



Christmas Common: Long Route

DIFFICULTY RATING: HIGH: A variety of terrain and very undulating in places but spectacular views!

START POINT: Fox and Hounds, OX49 5HL ** An OS map or using the URL is recommended on this route**

ROUTE

- 1. Turn left out of the Fox and Hounds; pass Christmas Common Farm and take the first footpath on your right. Follow the central path through Charkley Shaw.
- 2. Continue to follow the main footpath across fields and up through woodland until you reach Ibstone Road. Turn right onto Gray's Lane and then take the first footpath on the left.
- 3. Keep on this central path for just over a mile until you reach Holloway Lane. Cross the lane and follow this into Turville Heath.
- 4. In Turville Heath you will come to a triangular meeting of three lanes. Take the footpath which runs parallel with Balham's Lane. (Red arrow)
- 5. Follow this for about a mile until you reach a crossroads of paths. Turn right. You will have Roll's Shaw woodland off to your left.
- 6. Now stay on the central footpath; this will take you through: Moore's Wood, Longhall Hanging Wood and into Fire Wood. After approximately 2 miles, you will come out onto Hollandridge Lane. Follow the white arrows.
- 7. Turn right onto the lane. Take the next footpath on your left and then the first footpath on your right.
- 8. This will bring you back to the road. Turn right and you will then arrive back at the Fox and Hounds pub.

