

Surveying Oxford for Cyclists

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Thank you for volunteering to help Cyclox and OpenStreetMap create a new the cycle map of Oxford. Without your help, we'd never get the job done in time! Inside this pack, you'll find two or more printouts showing a slice of the current map of Oxford, instructions on what sorts of things we'd like you to go out spotting and making notes about, and a stamped addressed envelope which you can use to send in the notes and annotated maps you make.

We hope that the majority of slices will take less than 3 hours on the road to complete.

1 Instructions

First up, the golden rules of making maps with OpenStreetMap:

- Don't copy *anything* from other maps, for important legal reasons.
- Actually visit your area, and make notes as you go.
- But possibly most importantly: have fun!

You'll find one or more maps inside this pack which cover a slice taken from the "cake diagram" shown on side 2. Your slice's number can be found in the filename, which is printed at the edge of your working map.

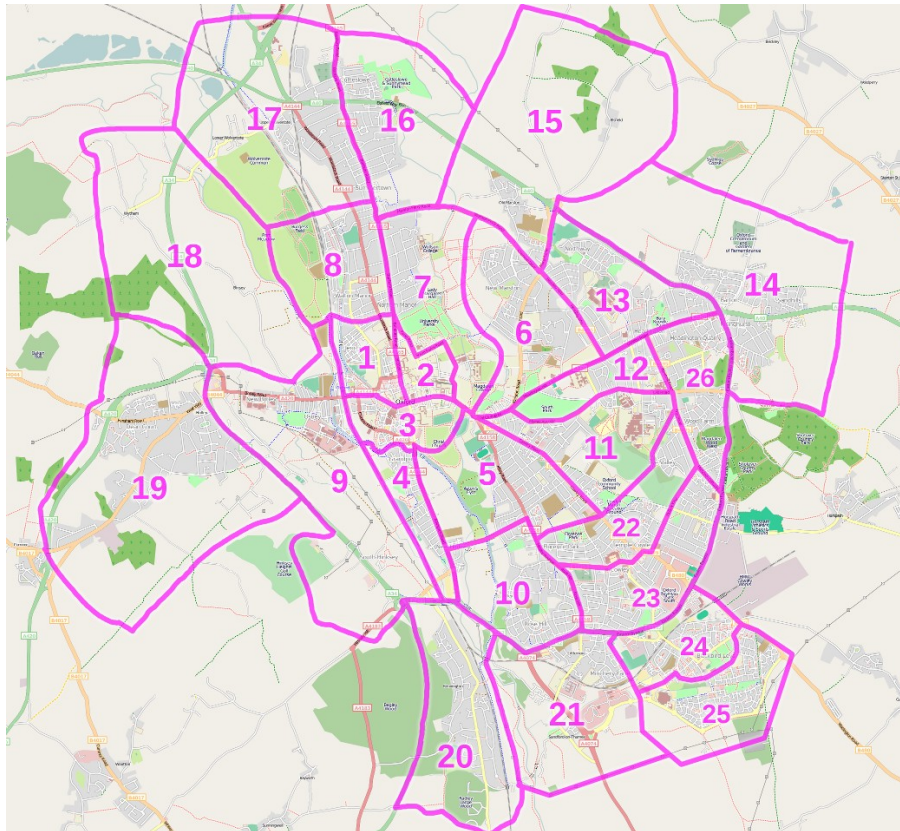
If you find something new that's useful for cyclists, mark it on the working map with a number like ⑨. Then make a corresponding note on a separate piece of paper, for example:

- ...
- ⑨ *Parking: Sheffield stands, covered, up to 20 bikes*
 - ⑩ *Signed cycle route, unlit, pea gravel surface*

Doing it this way rather than by using symbols makes it easier to read. You can make whatever notes you think are necessary on a separate piece of paper.

2 What we need

- Bicycle parking: Number of bikes, whether it has a good roof, and type (Sheffield, wheel-bender, modern art). Skip the ad-hoc stuff like railings and lampposts for now.
- Cycleable ways: Starts and ends. Can be roads, cut-throughs, or signed routes. Should mostly be the signposted ones...
- Bicycle routes: Numbered ones like NCN5 or their short regional equivalents we mostly already know: we're interested in specifically designated local routes too, particularly the signposted, unnumbered sort ("Headington 1m").
- Bus lanes: the ones that allow bicycles, anyway. Make sure to draw them in on the correct side(s) of the road!



- On-road cycle lanes: narrow (less than 2 ft) or wide (more than 3 ft)?
- Off-road cycle tracks: we want to know if they're lit at night, and what sort of surface it has (tarmac, mud, concrete, bricks, gravel, cobbles...)
- Shared-use pedestrian paths: can be useful links too.
- Pelican (pedestrian) or Toucan (cycle) crossings: the toucan sort are more relevant to cyclists, but by all means include the pedestrian sort too if you have time.
- Traffic lights: often have crossings attached.
- Bike shops: anywhere you can get a puncture mended or buy bike bits.
- Public toilets: important conveniences.
- Obstructions in cycle lanes: chicane barriers, bollards, gates etc.
- 20 mph zones: can be tricky to get right, see below.
- Traffic calming: starts and ends.
- Water fountains, cafés, and pubs: for rehydration.
- Anything else that might be useful to a cyclist or a student cyclist around Oxford.

Finally, if it looks like something is going to be hard to do accurately, mark it as “(approx)” and/or use dotted lines. One of our team of mapmakers can check things later on with a GPS tracklogger.