



OXFORD TO ABINGDON (see maps below)

Water walk: This lovely rural walk invites you to explore the city of Oxford before setting off for greener surroundings. Just a few miles downstream from Oxford you're encouraged to take a short detour from Iffley Lock to visit the village's fabulous Norman church. Continuing the walk downstream you pass through Sandford Lock, which boasts the largest fall of water from its weir and is a pretty impressive sight. Just beyond Abingdon Lock you reach Abingdon Bridge - the original bridge was built in 1422 with 14 arches, and the current structure still retains a medieval feel. The walk finishes in Abingdon, one of the most important historic towns on the River Thames, with a magnificent town hall and abbey founded as early as 675AD.

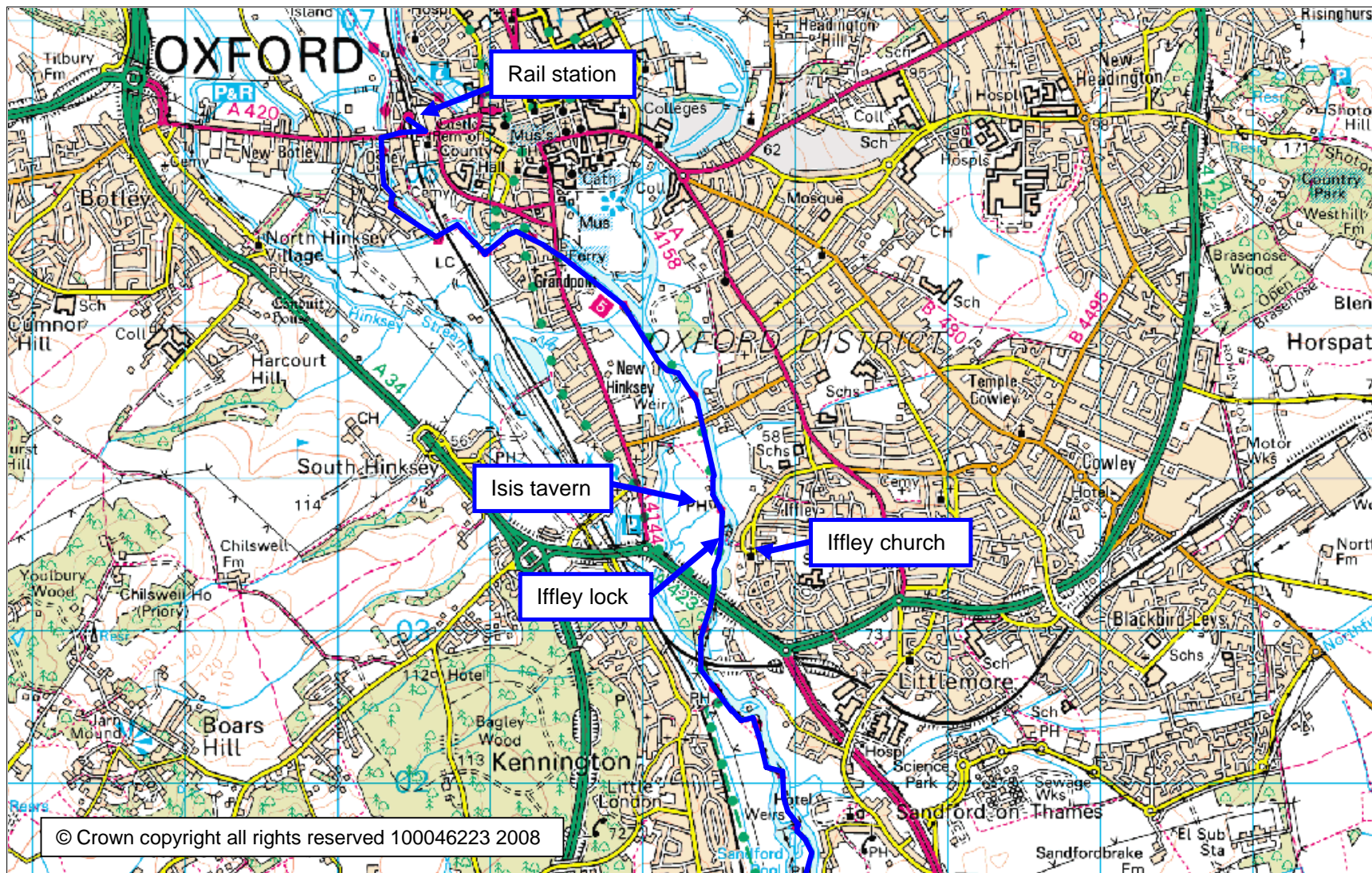
Refreshments: You will find several pubs dotted along this section of the Thames Path. Try the Isis Tavern, delightfully situated on the path just before Iffley Lock or the Kings Arms at Sandford Lock.

