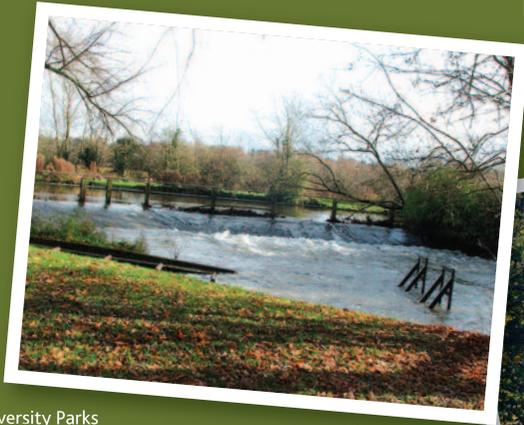
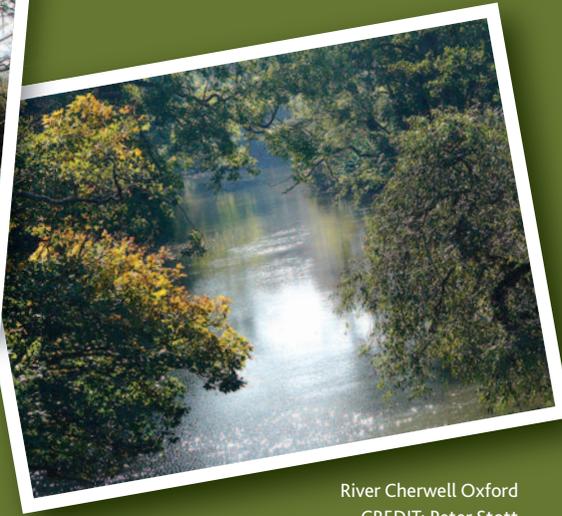


Old Parsonage Hotel

Another pot of tea at the ready, Christopher Fisher heads to Oxford where a treat is waiting for you.



Oxford University Parks
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River Cherwell Oxford
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WALKING INFORMATION:

An easy ninety minute walk; however do be careful crossing and walking along the B4495. Also, a map book would be handy, as the route does cross a number of footpaths! .

1. The walk starts outside The Victoria Arms pub in Marston, a small suburb of Oxford. Take the footpath that is situated between the pub and the River Cherwell. Turn left onto the path; the track should run parallel with the Cherwell. Soon afterwards you will cross Marston Ferry Road. Please take extra care here. Once on the other side, continue following the river.
2. Ignore a footpath leaving straight ahead of you, but continue following the river. Do not cross the bridge on your right, but continue on. Do not take a footpath leaving to your left, instead continue on the footpath that you are on. The track will briefly leave the river, but will soon follow it again.
3. If it is a clear day (unlikely at this time of year!) you should see Lady Margaret Hall College to the right of the river.
4. Ignore a further footpath leaving to the left; instead walk on to a bridge.
5. Once you reach the bridge, you should come to a footpath junction. Turn right, crossing over the river and continue straight ahead through the University Parks. Go straight ahead when you come across each of the 3 footpath crossroads on this part of the route. The University Parks are full of rare plants and the only official UK cricket ground where spectators can watch the game for free!
6. Ignore a turning to the left; soon after this you will pass by the University Museum and Pitt Rivers Museum on your left. The path will lead you to Parks Road. Turn right here, walking in the direction of Banbury Road. The museum displays Oxford University's most significant archeological finds and is well-worth a visit!
7. When you arrive at the Banbury Road junction, turn right. The Old Parsonage Hotel will be on your left, close to St Anne's College. The hotel dates back to 1860 has a classic feel, where you can enjoy a relaxed tea with friends.
8. Once your tum is filled with scones, and you are ready to move on, leave the hotel. Turn left onto Banbury Road. Ignore Norham Road, an unnamed road in the Park Town area and Bardwell Road, Linton Road, which are all located on your right.
9. Take the following road after Linton Road, Belbroughton Road, which is also on your right. The road should be signposted to Oxford High School For Girls. Take this.
10. Follow the road round, as it changes its name to Charlbury Road. You will pass by the school on your left. Walk to the end of the street, where you will find a footpath leaving to your left. Take this.
11. The footpath will connect to a minor road. Walk straight ahead to the junction with Marston Ferry Road. Turn right here. Be careful on this stretch.
12. Follow the road, ignoring a road leaving to the left signposted to Northern Meadow Farm and re-cross the River Cherwell. After crossing the river take the footpath leaving to your left which will return you to your starting point at The Victoria Arms. The pub has awe-inspiring views across the stunning countryside, so why not relax your feet, have a bevvie and watch the world go by beside the river?

The Old Parsonage Hotel: 01865 310210.

Choose between Very High Tea (at £14.95 per person) or Light Tea at £7.95 per person.