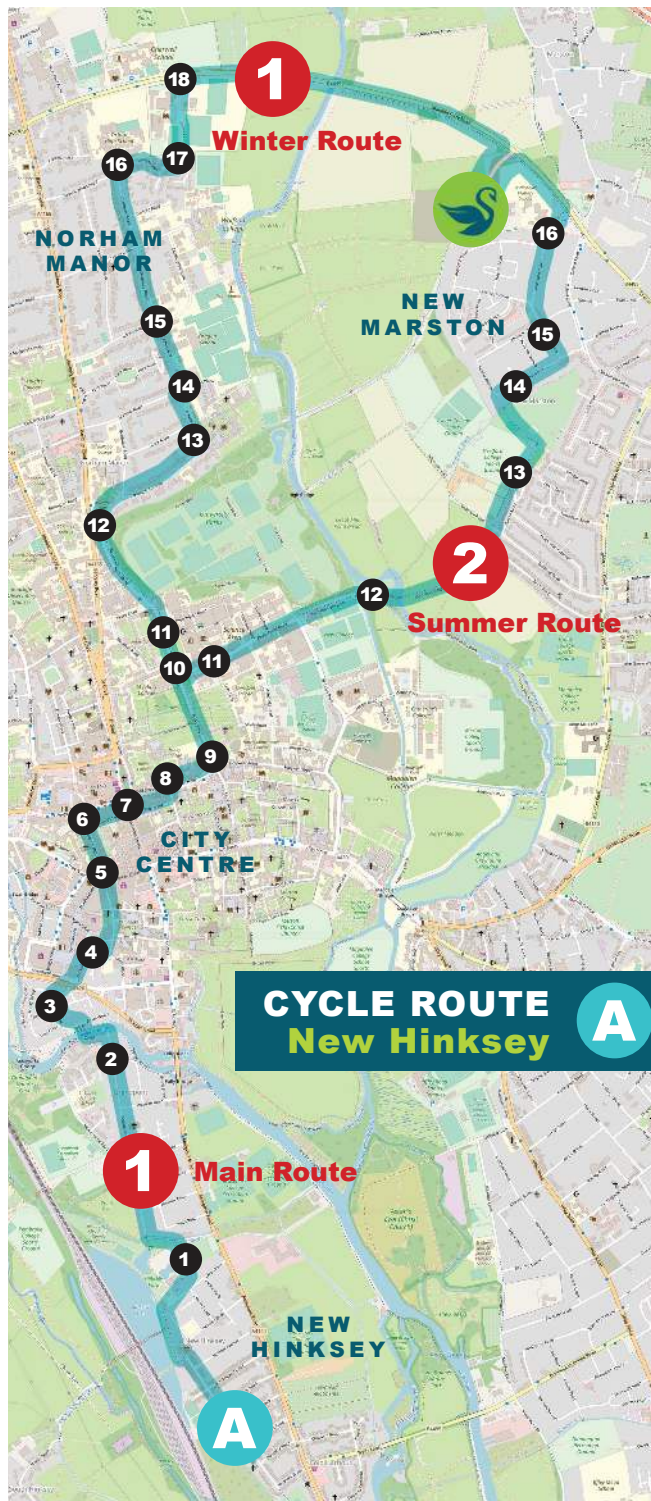
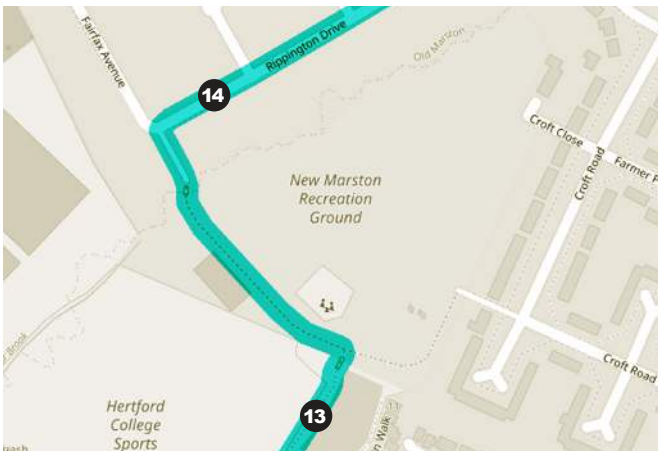


