

ROUTE GUIDE

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Stage 1 – Oxford to Wootton

Start at Oxford railway station car park

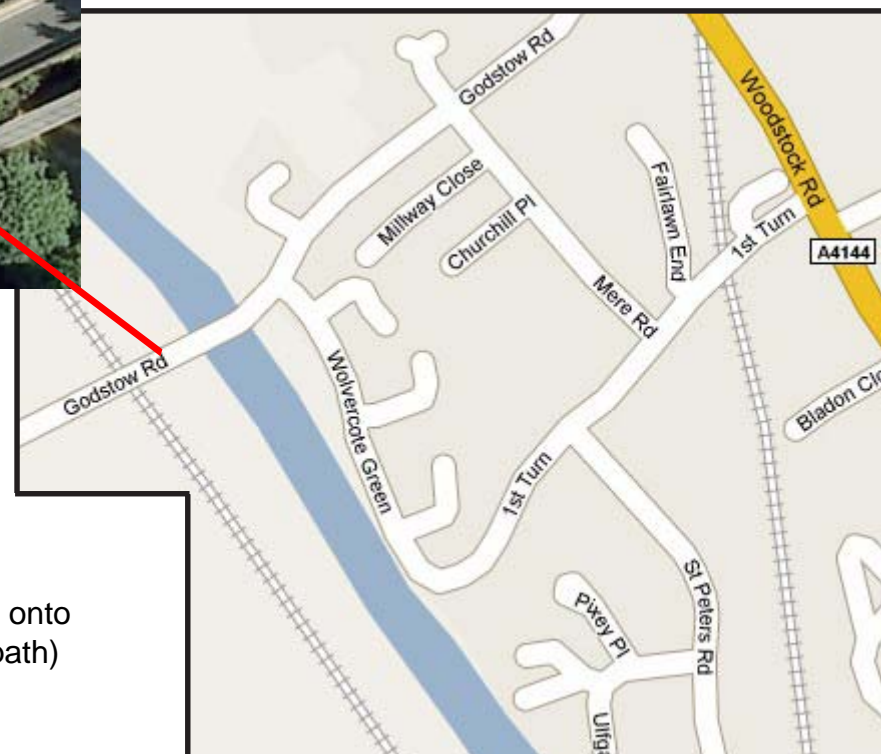
Turn left into HYTHE BRIDGE ST

Turn left into WORCESTER STREET

Turn left at lights into WALTON ST and go straight ahead, passing the Radcliffe Infirmary on your right



PHOTO: Entrance to steps down to canal path



Cross mini roundabout into KINGSTON RD

Straight ahead into HAYFIELD RD

Straight ahead into BAINTON RD

Bear right and then **turn left** onto WOODSTOCK RD A4144 (Bike path)

Turn left into FIRST TURN

Becomes WOLVERCOTE GREEN

Bear right past the Plough pub and then **turn left** into GODSTOW RD

After lights but before the railway bridge, the steps down to the canal path are on the right (see photo)

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Entrance to Blenheim Palace

Follow the canal path, which passes under the A34 and A40 – when you reach the canal bridge, turn right (see photo below)

Just before passing under brick bridge number 230, turn left onto footpath.

Follow the path along until you reach a junction and **turn left** to rejoin the WOODSTOCK RD at **point A** on map where there is a lay-by and sign showing Cycle Route 5. Follow the A44 along the bike path.

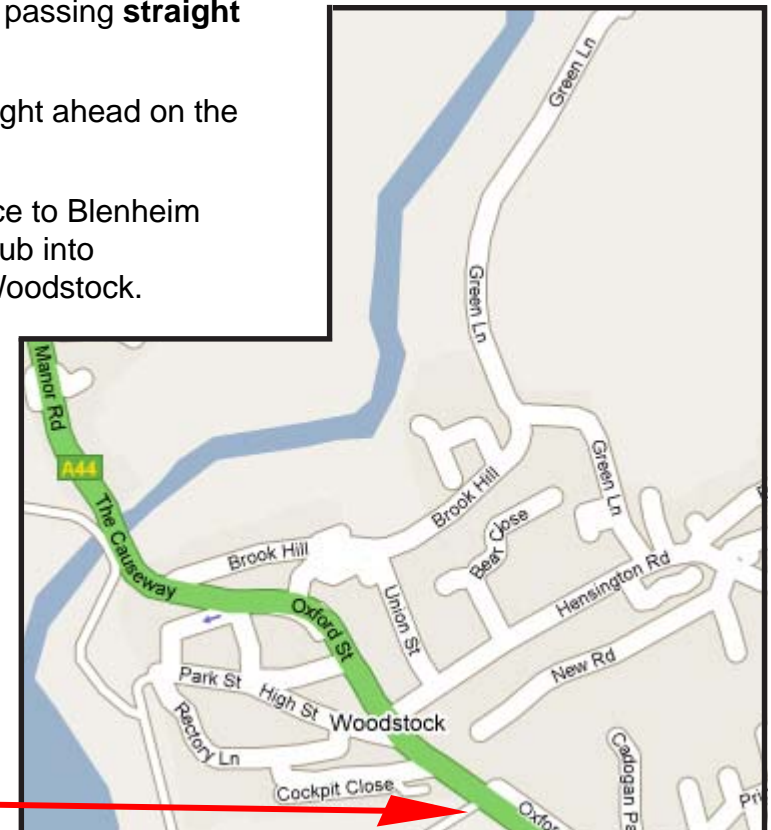
Cycle path continues for about 3 miles, passing **straight over** three roundabouts.

