



RAIL Trails



Wythall to Shirley

Image by Ted and Jen

This trail is a 3 mile linear walk between the stations of Wythall and Shirley, taking you through the countryside around the outer Shirley suburbs of Major's Green and Hollywood (once a wood with some holly in it – no connection with Los Angeles!).

If spending a little time in Wythall, check out the extensive collections of buses and battery electric vehicles at the **Transport Museum** or explore the 37 acres of **Wythall Park**. Alternatively **Beckett's Farm**, is an award winning farm shop and a great place to stock up for your walk.

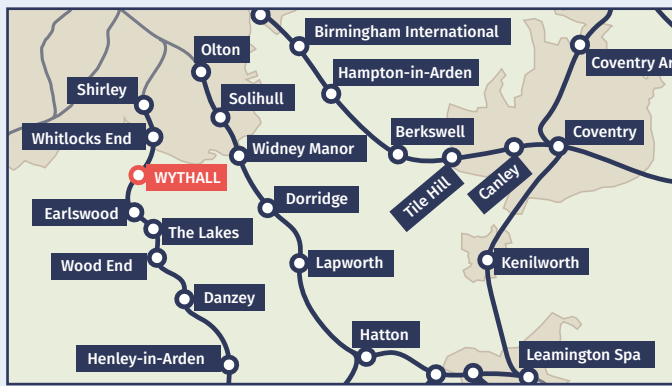
On the trail you'll pass the **Berry Mound Iron Age Hill Fort** and nearby **Berry Mound Pastures**, a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

For a halfway pitstop you could make a quick diversion to the **Drawbridge Inn**, renowned for its steaks (and food challenges!). Alternatively head for the diverse mix of cuisines, bars and cafés you'll find in Shirley itself.

Further Information:



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



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

There are limited facilities available at this station.

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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



Wythall

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1.5 Hours 3 Miles Easy

Start: Wythall Finish: Shirley

A 3 mile wander through the pasture and meadows around the outer Shirley suburbs of Major's Green and Hollywood. Eyes peeled for the Iron Age hillfort!

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Trail Highlights...



Image by Transport Museum Wythall

A. 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



Image by Becketts Farm

B. Beckett's 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. A top place to stock up on walking provisions!

www.beckettsfarm.co.uk



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C. Berry Mound

An Iron Age hillfort dated to the 1st or 2nd century BC, covering 11 acres and surrounded by a 24 ft (7.3 m) wide earth rampart. The bank and ditch in the southern sector are in particularly good condition.

www.historicengland.org.uk



Image by Greene King Pubs

D. The Drawbridge Inn

Named after the adjacent drawbridge on the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal, this "flaming great pub restaurant" is famous for its food challenges, flame-grilled steaks and moreish burgers.

www.greeneking-pubs.co.uk

Did you know?



From 1939 to 1959 **Wythall** was home to a Royal Air Force station, initially housing a barrage balloon facility. The Transport Museum is on part of the site.

Also recommended...



Image by Wythall Community Association

E. Wythall Park

37 acres of parkland managed by the Wythall Community Association. If you happen by on a Saturday morning, make sure to check out the Country Markets, held in the Scout Hut!

www.wythall-park.org.uk



Image by Ember Inns

F. The Colebrook

A comfortable local Ember Inn, with real ale and traditional pub-food, roaring log fire and award-winning cask ales on tap. Offering a fixed price lunch and dinner menu, a buffet and a Sunday roast menu.

www.emberinns.co.uk

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Symbols Key

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

Trail Directions

1. If arriving from Birmingham, up path from platform 2 and turn right over bridge. If arriving from Stratford, up path from platform 1 and turn right on right-hand pavement, immediately bending right into Lea Green Lane. Ahead 5/8 mile on pavement to reach crossroads, where turn right onto Houndsfield Lane.
2. Ahead 30 yards, cross road to driveway opposite and turn right on pavement with hedge on right. Cross side road (Houndsfield Close) and in 40 yards cross driveway. Turn left at footpath signpost and climb over fence (stile is broken). Ahead on left-hand side of field, through gap in corner, cross stile and turn right with path. Cross plank bridge, cross stile and turn left on drive. Follow to road.
3. Turn right on pavement. Where right-hand pavement ends at 40mph signs, cross road and continue on left-hand pavement. Immediately after passing entrance to Trueman's Heath Farm and Trueman's Heath Riding School, turn left between fences (footpath signpost), through metal kissing gate then small wooden gate. Note that the following section goes through the riding school, so watch out for horses in the fields and their muck anywhere! Ahead along left-hand side of field, cross stile on left, and ahead on path, passing riding school buildings on left.
4. Follow the home-made footpath signs which the owner has thoughtfully provided: turn left off path to cross footbridge, then turn right onto gravel track. Follow track between fields. At end of track, through small metal gate into field. Turn right through metal kissing gate then bend left with path, barbed wire fence on right.
5. At start of third field on right, turn right, cross stile (public footpath waymark on post) and ahead across field, aiming to right of white house. Turn left to cross stile in corner to right of large metal gate. Ahead along right-hand side of field. Cross stile to left of large metal gate, and ahead on track.
6. Where track bends right, fork left on path through trees (waymark on post). Through small metal gate and cross field to go through another small metal gate (electricity pylon on left). Cross field, down bank to cross footbridge and up opposite bank. Cross small field and cross stile to road.
7. Cross road and turn right on left-hand pavement. At junction, turn left on road which goes under canal aqueduct (care - no pavement). Ahead for 400 yards, with River Cole on right, to junction. Cross road and turn right on left-hand pavement. Ahead for a further 400 yards to next junction, turn left onto Haslucks Green Road, over railway bridge and turn left to Shirley station.

Did you know?

The **Berry Mound** has been known as "Danes camp field" and "Danes bury field". The term Berry or Bury comes from the old English "Burgh", meaning defensive position. Local tales concern King Alfred doing battle with the Danes here and excavations certainly showed signs of fortifications that fit the story!

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