

Goring: Long Route



DIFFICULTY RATING: HIGH: Gentle long climbs over lanes, fields and woodland tracks.

START POINT: Wheel Orchard Carpark, RG8 9HB

ROUTE

1. Start at the car park and head towards the river. Walk straight on across the bridges and turn right down the footpath by the Church of St Mary (Thames Path). 2. Continue along the Thames path for $\frac{3}{4}$ mile and then turn left. When you reach the main Wallingford Road, cross over and continue along Townsend Road. 3. Cross the Wantage Road and head along Rectory Road - a guiet road with some traffic. After about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles the road will branch right; follow this and you will join The Ridgeway. 4. Follow The Ridgeway for about 1 mile and then take the first left turn. (Red arrow.) 5. Keep on this path for about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile and then keep right where you will join Starveall Road. Take the next footpath on your right. 6. Follow this footpath along the edge of Dumworth Copse; keep left and this will take you to The Bell Inn at Aldworth. (Well worth a stop if you have time!) 7. Walk past the pub and then take the first footpath on your left. At the next path junction, keep straight. 8. At the next path junction turn left, then first right and remain on that path until it takes you back onto Rectory Road. (Yellow arrow.) 9. Turn right onto Rectory Road and then take the right-hand footpath across the golf course 10. When you reach the opposite side of the golf course (Green arrow) double back on yourself, turning left and follow the path along the edge of the golf course. 11. When you reach the end of the course, turn right and you will arrive at the top of Streatley Hill.

12. Take the central path down Streatley Hill and then turn right onto the lane when you reach the bottom. Turn left onto Streatley Hill Road; continue to follow straight over the bridges and this will take you back into the centre of Goring.