At the fourth roundabout, continue straight ahead on the A44 OXFORD RD.

After about a mile, just after the entrance to Blenheim Palace, **turn right** at the Punch Bowl pub into HENSINGTON RD and the village of Woodstock.

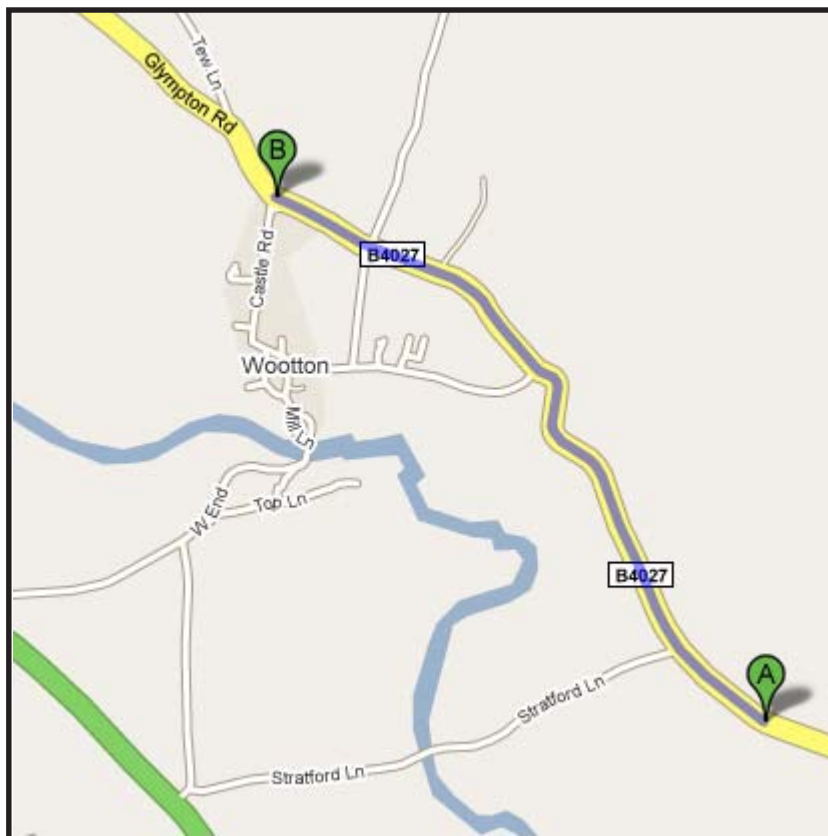
After 400 metres, passing the cemetery on your left, **turn left** into GREEN LANE.

Follow the road, bearing right and continuing as far as it will go, following the signs marked Cycle Route 5 for Banbury, until arriving at the entrance to a path marked Cycle Route 5, with a Thames Water plant on your right.



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This section of the ride is off-road.

Follow the tree lined path until arriving at the corner of a field. Bear right until the path rejoins the B4027 GLYMPTON RD. (**marked A** on the map)

DO NOT continue on the off-road path ahead of you once you reach the road.

Turn left and follow the B4027 into Wootton and stop at the Killingworth Castle Inn (**marked B** on the map) where we stop for a break (around midday).

Note for riders with racing cycles.

If you want to avoid the off-road section, you can. Instead of turning into Green Lane in Woodstock, continue straight from Hensington Road into Banbury Rd and continue ahead, bearing left until it reaches the B4027 about 700 metres further back on GLYMPTON RD.

BREAK FOR 15-20mins