



BLADON CHAINS

MEDIUM | 14.5 MILES CIRCULAR ROUTE



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This circular route follows National Cycle Network Routes 5 and 51 through the Oxfordshire countryside, passing through the villages of Yarnton and Kidlington.

TRAFFIC

A combination of traffic-free paths and minor roads.

SUITABILITY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN ✕

No, not young children, but older children with experience of cycling.

HILLS

Mostly flat.

REFRESHMENTS/FACILITIES

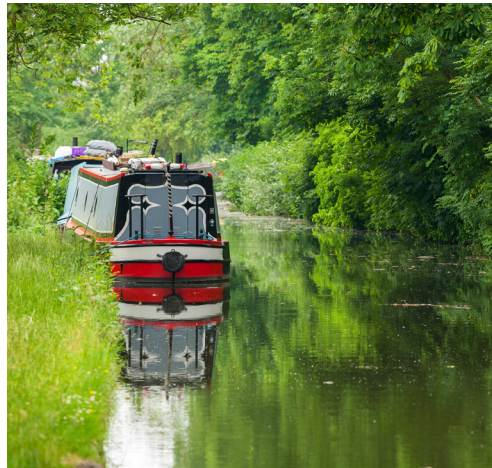
Cotteslowe Park has a children's play area and refreshments. There are shops and refreshments on Kidlington High Street and The Plough Inn at Wolvercote Green serves food.

POINTS OF INTEREST

Stop by JRR Tolkien's grave found at Wolvercote Cemetary. JRR Tolkien is renowned for his works 'The Hobbit' and 'The Lord of the Rings' which have become two of the most well-known, best-loved and biggest-selling books of all time.

OTHER ROUTES IN THE AREA

Other routes in the area: National Cycle Network Route 5 is part of the West Midlands Cycle Route, which goes all the way from Oxford to Stratford-upon-Avon. National Cycle Network Route 51 is part of the South Midlands Cycle Route from Oxford to Milton Keynes.



This route has been suggested by Sustrans' Volunteer Rangers. The Caravan Club would always recommend that any children or young people under 18 years should be fully supervised by a responsible adult. Please be aware that using this route is entirely at your own risk. Extreme care should always be taken when cycling on site, remembering that traffic will be moving around the site and to observe speed limits. Particular attention should be paid when going round blind corners or emerging from paths.

DIRECTIONS

- 1 Leave the Site and turn left along the site approach road towards the A44.
- 2 At the junction, turn right joining National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 5. Stay on the right-hand side on the cycle track. Cross at the roundabout and stay on the cycle track for about 1.5 miles to the roundabout at Begbroke.
- 3 Just before reaching this roundabout, cross over the Woodstock road to Begbroke Lane.
- 4 Follow Begbroke Lane until it turns sharp right. Go straight ahead on to the path and follow it through a wooded area, across the Oxford canal and the railway line crossing into Partridge Place.
- 5 At the end of Partridge Place, turn right into Lyne Road and follow it to the end, where it meets the A4260 Oxford Road in Kidlington.
- 6 Cross the main road, continuing into Kidlington High Street until it meets The Moors / Mill Street. Go straight over into Church Street and continue to and around the church, then right to pick up NCN Route 51.
- 7 Where the path forks go left until it joins a road. Do not follow Route 51 but turn right on the main road and stay on right-hand pathway.
- 8 Follow to a roundabout, staying on the right-hand side, go around the roundabout and towards traffic lights.
- 9 Just before the traffic lights, cross over the road and turn left into Water Eaton Lane.
- 10 Follow Water Eaton Lane until you come to a sign on the left, 'Northfield Farm, Private Road, Bridleway to Water Eaton'. Turn left on bridleway going up and over the A34.
- 11 At the T-junction, turn right, still following the bridleway. Continue for a while, crossing another railway line and on towards Water Eaton Farm.
- 12 Go past the farm, on to the concrete road until it meets the A4165, Kidlington to Oxford road. Turn left, staying on the path on the left of the road.
- 13 You will pass Wolvercote Cemetery where the grave of JRR Tolkien can be found.
- 14 Just past Lovelace Road, cross over the main road on the pedestrian crossing, continuing on the right side of the road towards a busy roundabout.
- 15 Go around the roundabout and cross the main road. Turn immediately left into Blandford Avenue until it meets the A4144, Woodstock Road.
- 16 Turn left on Woodstock Road, then cross, turning right to find First Turn.
- 17 Turn left into First Turn, down the hill into Wolvercote Green. (An alternative route into Oxford from here is towards the canal across the green ground and joining the towpath).
- 18 Continue to the end of Wolvercote Green, joining the Godstow Road. Turn right, then immediately left to pick up the NCN Route 5. Follow this route under the A34 then cross the canal, following the canal on the left towpath to a bridge.
- 19 Cross the bridge turning right and passing the NCN Route 5 signpost. Follow the canal towpath until just before the canal goes under a road bridge.
- 20 Turn left here following the NCN Route 5 signs and stay on Route 5 all the way back into Woodstock and the Club Site.

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