



RAIL Trails



Earlswood to Wythall

Image by Fulford Heath Golf Club



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Discover The Heart of England by Rail

This short linear trail passes through Kidpile Farm and Fulford Heath, crosses the River Cole and skirts the James Braid designed **Fulford Golf Course** into Wythall.

Clowes Wood & New Fallings Coppice, the first reserve owned by the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust is a good place to start your walk. Here you can explore heathland, woodland and wet meadow, find the burnt stone pile dating back to the Bronze Age, see bluebells in the spring and listen out for the distinctive call of the chiff chaff.

As you cross the **River Cole**, consider this: its source is very near the main watershed of Midland England. Dropping a pooh stick here could well see it reach the North Sea via the Humber Estuary!

On your route you'll pass the **Wythall Fish Bar** on Station Road, and there is a **Select & Save** convenience store opposite Wythall station. If you're looking for something a little more substantial, **Becketts Farmshop and Restaurant** is just another 15-20 minutes walk from the station.

Earlswood is on the North Warwickshire Line running between Birmingham & Stratford-upon-Avon. There's an hourly service to both Birmingham Moor Street (via Wythall and Shirley) and to Stratford-Upon-Avon (via The Lakes, Henley-in-Arden and all stations beyond).

Note: The Lakes railway station is located closer to Earlswood village.

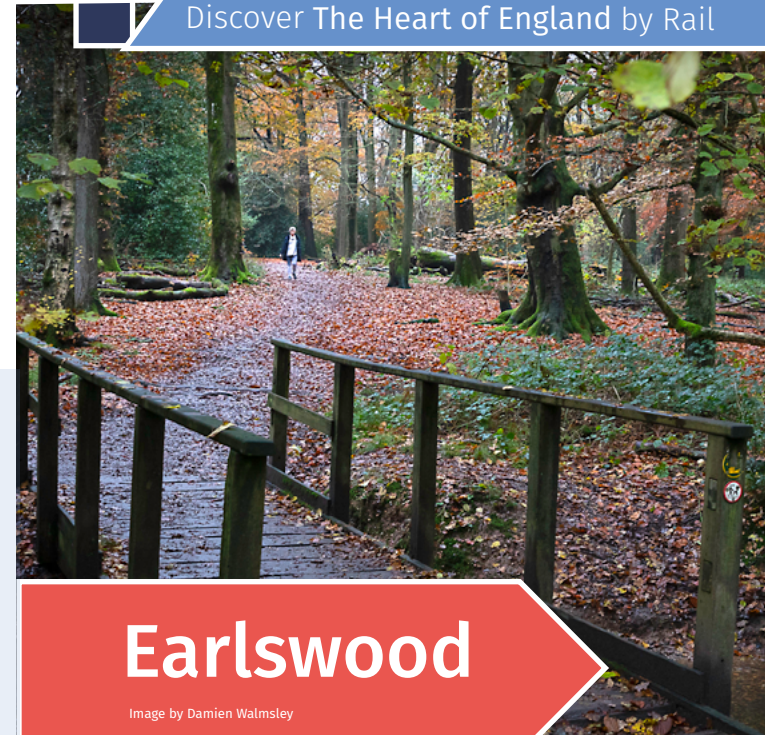
There are limited facilities available at this station.

Want More?

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



Discover the Heart of England by rail at:
www.heartcommunityrail.org.uk/railtrails



Earlswood

Image by Damien Walmsley

1 Hour 1.75 Miles Easy

Start: Earlswood Finish: Wythall

A short and easy route to Earlswood passing through farm and heathland, crossing the River Cole, and skirting Fulford Golf Course.

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Further Information:



Visit www.visitsolihull.co.uk for more information on what to see in and around Earlswood.

Design by: www.blackspiraldesign.co.uk



Image by Elliott Brown

A. The River Cole

Around 25 miles (40 km) long, the Cole is a tributary of the River Blythe, which it flows into near Coleshill. Its sources are right here in Wythall and also in Kings Norton to the North West.

www.birminghamweare.com



Image by Fulford Heath Golf Club

B. Fulford Heath Golf Club

Designed by James Braid and opened in 1933, this 18 hole, par 70 course is just over 6,000 yards in length and presents a challenge to golfers of all standards. Visitors are welcome and a pleasant afternoon can be spent in the Clubhouse overlooking the 18th.

www.fulfordheathgolfclub.co.uk



Image by David Anstiss

C. Clowes Wood

A piece of history as it was the first reserve owned by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust! Explore ancient woodland with a mix of trees, streams, meadows and a precious remnant of heathland.

www.warwickshirewildlifetrust.org.uk



Image by Wythall Fish Bar

D. Wythall Fish Bar

Finish the trail and reward yourself at this local traditional fish and chip shop of more than 35 years standing! The fish is always cooked to order, and just the ticket after a wander!

www.facebook.com/WythallFB

Did you know?



Earlswood Station does not in fact serve the village of Earlswood and is not even the closest station to Earlswood Lakes. We do wonder why they named it so!

Also recommended...