- 12** Follow the cycle path (clearly marked). You go over one low bridge and then two humped back bridges. Continue on the cycle path over cattle grid into a field. At the end of the field go over the cattle grid and exit. **Ferry Road** is on your right. The cycle path continues ahead. **Do not stray onto paths marked Pedestrians only, or go into the University Sports Parks.**
- 13** Follow the path/cycle path, crossing **Edgeway Road**. Continue about 0.2 miles until you come to a playing field and the path branches left and right around the field. **There are fields to your left beyond the hedge and houses to your right.**
- 14** Take the path to the left and follow the path until you come out onto **Rippington Drive**. Turn right onto **Rippington Drive**. **You are now back out on normal roads, with cars pedestrians and no cycle lanes. So be traffic aware.**
- 15** Continue along **Rippington Drive** until **Lewell Avenue**. Turn left. Continue on this crossing **Mortimer Drive**. Follow to the end and fork right on **Raymund Road**.
- 16** At the end of **Raymund Road**, dog leg right then left onto a footpath past St Nicholas School, then turn left onto the cycle lane on **Cherwell Drive**. The Swan school main entrance is on your left.



SUSTAINABLE CYCLE ROUTE GUIDES

SOUTH OXFORD
via New Hinksey, Grandpont and
St Ebbes to The Swan School



This bike route broadly follows National Cycle Route 5 then Cycle Route 51. It avoids the main roads of the Abingdon Road and Banbury Road. There are several routes through the centre of town so experiment to find your preference. The cycle route is about 4 miles (allow 30-40 minutes). There is also an alternative summer route described via New Marston .

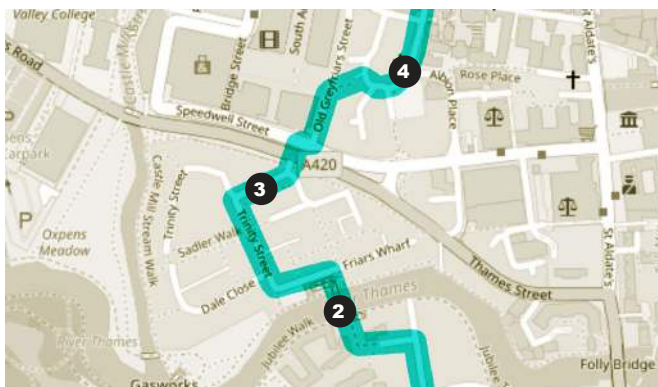
SAFETY FIRST

Get a bike bell and don't be afraid to use it. Also make sure your brakes work. These points are especially true in busier areas or where pedestrians and cyclists mix. Always be aware of pedestrians stepping off the curb without looking: they often don't hear bikes coming along behind them.

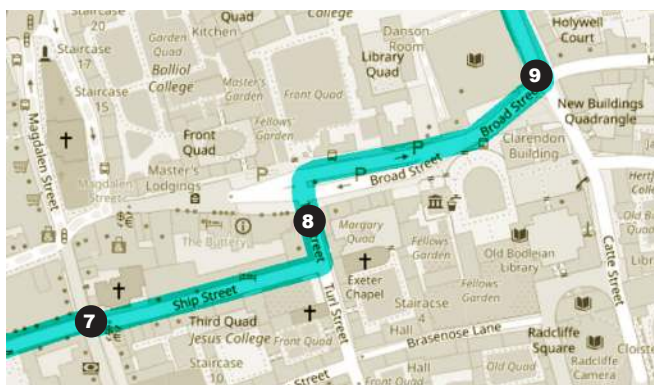
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CYCLE ROUTE 1 (main route)

