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# RAIL Trails



## Kenilworth Circular Walk

This trail takes you from the heart of Kenilworth and out across farmland and open countryside, with many attractive views. You are a stone's throw from the babbling Inchford Brook, the rolling greenery of **Abbey Fields**, and some monumental WW2 relics at Goodrest Farm. You'll also get even closer to some gorgeous Alpacas before the halfway point!

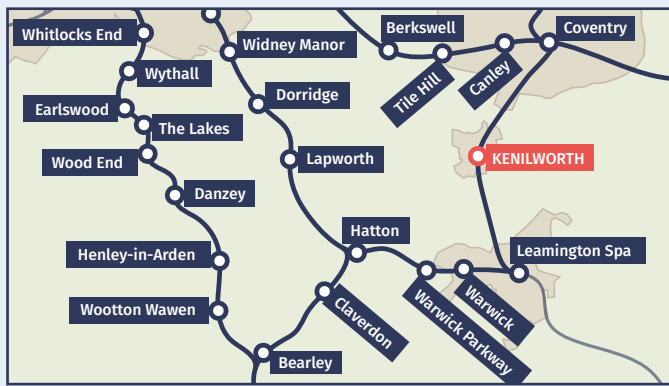
Whilst this is a countryside walk, do make time to explore **Kenilworth Castle**. A visit to the glorious gothic ruin gets you an insight into 900 years of history replete with royalty, sieges and romance!

This is a very rural walk so make sure to stock up on provisions before you leave town. You'll find plenty of shops, restaurants and pubs around Warwick Road and the Old High Street, including the venerable **Virgins & Castle**, and the Michelin starred **The Cross**. You can also grab a cocktail at **Pomeroy's** inside the facade of Kenilworth's original 1844 train station!

### Further Information:



Visit [www.visit.kenilworthweb.co.uk](http://www.visit.kenilworthweb.co.uk) for more information on Kenilworth and [www.shakespeares-england.co.uk](http://www.shakespeares-england.co.uk) for the wider area.



**Kenilworth** is served by trains running between Leamington and Nuneaton via Coventry with connections onwards to Warwick, Stratford-upon-Avon, Birmingham and London. Trains run hourly in both directions seven days a week.

Toilets and refreshments are 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.



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Discover The Heart of England by Rail



## Kenilworth

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3.5 Hours 7.4 Miles Easy

Start/Finish: Kenilworth

A lovely countryside wander with the opportunity to meet Alpacas, spot WW2 relics and take a detour into historic Kenilworth and it's castle.

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## Trail Highlights...



Image by Benjamin Arnold

### A. Abbey Fields

Linger in the 68 acres of beautiful parkland at Abbey Fields, right in the heart of town. It's perfect for a picnic, bird spotting, a quiet stroll or entertaining the kids at its top notch playground.

[www.friendsofabbeyfields.org.uk](http://www.friendsofabbeyfields.org.uk)



Image by Matthew Sugars Photography

### B. Kenilworth Castle

Don't miss the 900 year old star of Kenilworth's show! You'll uncover the story of the longest medieval siege on English soil and the "romance" of Elizabeth I and Robert Dudley. Ascend to the heights above the Great Hall for the best view in town!

[www.english-heritage.org.uk](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk)



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### C. Faerie Tale Farm

You are going to walk right past the fluffy devils, so why not make some time post-walk for an Alpaca Experience? You'll meet the herd, feed the youngsters and wander with your very own Alpaca!

[www.faerietalealpacas.co.uk](http://www.faerietalealpacas.co.uk)



Image by Friends of the Anti-Aircraft Battery at Goodrest Farm

### D. WW2 Anti Aircraft Battery

You'll only be able to view it over the gate, but take some time to marvel at the remains of the Bannerhill Battery; four 3.7" gun positions, constructed in 1940 as part of the defence of Coventry during the Blitz.

[www.kenilworth-ww2.co.uk](http://www.kenilworth-ww2.co.uk)

### Did you know?



**Kenilworth** is home to no less than five Nature Reserves (and that's not even including Abbey Fields!)

## Also recommended...



Image by The Virgins & Castle

### E. The Virgins & Castle

Worth the extra hike across Abbey Fields for sure! Kenilworth's oldest pub has been serving since 1563, (and possibly earlier!) so there's absolutely no reason not to pop in for a venerable pint, delicious food or a cracking Sunday Roast.

