



WOOD CENTRE FOR INNOVATION

YOUR GUIDE TO GETTING HERE.

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Wood Centre For Innovation, Stansfeld Park, Quarry Road,
Headington, Oxford. OX3 8SB

ARRIVING ON SITE

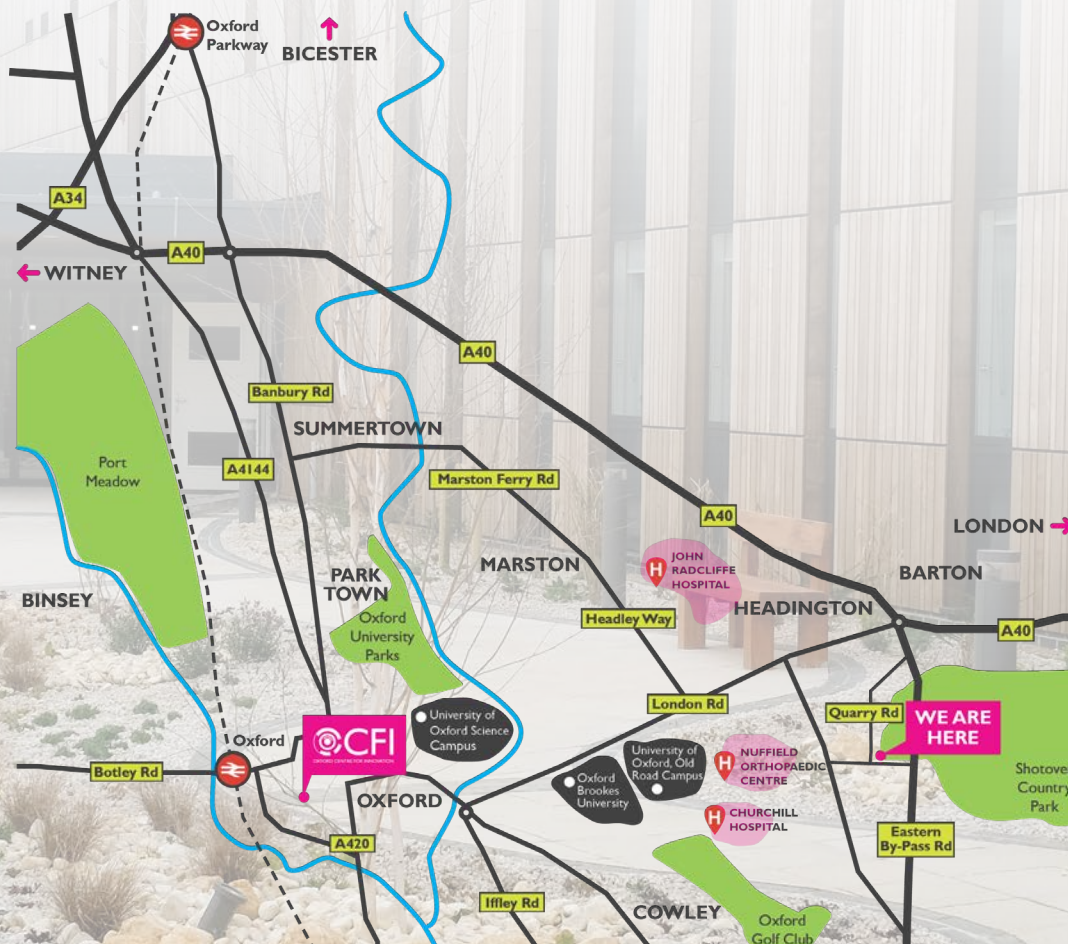
The on-site Science & Education Centre receives busloads of children each day. Please ensure that you reduce your speed on the access road as you may come across classes of accompanied children. Traffic in Headington can get very busy between 07:30 and 09:30, we would advise arriving outside of these times to avoid the traffic.

