

Goring - Wallingford Cycleway - Existing Surface Conditions

Distances are measured from Goring Village Hall (where Ridgeway Path crosses Thames Path)
via the existing legal route that uses the B4009 between South Stoke and Little Stoke

[Best read in conjunction with route description and photos at https://www.goringgapcycling.co.uk/mtg/](https://www.goringgapcycling.co.uk/mtg/)

From	To	Dist	Surface/Priority*	Description	Surface
0.0				Start of route	SU 5981 8079, opposite Goring Village Hall
0.0	0.9	0.9	8 Public road		Tarmac
0.9	1.3	0.4	8 Bridleway (Ridgeway Path)		Tarmac, with access to private houses
1.3	1.8	0.5	4 Bridleway (Ridgeway Path)		Earth. Muddy in places, but not as bad a few years ago, before maintenance on cutting back the side growth and spreading bark chips
1.8	2.2	0.4	8 Unclassified road		Tarmac, with access to sailing club and private houses
2.2	2.4	0.2	6 Unclassified road		Unmade. Mainly gravel with potholes. Can be muddy, particularly towards the end.
2.4	2.5	0.1	4 Bridleway (Ridgeway Path)		Earth. Often muddy and slippery on a bike, adjacent to the Withmead nature reserve and the stream coming under the railway from Goring Sewage Works
2.5	2.7	0.2	5 Bridleway (Ridgeway Path)		"The Moor". Open field with chalk path. Ruts are not deep, but can be quite bumpy. Not comfortable to ride on a hybrid, OK on MTB. Generally firm surface.
2.7	3.2	0.5	8 Public road (The Street, South Stoke)		Tarmac
3.2	3.6	0.4	8 Public road (Ferry Lane, South Stoke)		Tarmac. (Footpath to Little Stoke leaves at 3.3 km)
3.6	4.7	1.1	1 Public road B4009		Tarmac. Busy 2-lane B road. Off-road alignment required for safety.
4.7	5.9	1.2	8 Public road		Tarmac. (End of footpath from South Stoke at 5.2 km)
5.9	6.7	0.8	2 Bridleway		Looks and feels like a farm track. Marked on OS 25k as "Other route with public access". Usually manages to be both muddy and rocky at the same time.
6.7	7.0	0.3	8 Public road (The Street, North Stoke)		Tarmac

7.0	7.2	0.2	5 Bridleway (Ridgeway Path)	Earth. bumpy near access to The Springs resort at 7.1 km, where it looks like a brick building was demolished many years ago.
7.2	7.8	0.6	7 Bridleway (Ridgeway Path)	Crosses The Springs Golf Club, with a good earth surface not usually muddy
7.2	8.0	0.8	4 Bridleway (Ridgeway Path)	Earth, can be quite slippery and muddy, particularly beneath the trees
8.0	8.4	0.4	8 Unclassified road (past former Carmel College)	Tarmac
8.4	8.6	0.2	5 Bridleway (Ridgeway Path)	Earth/crushed stone. Surface from here to 9.0 km was improved as part of the Carmel Meadows housing development on the CABI site to the north of the A4130 Nosworthy Way (Wallingford bypass)
8.6	9.0	0.4	5 Bridleway	Earth/crushed stone. Ridgeway Path turns east at 8.6 km. The underpass under A4130 at 8.7 km is sometimes wet, but not normally muddy.
9.0	9.4	0.4	8 Bridleway	Tarmac, as this is also the access to Newnham Farm
9.4	10.1	0.7	3 Bridleway (Watery Lane)	Earth. Narrow, overgrown and bumpy (and sometimes muddy) in summer, very muddy in winter. In serious need of an upgrade
10.1	<u>10.7</u>		End of route	End of route, at SU 6128 8936 adjacent to Wallingford Bridge

* Priorities for improvement, from 1 (most urgent) to 8 (acceptable as-is)