



RAIL Trails



Henley-in-Arden Circular Walk

Image by Tony Grist

This trail takes you out into the heart of Shakespeare country, through mostly farmland. The first part of the walk follows a section of the Millennium Way where you will be guided by black and white way markers.

Henley (as it is generally known) is famed for its historic buildings (150 no less - some of which date back to medieval times), its wide variety of preserved architectural styles, and its ice cream! Be sure to explore the **Henley Mile** (the high street), offering anything and everything from antiques to home furnishings, fashion to gifts, vintage to books and local fresh produce.

Everything you need for your walk can be found here (the walk is very rural!) so stock up at either the **Henley Kitchen & Bakery**, **BD Sandwiches** or **Henley Butchers & Deli** (for homemade pies!). On your return you'll find a good selection of pubs and restaurants including the **White Swan** and **Nag's Head**, both of which are on the trail.

Further Information:



Visit www.visit-henley.co.uk for more information on where to visit and what to see in town.

www.shakespeares-england.co.uk provides everything you need to know for a visit to the wider area.



Henley-in-Arden is on the line between Birmingham Snow Hill and Stratford-Upon-Avon. Trains run hourly to all stations in both directions. Further connections can be made by changing at Stratford-upon-Avon or Birmingham Moor Street for stations to Leamington via Warwick and Hatton.

There are limited facilities available at this station, but Henley High Street is only a short stroll away...

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This is just one of a range of 36 self-guided walks from railway stations in Warwickshire, Coventry and Solihull.



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Discover The Heart of England by Rail



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Image by John Clift

2.5 Hours 5.5 Miles Easy

Start/Finish: Henley-in-Arden

Strike out from historic Henley-in-Arden into the very rural heart of Shakespeare country on this lovely rural circular walk.

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Trail Highlights...



Image by Matthew Morgan

A. Henley Mount

Henley's highest point includes the earthwork remains of Beaudesert Castle, once the seat of the De Montfort. Head up there for views, fresh air and a palpable sense of history!

www.visit-henley.co.uk/the-mount/



Image by Elliot Brown

B. Henley's Churches

Hard to separate, the parish consists of two churches ; St. Johns on the High Street and Saint Nicholas on Beaudesert Lane with views of the Henley Mount. Both ancient, both very much part of the town's heritage, and both worth a visit!

www.visit-henley.co.uk/heritage-trail/



Image by Henley Museum

C. Henley Museum

A museum and heritage centre, chronicling the town's history from the Norman Conquest to the present day. Joseph Hardy House, home of the Centre, is in itself a rare architectural gem, dating as far back as 1345!

www.heritagehenley.org.uk



Image by Henley Ice Cream

D. Henley Ice Cream

A family run business and Henley institution, with up to 50 of the famous Henley ice cream flavours, set in a 16th century Grade II listed building on the High Street. Go on, you know want to...

www.henleyicecream.co.uk

Did you know?



Henley is a great base for walking. Not only is it on the **Millennium Way** but it's the starting point for the **Arden Way** path and also lies on the **Heart of England Way**.

Also recommended...



Image by Henley Kitchen

E. Henley Kitchen & Bakery

Local bakery and deli priding itself on quality ingredients, homemade products and the best freshly ground coffee. A great selection of breads, cakes, breakfasts, woodfired pizzas and more.

