

Transport maps

Published and printed transport maps are described on this page.

Archival deposited plans and books of reference relating to public works undertakings to construct canals, railways or road improvements (18th century onwards) are described in our section on the records of [Oxfordshire's Clerk of the Peace](#).

Roads

The earliest county maps (16th – 17th century) pay little attention to the road network, but you will find Oxfordshire roads depicted on county maps from 1695 onwards.

John Ogilby's road strip maps in his *Britannia* (1675) established a new standard for cartographers for many years to follow.

See: *Ogilby's road maps of England and Wales from Ogilby's "Britannia", 1675* (1971) [ref: SF 388.1/(OGI)].

Ogilby road strip maps, taken from the complete *Britannia*, can be viewed as [zoomable images](#) on Richard Nicholson's website.

A wider range of historic printed road maps, some of them zoomable, can be viewed on [Picture Oxon](#).

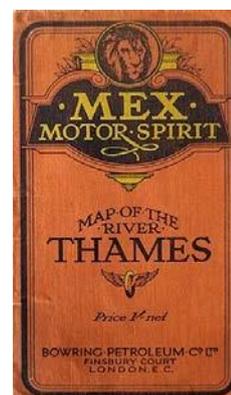
Tourist maps

The advent of the railway, bicycle and car, and the growing concept of tourism, saw many maps produced just for train travellers, cyclists and motorists, from the 19th century onwards.

Maps of local canals, rivers and railways, and bus services were produced for the use of residents and visitors alike.

Check our online catalogues for details of holdings – (Picture Oxon maps include some zoomable images):

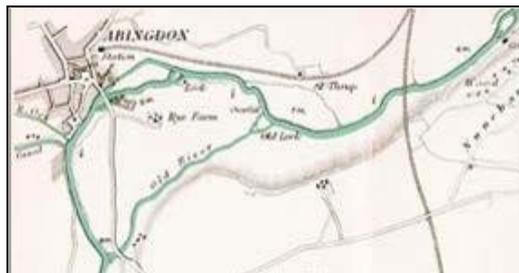
- [Heritage Search](#)
- Picture Oxon – search for maps of [canals](#), [rivers](#), [railways](#), [bus services](#).



River Thames

Maps of the River Thames appeared in many guidebooks, such as Henry Taunt's *A new map of the river Thames* (1872).

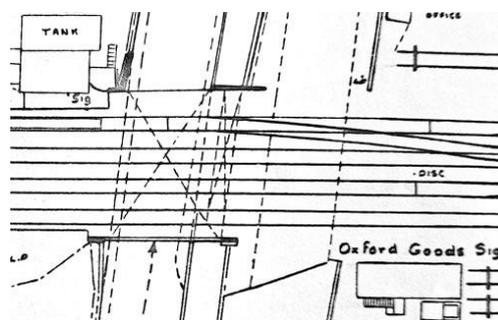
For details of available Thames guidebooks, see: Ben Cohen, *The Thames 1580-1980: a general bibliography* (1985) [ref: OZ 931/(COH)].



Some zoomable images of River Thames maps can be viewed on [Picture Oxon](#).

Railway station and track plans

Plans of many local railway stations and track layouts were prepared by British Railways and earlier companies between 1910 and 1955. We hold paper copies printed from Oxford Publishing Company microfilms of the original drawings. Check the [online catalogue](#) for “railroad station plans”.



[The National Railway Museum](#) has a more extensive collection of these plans and drawings.

Transport planning maps

Historic published town and country planning documents and maps record the policies and plans of local authorities of the period, and will often include details of local road schemes, including the Oxford Inner Relief Road (of 1923 onwards).

Check our [online catalogue](#) under suitable terms such as “transportation”, “planning”, “roads” and “highway bypasses”.

For historic transport planning material, you should also check the [online catalogue](#) for these published series titles:

- Transport policies and programme (Oxfordshire County Council, 1974 onwards)
- Integrated Transport and Land Use Study (Oxfordshire County Council, 1997 onwards)
- Oxford Transport Strategy (1993 onwards)

