

The Oxford Green Spaces Circular Walk has been created by Friends of Warneford Meadow, Friends of the Trap Grounds, Friends of Oxpens Meadow and CPRE Oxford City with assistance from The Ramblers' Association to increase awareness of Oxford's Green Spaces.

Oxford's green spaces make the city one of the most desirable places to live and work. Yet they are under constant threat from housing and commercial development. Local communities are fighting to protect their much-loved and often little-known green spaces by registering them as Town Greens. The Trap Grounds in north Oxford was successfully registered as a Town Green in 2006 and is now protected for the public to enjoy. The Friends of Oxpens Meadow and the Friends of Warneford Meadow are currently fighting to have their local green spaces protected in the same way. But this costs money in high legal fees. *This sponsored walk is to help raise funds to cover these legal costs and to support the work of CPRE Oxford City.*

Oxpens Meadow is a 5-acre public open space owned by Oxford City Council. It is located near the centre of Oxford, beside and behind the Ice Rink on Oxpens Road. Fringed by trees and shrubs along the banks of the Thames and the Castle Mill Stream, Oxpens Meadow is a natural grassy flood plain with an interesting variety of plants and birdlife. For decades the public has enjoyed the Meadow for informal recreation such as walking, bird watching, kite flying and sports. Formal uses include visits by the circus, hot air balloon launches, the annual Oxford Pride event and an annual cycle race finish. The area is currently under threat of development as part of the City Council's regeneration scheme for the West End. For more information visit: www.oxpensmeadow.org

The Trap Grounds (six acres of reedbed, ponds, and woodland in suburban north Oxford) were registered as a Town Green after a four-year legal campaign by the local community, ending in the House of Lords in 2006. The future of this wildlife haven is now assured – not only for the resident glow worms and water voles, but for walkers and bird-watchers in search of peace and quiet. For more information, contact the Secretary of the Friends of The Trap Grounds on tel: 01865 511307 or visit: www.trap-grounds.org.uk

Warneford Meadow is a well-loved semi-rural area of open land alongside Boundary Brook, behind Warneford Hospital in east Oxford. Part of the site is a large orchard producing an annual crop of many varieties of apple. The Meadow was originally bought to provide a healthy environment for patients from the hospital and is now a haven for wildlife of all kinds. In April 2009, Oxfordshire County Council voted to register Warneford Meadow as a Town Green. The NHS, the owners of the land, subsequently lost a Judicial Review into the legal case for registration and announced it would not be taking the matter further. It is now expected that OCC will proceed with registration of the Meadow as a Town Green. The Friends of Warneford Meadow exists to preserve the Meadow for present and future recreation and enjoyment and to promote its biodiversity. For more information visit: www.friendsofwarnefordmeadow.org.uk

CPRE Oxford City campaigns to protect green spaces in the city and to promote access to the surrounding Green Belt. CPRE is working with organisations such as the Friends of Oxpens Meadow and the Friends of Warneford Meadow to raise money to fight for the legal protection of green spaces. Visit the CPRE Oxfordshire website: www.cpreoxon.org.uk

For more information and to download a sponsorship form visit: www.cpreoxon.org.uk, or contact CPRE Oxfordshire, Punches Barn, Waterperry Road, Holton, Oxon, OX33 1PP, tel: 01865 874780, email: administrator@cpreoxon.org.uk

The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England
(CPRE)

launches the

OXFORD GREEN SPACES

with a sponsored walk & fun events

Sunday 27 June 2010

10 am - 4 pm

CIRCULAR WALK

Join us on the sponsored walk and help protect Oxford's green spaces

- Explore the lesser known and well-loved green spaces within Oxford.
- Raise funds for:
Friends of Oxpens Meadow
Friends of Warneford Meadow
CPRE Oxford City
- Walk the whole nine-mile route or one or two of the three sections.
- Find out how local communities can protect their open green spaces by visiting Trap Grounds, Warneford Meadow and Oxpens Meadow.
- Fun family day out, with children's activities at each site.

www.cpreoxon.org.uk

Registered charity 109308

DIRECTIONS

Walk linking Warneford Meadow to Trap Grounds and Oxpens Meadow. Compiled by Keith Holly.
Approximately 9 miles taking about 3-4 hours.