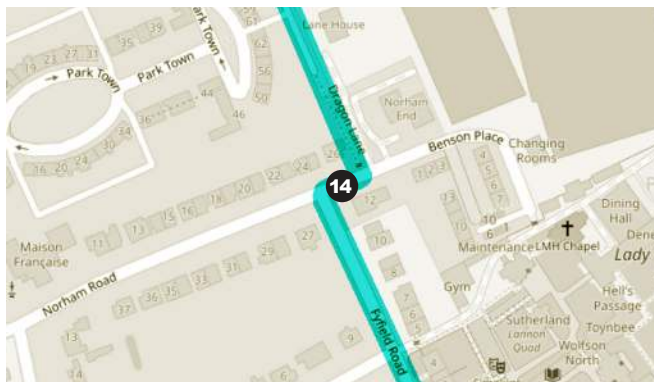
- 1 Join **Wytham Street** and follow the cycle path around Hinksey Park crossing a small bridge to exit the park and enter **Marlborough Road**. **Just be aware bridges ice first and thaw last in cold weather.**
- 2 Cycle the entire length of **Marlborough Road** and cross the River Thames at the footbridge. **Again, in cold weather this bridge can be icy. Take care. Get off if necessary.**
- 3 Either get off the bike and cut through the housing estate or cycle round to the double sets of pedestrian crossings to cross over to the **Westgate**.



- 4 Follow the cycle path to the right and then bends left to take you onto **Littlegate Street** and **St Ebbes Street** uphill on the way to school, downhill on the way home. **The cycle route takes you between the top edge of the Westgate (Joe Malone on your left Halifax bank on your right). It's uphill on the way there. Downhill - USE BRAKES - on way home. People do step out. BE READY!**
- 5 Cross **Queen Street** and continue past Argos on **New Inn Hall Street**. **Watch out for buses coming from the left and cyclists cycling the wrong way to your right. Oh and lots of pedestrians at busy times.**
- 6 At Chutneys turn right into **St Michaels Street**. **You are now diverting off Cycle Route 5.**
- 7 Dog leg right and then left into **Ship Street** across **Cornmarket**. **Watch out for pedestrians and mopeds.**
- 8 At end of **Ship Street** turn left into **Turl Street**. About 50 meters turn right into **Broad Street**. **Careful of delivery lorries and cars parking and turning. Broad street is wide and busy. Watch out for tourist groups and pedestrians stepping into the road without looking. USE YOUR BELL! You have now joined Cycle Route 51.**



- 9 Go past Blackwell's on your left and the Weston Library. At the roundabout turn left. **Beware this is a very busy and dangerous roundabout. Pedestrians, bikes, cars moving in many directions and not always clear in their signalling.**
- 10 Cycle along **Parks Road** to the traffic lights. **Watch for cars turning into South Parks Road. Sometimes they are bad at indicating. Note: this is the junction for the alternative 'Summer' route (see Route 2).**
- 11 Continue straight ahead for the 'Winter' route. At the next set of pedestrian traffic lights (outside the Radcliffe Science Library and Natural History Museum), dismount and cross the road. **You are heading for a two way bike path along the edge of the University Parks and the science site. The bike path is two way (so don't stray). It also is a bit bumpy over some tree roots.**
- 12 Follow the cycle path until its end. Dismount to cross **Norham Gardens**. Turn right into **Norham Gardens**. **The roads are now much wider, but this can also mean that cars sometimes go faster.**
- 13 **Norham Gardens** ends. Turn left into **Fyfield Road**.
- 14 Continue to end and turn right. Almost immediately turn left into a cycle/foot path that runs alongside the Dragon School. **There is a bike barrier you have to wiggle under or around to get onto the cycle path.**
- 15 At **Bardwell Road** do a left/right dogleg across to **Charlbury Road**. **Watch out for cars turning and dropping off children at the school.**



- 16 Continue along **Charlbury Road** for about half a mile. The road bends round to the right at the Oxford High School and then wiggles around to the left then right a bit. In a cul de sac of houses end up at a cycle path. **Mind out! There are some big buses/coaches parked up along Charlbury Road near the High School, so make sure you are visible.**
- 17 Take the cycle path and you are at the edge of The Cherwell School playing fields.
- 18 At the end, when it comes to the main road, turn right onto the cycle path running beside **Marston Ferry Road**. **The main entrance to the SWAN SCHOOL is on your right roughly 3/4 mile away.**

CYCLE ROUTE 2 (summer route)

NOTE: this part of the route is not suitable for dark, wet, winter days. It is also liable to flooding after long periods of heavy rain and river levels rise.

Follow the same directions as the 'Winter' route (see **Route 1**) up to and including **Point 10**, then follow these directions:

- 11 Turn right at the traffic lights. Cycle along **South Parks Road** until it turns sharp right into **Cross Road**. Come off the road at the junction and pedestrian crossing and onto the cycle path straight ahead.