www.facebook.com/hkandb/



Image by The White Swan

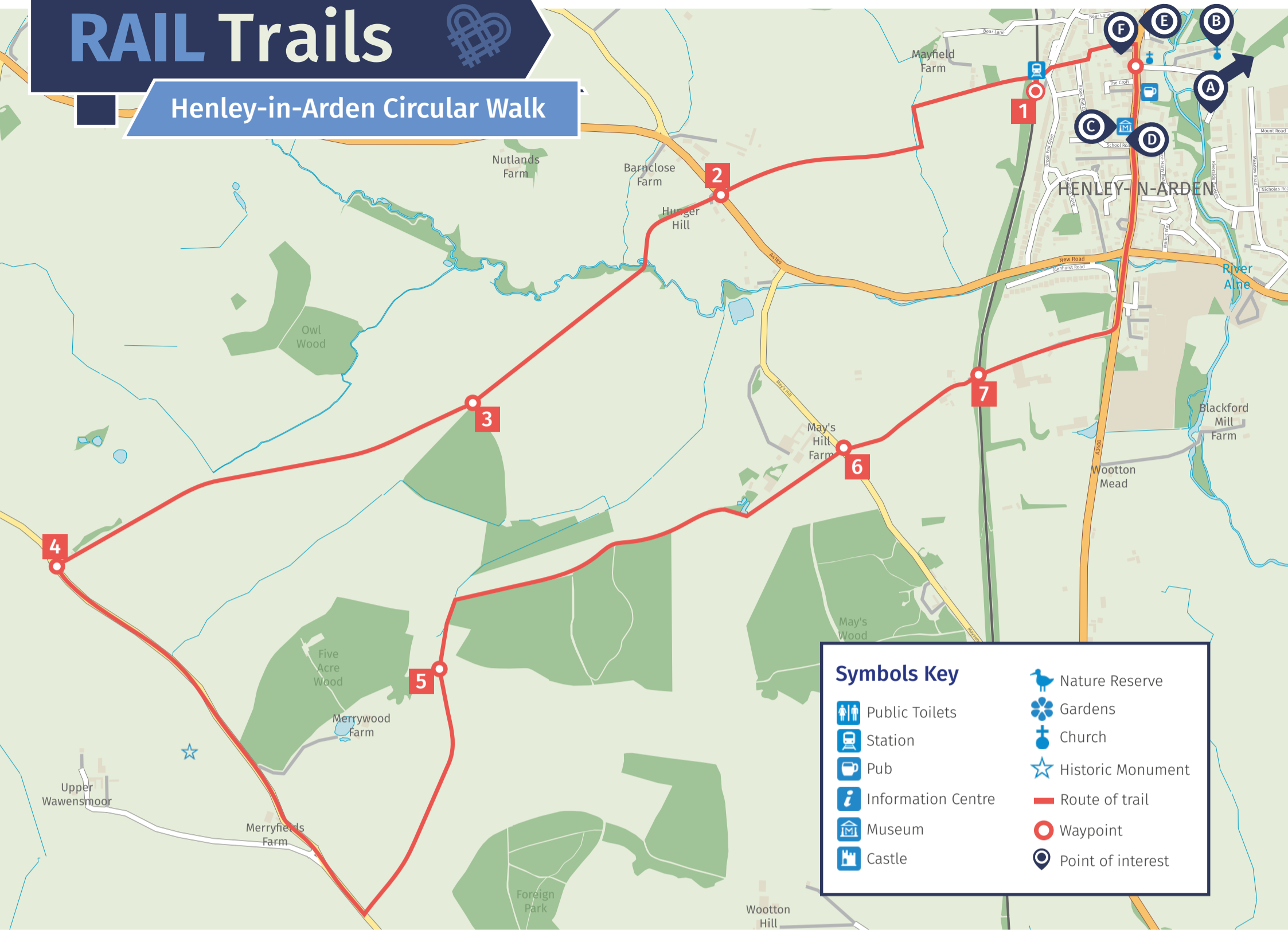
F. The White Swan

Even with stiff competition, this might be the prettiest building in town! A traditional coaching inn with rooms, popular bar and extensive gardens, as well as a steak restaurant offering lava stone dining!

www.thewhiteswanhotel.com

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Trail Directions

1. Leave the station and turn left (away from town) on fenced path with allotments on both sides and take metal kissing gate. Go ahead through further metal gate and then along tree lined passage (be careful of low branches) to go left through another metal gate. Ignore kissing gate immediately on right and go with trees right to find footbridge with metal rails. Cross footbridge over ditch, under fallen branch, to take kissing gate. Go slightly right along tree covered path with hedge on left and right and into sunken way up to stile. Cross stile and go up steps to reach field. Go up field over summit, then stay ahead to pass through a fence gap and past an isolated piece of fencing with waymarks and continue down to take tricky stile to road opposite Well Cottage.
2. Cross main road carefully, then go up drive to right of Well Cottage (take a moment to look down old well) and cross interesting stile in brick wall to right of gate. Go ahead over stile into small orchard. Continue forward over stile into paddock and cross another stile into field. Go diagonally left down field keeping trees right to reach another stile near field corner. Cross stile and go right down steep steps, then left across culverted ditch to cross another stile then forward to metal footbridge over stream. Turn diagonally right across field to pass marker post and on to stile in hedge. Cross stile and go diagonally left across field, maintaining same direction, to cross stile in hedge and continue diagonally left to take another stile by gate in hedge.
3. Go diagonally right down field to cross stile and wooden planked footbridge over deep ditch. Continue forward to cross damaged stile in next hedge and stay ahead towards narrow field corner gap by solitary oak tree. Take gap and continue along with hedge right. Go through gap in hedge at field corner and stay along next field with hedge right. At the field corner, where there may be noisy dogs, go through gap in hedge to reach lane (here we leave the Millennium Way).
4. Turn left and walk up lane for 3/4 mile, passing the edge of Five Acre Wood. Continue past a farm on right to where a side road joins from the right. Ignore side road and continue along lane for 250 yards to take waymarked public footpath on left through a "gate in a gate". Proceed along track and stay ahead with hedge left. Where hedge ends continue ahead on wide grassy path. Go through metal gate ahead and continue with wire fence and hedge right.
5. Where the hedge turns slightly right stay ahead to take kissing gate just to right of large tree. Stay ahead on the enclosed path to take next kissing gate into field. Bear right here and go along field edge (which can be overgrown in summer) with wire fence left and hedge right. On reaching field corner go through metal gate and continue ahead on track between trees. Stay ahead past open hay barn to pass through next metal gate to T-junction of tracks. Go slightly left to take metal gate then turning left to go through another metal gate keeping wire fence on your left. Continue past farms to take stile to road.
6. Cross road and take stile slightly right opposite continuing up slope with hedge and trees left. At the top of the slope take metal kissing gate and go ahead between wooden fences to take wooden gate just to left of farm buildings. Go ahead across driveway (avoid walking into private property) and take very small gap in fence, and then go a short distance with fence left to exit by awkward gate in corner. Take gate and turn right on track to cross railway bridge.
7. Stay ahead on track to pass old Warwickshire College building right until you reach the main A3400 road. Turn left and go across the traffic lights into Henley High Street. You will pass the famous Henley Ice Cream Parlour and Tea Room on your left and the Nag's Head on your right - both worth a visit. Continue north past Beaudesert Lane (a quick detour will bring you to St. Nicholas Church and the Mount), St John the Baptist church and the Guildhall. 30 paces after the pedestrian crossing, turn left up alleyway signed to The Station. Stay up alleyway and through the car park of the White Swan. Continue following signs to station into Swan Croft. At the end of alleyway cross road bearing slightly left then go up slope on right to return to the station.

Did you know?

The name **Henley in Arden** is a reference to the former Forest of Arden, a once-extensive forest celebrated by **Shakespeare** who set *As You Like It* in "the Forest of Arden"... even though the play was actually set in France, and he clearly meant the forests of the Ardennes!

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