continue on well defined route through woodland. Look for waymarks on trees adjacent to route.
- 3 Towards bottom of descent through woods avoid fork right and continue straight on into narrow sunken lane.
- 4 At county boundary (marked by **wooden barrier**) the **brideway ENDS**. *Please continue on foot to the base of slope to avoid annoyance to landowner and comply with current Highway Legislation.*
- 5 At estate road TR onto brideway again. Cottage to right. Follow road to junction with brideway (next to sign for Cricket Pitch)
- 6 FL onto field edge to next 'Y' junction.
- 7 FR through lightly wooded section out onto enclosed track. Follow through two small gates one after the other.
- 8 At junction with estate road (4 way) follow brideway straight on to narrow steep climb out onto another estate road.
- 9 FL at estate road and continue uphill. Follow brideway along hedge track to small gate adjacent to locked field gate. Go through gate onto road junction at Northend Village Pond.
- 10 TR and follow road towards Christmas Common. Look for brideway sign on left after about 750 metres.
- 11 TL and follow brideway which winds L/R and then R/L before following field edge. This is a fast descent with excellent sight lines towards woodland. **(Care needed on loose surface. Proceed with caution).**



- 12 At small gate (redundant) continue into woodland and descend to 'T' junction.
- 13 TL and follow through woodland on well defined track (very wet in winter).
- 14 Join farm track and follow around edge of pasture field towards farm buildings. Continue past farm onto grassy track and follow well defined track to road at Stonor.
- 15 TR and follow Oxfordshire Cycleway (OC) turning right towards Russell's Water. Long climb following road. Look for 2 bridleway signs marking 'Oxfordshire Way'.
- 16 TL onto bridleway. Follow well defined bridleway line and ignoring L/R junction with footpath. **Caution: Steep descent towards junction with private trackway.** Cross trackway onto field edge with hedge to right. Follow to junction before Pishill House.
- 17 FR at junction and descend to road past Pishill Church.
- 18 At road TR and follow road back towards Stonor. Adjacent to old barn on right TL onto old lane signed as 'Public Right of Way' and for 'OC'.
- 19 Follow old sunken lane (Hollandridge Lane) uphill. Surface deteriorates further on. Continue into Forestry Commission Woodland on stony track. Continue on tarmac track past houses (left) towards Christmas Common.
- 20 At road junction continue straight on following signs for Stokenchurch back to car park. Approx 2.5 km.

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

**Christmas Common (Watlington) & Area** is a pleasant and generally undemanding ride with sections of both on and off road cycling. There are a few steep ascents and descents.

### MAPS:

You can use this leaflet in conjunction with Ordnance Survey Explorer Map Sheet 171 Chiltern Hills West (Henley on Thames & Wallingford).

### PARKING:

There is ample car parking space at Cowleaze Wood Forestry Commission car park. Grid Reference SU726955.

### REFRESHMENTS:

Food and drinks are available at most Public Houses found on route in Northend, Christmas Common and Stonor. It is advisable to take extra drinks and snacks with you.

For further information or comments on 'Discover Oxfordshire by Bike' please contact:  
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## POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Ensure that your bicycle is in good working order.
- Check brakes, wheels and tyres regularly.
- Always carry a puncture repair kit, a spare inner tube, suitable tools, lock, money, food and drink
- Wear suitable and high visibility clothing.
- A cycle helmet is advisable and may reduce the risk of a serious head injury.
- Take care in cycling downhill and crossing busy road junctions.
- Always ride in single file when roads are narrow or busy and never more than two abreast.
- Always give way to horseriders & walkers on bridleways.

# DISCOVER OXFORDSHIRE BY BIKE

**Christmas Common  
(Watlington) & Area**  
 27 km (17 miles)



**Taking In:**  
**Cowleaze Sculpture Wood**  
**Northend**  
**Turville Heath**  
**Stonor**  
**Maidensgrove**  
**Christmas Common**



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