1. Warneford Meadow (OX4 1PF).

From end of Hill Top Road on grass area by entrance to Jack Howarth House, enter **Warneford Meadow**, turn L, follow path around meadow, passing R of care home buildings and L at mini roundabout to exit onto main road, at traffic lights, cross to N side:

Warneford Lane, turn L & enter:

Cheney Lane, enter gateway on R (not school entry), skirt back of Cheney School playground, Brookes University & reservoir keeping L of Centre for Sport to:

Headington Hill Footbridge, cross & turn R on footpath to top of hill, then L into:

Pullens Lane, turn L into:

Cuckoo Lane alongside stone wall, to:

Marston Road, cross, turn R, then L to:

King's Mill Lane, to:

'Mesopotamia' walk (University Parks) between river channels for 0.5 mile, then L over bridge, then R to cross cycle track & onto path to main:

University Parks area, then turn R to

follow Cherwell River to:

Pond, bear L around pond, L at T crossing, then R to:

Exit University Parks and cross:

Norham Gardens into: **Fyfield Road**, to:

Norham Road, go R 10 yds, then cross L into lane, after 100 yds, L through stone archway into:

Park Town, follow path and road, bearing L, to cross:

Banbury Road (pedestrian lights), go L, then R into:

North Parade, continue across Winchester Road to:

Church Walk, to:

Woodstock Road, cross & turn R for 0.5 mile, then L into:

Frenchay Road, cross bridge over Oxford Canal, turn L down to canal side & on R, enter:

2. Trap Grounds (OX2 6TF), walk circuit within & return to:

Oxford Canal Towpath, turn R for 1.25 miles (passing close to 'The Anchor', a source of sustenance a short distance over the next bridge at **Aristotle Lane**), follow sign to:

Hythe Bridge Street, cross - pedestrian traffic lights available to R. (If required, turn L for City Centre, R for railway station). Down steps to:

Fisher Row, and follow Mill Stream Walk to steps up to:

Park End Street, cross & continue on Walk to:

St. Thomas Street, cross to:

Paradise Street as far as road bridge. Do not bear L but continue alongside stream to footbridge and onward to building site. Follow diversion L around site to: **Thames Street / Oxpens Road**, cross (pedestrian lights R) to:

3. Oxpens Meadow (OX1 1RX), traverse to:

Thames main channel, then turn L on riverside path to footbridge, cross river, and continue on opposite bank to:

Folly Bridge, cross and turn L to:

'The Head of the River', walk behind public house & through gates into:

Christ Church Meadow, go R 150 yds, turn L into **'The New Walk'** to:

Christ Church College, turn R into:

'Broad Walk', at far end exit L into Rose Lane, turn R across front of:

Botanic Gardens, turn L up steps & R onto:

Magdalen Bridge, across **River Cherwell**, then cross via traffic island to N side, turn R into:

St. Clement's Street, then turn L into:

York Place, follow round S-bend & walk forward to riverside, turn R and then L to gateway to:

Angel & Greyhound Meadow, enter & turn R along riverside & exit by second footbridge on R, then turn L along riverside path, turn R into:

Cave Street, after first building turn L into:

Dudley Gardens, at path junction turn L back to riverside path, turn R to:

Cherwell Street to:

Headington Hill junction, cross via traffic lights & turn R alongside Park fence into:

Morrell Avenue, after c.150 yds pass through iron gate into:

South Park, cross aiming for principal grass gap high up between trees, to reach gate beyond play area into:

Warneford Lane, cross near roundabout & enter:

Divinity Road, turn L into:

Hill Top Road, at far end, enter:

Warneford Meadow by Jack Howarth House.

Please be advised:

Some sections of this route are alongside watercourses, so avoid walking on the immediate edge.

Use caution when crossing roads, use pedestrian crossings or cross where road visibility is good.

Dogs to be kept on leads.

Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Bring a hat and sunscreen and wear clothing and footwear suited to the conditions on the day. Note: the towpaths, river-side paths and meadow paths may be muddy.

Water will be available at each registration point but please carry water with you.

Toilets are available for use near each registration point.

The walk will take place whatever the weather, but activities may be cancelled.

A more detailed map & route description, showing points of interest, will be available on the day at a small cost.

Parking and bus route details can be found at:
www.oxfordcity.co.uk/info/parking.html
www.parkandride.net/
www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/publictransport

It is a condition of entry that, save to the extent required by law, The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England accepts no liability in respect of death or injury sustained by any participant in the Oxford Green Spaces Sponsored Walk.

Contact number on the day : 07766 624990