RIVERS & GREEN SPACES



A DAY AWAY

Follow the Cherwell from Oxford Botanic Garden to a seasonal punt, Christ Church Meadow and a riverside table.

CHOOSE YOUR VISIT DATE

11:00-15:30

Open this day online ↗

THE LAY OF THE LAND

Start at Oxford Botanic Garden and finish at Lunch at the Head of the River. Follow the numbered stops and allow time for the walks between them.

01 / THE AREA



Teal lines show the walk between numbered stops. The punt returns to Magdalen Bridge.

Open the interactive route ↗

02 / THE DETAIL



01 Botanic Garden
02 Cherwell punt
03 Christ Church Meadow
04 Folly Bridge

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STOPS 1 & 2





11:00 - 11:45

OXFORD BOTANIC GARDEN

Use the city-centre Garden, not Harcourt Arboretum. Buy the appropriate admission ticket and check closures. In November-February last entry is 15:00 and the Garden closes at 16:00. Leave 15 minutes to walk to Magdalen Bridge Boathouse and arrange hire.

Allow 45 min.

Read the venue guide ↗

12:00 - 13:00

PUNT THE CHERWELL

An hour on the water from Magdalen Bridge, returning to the same boathouse. The operator normally runs February-November, weather permitting. Confirm the return deadline and allow extra time for busy-day queues; use the land route if conditions or your party make boating unsuitable. Allow 15 minutes after return to reach the meadow entrance.

Allow 60 min.

Read the venue guide ↗

STOPS 3 & 4





13:15 - 14:15

CHRIST CHURCH MEADOW WALK

Use the public paths in daylight, choosing a loop that finishes towards St Aldate's. Meadow entry is free and does not include the college or Cathedral. It is closed on Christmas Day; gates, flooding and ground conditions can shorten the walk. Allow 15 minutes to Folly Bridge.

Allow 60 min.

Read the venue guide ↗

14:30 - 15:30

LUNCH AT THE HEAD OF THE RIVER

Finish with a late lunch at Folly Bridge. Reserve separately if a table matters, and choose indoor seating in poor weather. This is the main meal stop, so bring water and a snack for earlier in the route.

Allow 60 min.

Read the venue guide ↗

THE USEFUL DETAILS

SUGGESTED TIMES. RESERVATIONS ARE SEPARATE.

GETTING TO OXFORD

Arrive by train or coach, or use Park and Ride if you are driving. Allow time to reach the first stop.

Oxford arrival guide ↗

BETWEEN STOPS

Use the numbered map to locate visits, then open the online route for walking directions and current visit information.

View this itinerary ↗

MAKE IT YOURS

Open the full route to save the stops and arrange the day around your own start, pace and bookings.

Open the planner ↗

BEFORE YOU GO

Start times are suggested. Arrange timed tickets and meals separately, then adjust the sequence around your confirmed bookings.

MAKE THE DAY YOURS.

Open my week ↗