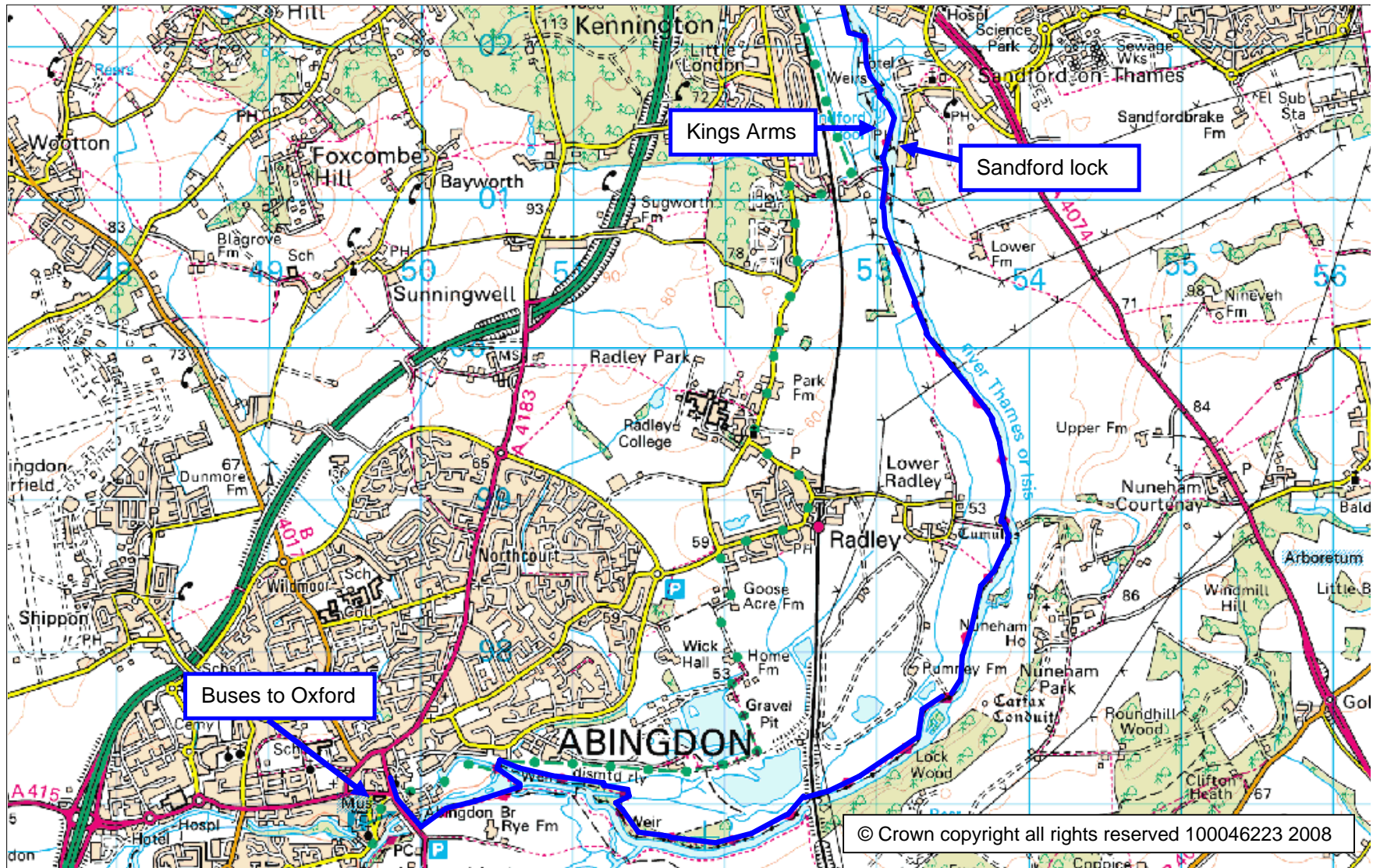
Distance: 10 miles

Duration: 4 hours

Train stations: Oxford has good train links. Abingdon does not have a train station but does have an excellent bus service where you can get a bus back to Oxford.

Boat trips: During the summer months you can walk in one direction and get a boat back. See <http://www.salterssteamers.co.uk/oxab.htm> for details.





Kings Arms

Sandford lock

Buses to Oxford

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