BY CAR

If you are traveling by car please call ahead to ensure there is space for you to park on-site. Parking spaces are limited so if you are traveling in large groups please car-share where possible. The nearest park and ride is Thornhill park and ride, where you take the bus to Green Road Roundabout. The centre is only a 8-10 minute walk from here.

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Local buses with stops within 5-10 minutes walk from the centre include; 900 Thornhill park & Ride (Stop at Nuffield Orthopaedics) , 700 Kidlington (Stop at Nuffield Orthopaedics) and the 10 Oxford City centre (Stop at Wood Farm Primary School).



WALKING OR CYCLING

Beat the traffic, help reduce emissions and kept fit! Walking or cycling is one of the easiest and best ways to get to the WCFI if you live in Oxford. The local area has wide pavements, good provision of cycle lanes and where there are no cycle lanes the Oxford drivers are very used to sharing the road with bikes.

The drive to WCFI runs down past Douglas Downes Close which is a single-track drive with passing places but no sidewalk, so we ask that walkers and cyclist take extra care whilst entering/exiting the site. Cyclists should also be mindful of the large groups of children entering and exiting along this route at around 9:30am and 3pm most weekdays.

Stride out with meaning, pop on your trainers, pick your favourite playlist and really make the most of getting to work – walk, cycle, power walk or even jog! You can always freshen up in one of the showers at WCFI and there is plenty of cycle parking on site in our 2 cycle sheds. Studies have shown that regular exercise such as walking or cycling is not only beneficial to your physical health but makes you happier, improves your brain function and saves you a bus fare! Doing exercise as part of your daily commute means you've ticked the exercise box for the day without even going out of your way.

WCFI has **local shops, café's, pubs, post offices, banks and hairdressers** all within walking or cycling distance from the centre that you can make use of on your lunch break or on your way to and from the centre. There is a map in this pack showing how long they take to walk or cycle to. (Appendix 1. Map of Local Amenities) Cycle Training. If you don't feel very confident about cycling on the roads the Broken Spoke Bike Co-op run excellent cycle training and have a training location in Headington - <http://bsbcoop.org/what-we-do/cycle-training/>

What if you get a puncture! Broken Spoke Bike Co-op also offer DIY workshops and bike mechanics course so that you can learn how to look after your bike properly and fix that puncture. There are also a number of mobile bike mechanics that will come to you to help fix your bike, here a few that might be helpful - www.cyclesupport.co.uk, www.pushpedal.co.uk, www.onyabike.me.uk. The nearest cycle shops are located on the Cowley road and there are many to choose from.

Got the cycling bug! there are quite a number of well formed cycling groups in Oxford that offer group rides for all levels of experience - www.cowleyroadcondors.cc, www.oxfordcycling.uk, www.cyclinguk.org are just a few of the many groups. Want to strike out on your own, these websites provide information on some great ride in and around Oxford - www.sustrans.org.uk/search-results?key=oxford, www.goskyride.com. If you really want to push yourself there is a great bike event (with 3 different route lengths) held every year in Oxford to really get your pedals moving - www.bikeoxford.co.uk.

Feel unsafe, let us know and we can speak with local crime prevention officers to give advice about personal security.

BUS CONNECTIONS

PickMeUp bus service, book a bus when you want one. PickMeUp is an on-demand ride-sharing minibus service which uses virtual bus stops within a short walkable distance from where you are. More information can be found here – www.pickmeup.oxfordbus.co.uk.

WCFI is in **The Oxford Bus Company's** City Zone and Oxford Smart Zone which provides a convenient and affordable way of travelling to and from WCFI around Oxford. Maps of these zones are included in this travel pack and you can buy an array of packages from 1 week to 1 year or for a set number of journeys at great value for the zones (Appendix 2).

