

The Animal Walk

Description:

- In this walk, you will travel through the Oxford city centre, through Christ Church Meadow and back alongside the River Thames.
- Time: 2-3hours
- Distance: Roughly 10km

Map:



Route:

- Start at the West Oxford Community Centre. Exit by the front of the grounds and turn left towards the city centre. Continue in this direction for roughly 250 metres.



- You will find yourself next to the train station at a roundabout, turn left into the station grounds, walk straight ahead for roughly 50 meters and on your right should be a statue of The Oxford Ox.





- Now backtrack and exit the station grounds, continue straight ahead and walk down Becket Street, take the left turning at the bottom down Osney lane and continue in this direction until you encounter a roundabout.





- Continue straight ahead, but cross the road. Continue down Osney Lane until you reach The Hamel, then turn left and follow the path at the end of the street. You will end up on St Thomas Street, turn right and continue walking. On your right you will see another animal - a golden lion.



- Continue down St Thomas Street until you pass over Castle Mill Stream, then take the first right into the Oxford Castle and walk through the castle until you emerge out the other side onto New Road. Just before you pass over Castle Mill Stream there will be a horse engraved into a gate just around the corner on your right, feel free to take a look.





- Continue walking straight down New Road and you will walk onto Queen Street. Continue down this until you meet a crossroads. At the crossroads turn right down St Aldate's.





- Continue down St Aldate's for roughly one hundred meters, then turn right down Pembroke Street. Along St Aldate's you will see Blue Boar Street and lots of gargoyles on your left.



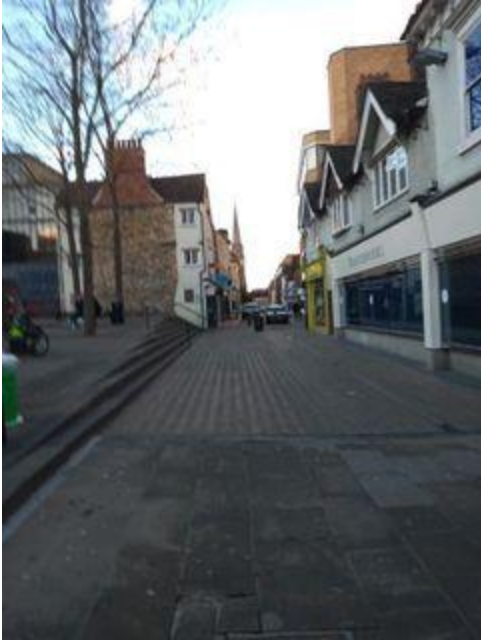


- Follow Pembroke Street until you reach St Ebbe's Street, then turn right and follow it until you find yourself on Queen Street again. Along Pembroke Street you will see a pub called Royal Blenheim on your right - can you spot a horse?





- Once you meet Queen Street, continue straight ahead down New Inn Hall Street until you hit George Street, turn right down George Street and continue until you hit Magdalen Street then turn left and walk in this direction down Magdalen Street and you will join onto St Giles'. Continue in this direction until you reach a pub named The Eagle and Child.





- Once you arrive at The Eagle and Child, turn right and cross the road; directly opposite you is the Lamb and Flag. Walk through the Lamb and Flag Passage and continue straight ahead until you see The Natural History Museum (feel free to stop, it is full of animals) and then turn right down Parks Road.



- Continue until you hit the High Street (can you spot a rooster weather vane up above?) then turn left and continue until you see Rose Lane on your right.

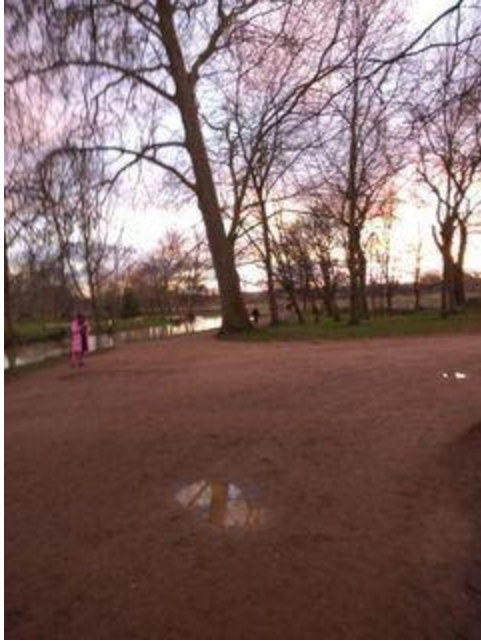


- Walk down Rose Lane. Whilst walking you will see a bridge on your left; can you spot any animals on it? Also, above you there will be more gargoyles. Continue straightahead until you find yourself on a path at the edge of Christ Church Meadow.









- Follow this path and you will do a large loop around the edge of the meadow (see if you can spot any deer like we did!) and then, at the end of the path, turn left down the Broad Walk and then left again so that you are on St Aldate's. Travel down St Aldate's and cross the Folly Bridge, then take the first right so that you are travelling alongside the River Thames. Follow this river path all the way until you reach a lock next to Osney Island, and then walk straight ahead through Osney Island until you encounter the Botley Road and the West Oxford Community Centre - congratulations!











Challenge:

- How many animals did you find along the walk?
- Hint: they were underlined throughout the instructions ;)
- Did you find any extra animals?