Image by Becketts Farm

E. Becketts Farm

Farm shop, restaurant, cookery school and conference centre. The Becketts have been farming in Wythall for 80 years, with a mission to bring fresh food and farming closer to people.

www.wythall-park.org.uk



Image by Transport Museum Wythall

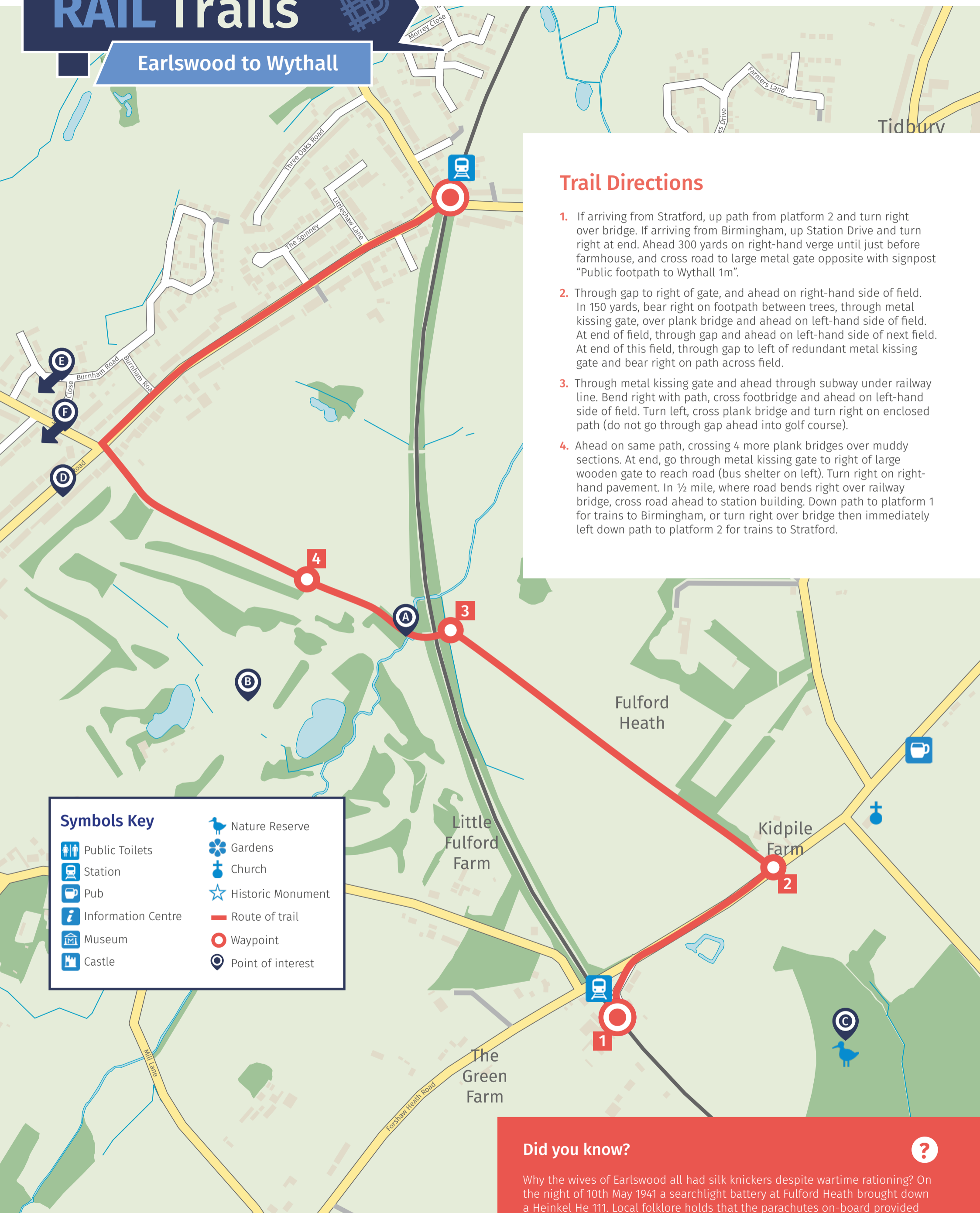
F. The Transport Museum

Home to over 90 buses and to the largest collection of battery electric road vehicles, including over 30 electric milk floats! You can also indulge at the cafe or ride some smaller rails at the miniature railway.

www.wythall.org.uk

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Trail Directions

1. If arriving from Stratford, up path from platform 2 and turn right over bridge. If arriving from Birmingham, up Station Drive and turn right at end. Ahead 300 yards on right-hand verge until just before farmhouse, and cross road to large metal gate opposite with signpost "Public footpath to Wythall 1m".
2. Through gap to right of gate, and ahead on right-hand side of field. In 150 yards, bear right on footpath between trees, through metal kissing gate, over plank bridge and ahead on left-hand side of field. At end of field, through gap and ahead on left-hand side of next field. At end of this field, through gap to left of redundant metal kissing gate and bear right on path across field.
3. Through metal kissing gate and ahead through subway under railway line. Bend right with path, cross footbridge and ahead on left-hand side of field. Turn left, cross plank bridge and turn right on enclosed path (do not go through gap ahead into golf course).
4. Ahead on same path, crossing 4 more plank bridges over muddy sections. At end, go through metal kissing gate to right of large wooden gate to reach road (bus shelter on left). Turn right on right-hand pavement. In 1/2 mile, where road bends right over railway bridge, cross road ahead to station building. Down path to platform 1 for trains to Birmingham, or turn right over bridge then immediately left down path to platform 2 for trains to Stratford.

Symbols Key

	Public Toilets		Nature Reserve
	Station		Gardens
	Pub		Church
	Information Centre		Historic Monument
	Museum		Route of trail
	Castle		Waypoint
			Point of interest

Did you know?

Why the wives of Earlswood all had silk knickers despite wartime rationing? On the night of 10th May 1941 a searchlight battery at Fulford Heath brought down a Heinkel He 111. Local folklore holds that the parachutes on-board provided enough material for every woman in Earlswood to have a pair of silk bloomers!

Want an online map?

Scan the QR code or visit explore.osmaps.com



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