The nearest bus stops are located on Mason's Road and Titup Hill Drive only a 5/6 min walk from WCFI; and not much further out are stops on Windmill Road (10 min walk) and Old Road/Girdlestone Road (12 min walk). These bus stops are serviced by buses coming in all directions including the Thornhill Park and ride (900); Oxford Airport, Oxford Parkway Train Station, Water Eaton Park & Ride, Summertown and Marston (700); Abingdon, Cumnor, Botley, Oxford Train Station and Oxford city centre (4/4A); Cowley and Temple Cowley (10 or U5). Bus timetables for these buses can be found in this travel pack and on the Oxford Bus Company website, where you can also find out more information about the ticket types available and the additional bus services can be found at Headington shops (20 minute walk) www.oxfordbus.co.uk & www.stagecoach-bus.com/about/oxfordshire.

Connect to London – The Oxford Tube and the X90 both pick up and drop off at the Green Road Roundabout stop on London Road (16 min walk). These buses run very regularly and more information can be found – www.oxfordtube.com, www.x90.oxfordbus.co.uk.

Heathrow & Gatwick Airport - The Oxford Bus Company run The Airline bus services to Heathrow and Gatwick which both pick up and drop off at the Green Road Roundabout stop on London Road (16 min walk). These buses run very regularly, and more information can be found – www.airline.oxfordbus.co.uk.

PARK & RIDE

Thornhill Park & Ride, there are a few different onwards travel options from Thornhill Park & Ride. To cycle to the WCFI will take 9 minutes, to walk 30 minutes and 20ish minutes by bus/walk of which there are many options. You can catch the 900 bus every 30 minutes which will take you to Windmill Road in around 7 minutes and WCFI is then a 10-minute walk. Alternately you could catch the 400, 800, 900, U1 or The Airline buses which only takes 3 minutes to Green Road Roundabout and from there it is a 16 minute walk to the centre. More information about can be found here - www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/public-transport/park-and-ride/thornhill-park-and-ride.

Water Eaton Park & Ride is located to the north of Oxford and the 700 bus service takes around 30 mins to take you to the end of Windmill Road where there is then a 10 minute walk to WCFI. More information can be found here - <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/public-transport/park-and-ride/water-eaton-park-and-ride>.

RAIL CONNECTIONS

The nearest railway station to WCFI is the **Oxford** station which is 3.4 miles from the site and thus accessible for some by bike (24mins). Numerous bus services also operate to and from the station and provide connection with Headington, including service 4/4A as noted in the bus section above. The station provides services to and from London Paddington, Didcot Parkway, Reading, Bournemouth, Birmingham and locations further north such as Manchester and Newcastle as well as local stopping services. More information on train times can be found at - www.gwr.com.

Oxford Parkway railway station is located 5.5 miles from the site and therefore accessible by bike for some (30mins) and by bus service 700. It runs trains every 30mins to and from London Marylebone. For current timetable information please see - www.nationalrail.co.uk.

Other websites that may be helpful with your journey planning include - www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk or www.google.com

CAR

All carparking on site is on a reserved basis only and the number reserved parking places is limited per office. Visitor carparking is available, please contact reception to arrange this for your visitor as parking needs to be booked in advance.

If you are driving to a reserved parking place at WCFI or a Park & Ride we would like to encourage you to car share with other people working at the WCFI or in the local area not only reducing emissions but also saving you money! If this is something that you are interested in offering or if you are looking for a lift then you can contact the WCFI Assistant Centre Manager who will try to find you a lift/sharer from the centre. But don't limit yourself to people just working here, you could give a lift you someone who will then travel on to Headington or the City Centre, www.liftshare.com is an established car share scheme.

The expected arrival and leaving times for school groups visiting the Science Oxford centre on site is around 9:30am and 3pm and at these times groups of around 30 children will be escorted by foot down Douglas Downes Close to the centre. We ask if possible to avoid driving or to arrange for visitors to drive on/off site at around these times. If this is unavoidable then we ask you for your patience as there may be a slight delay in entering and exiting the site at these times. Another way to save valuable time would be try to drive to and from site at times outside of the peak rush hours when road around Headington can get very congested.

APPENDIX

I. Local Amenities

-  Post office & Co-Op
-  Restaurant
-  Pub or Bar
-  Wood Centre for Innovation