[www.virginsandcastle.com](http://www.virginsandcastle.com)

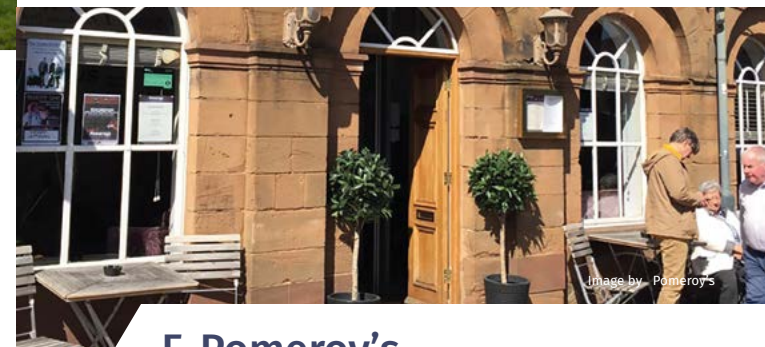


Image by Pomeroy's

### F. Pomeroy's














Despite being housed in the sandstone facade of Kenilworth's very first station (from 1844) you can ease back in some modern ambience at Pomeroy's. The food great but we'd go for a well earned cocktail!

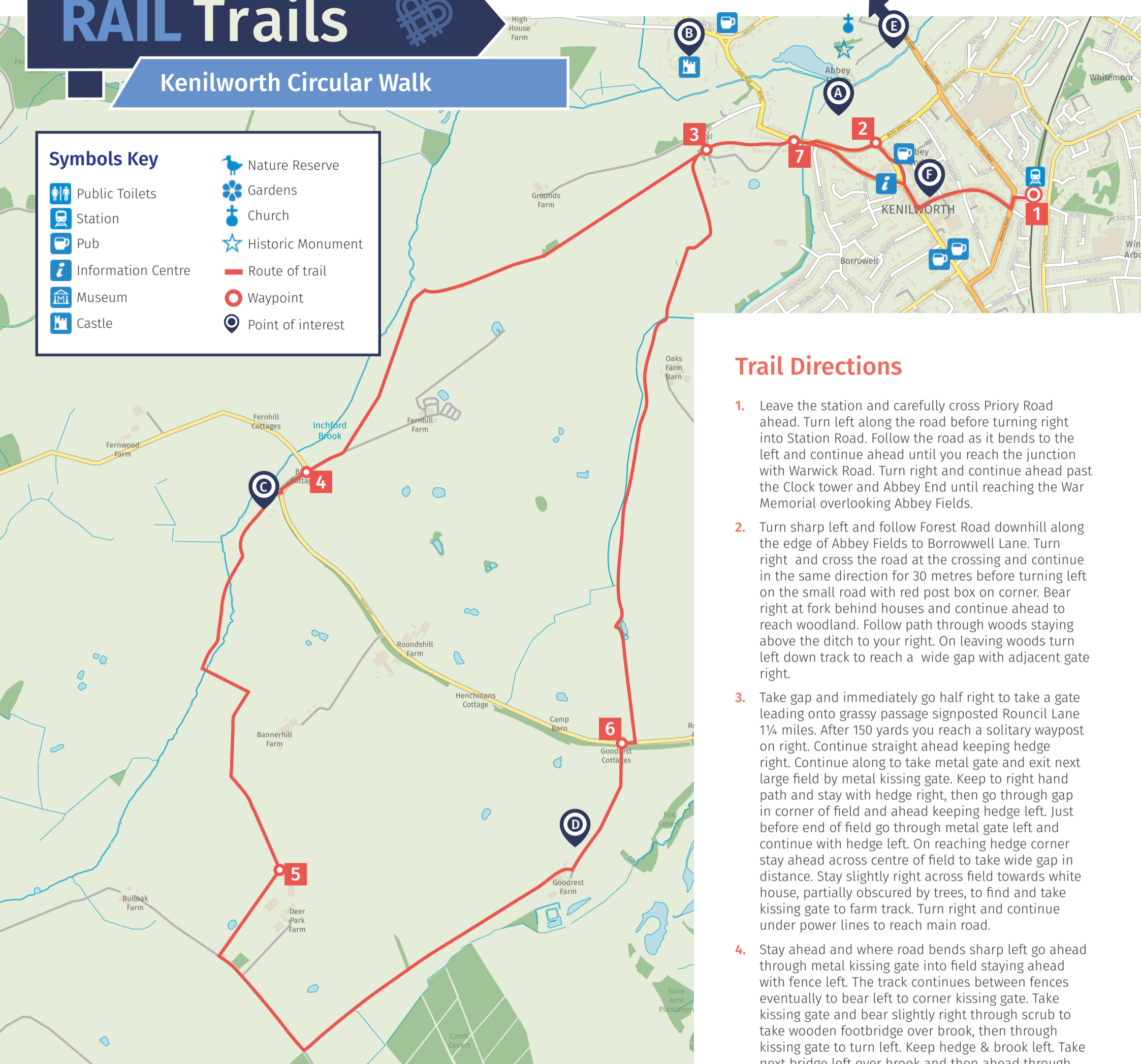
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### Symbols Key

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



### Trail Directions

1. Leave the station and carefully cross Priory Road ahead. Turn left along the road before turning right into Station Road. Follow the road as it bends to the left and continue ahead until you reach the junction with Warwick Road. Turn right and continue ahead past the Clock tower and Abbey End until reaching the War Memorial overlooking Abbey Fields.
2. Turn sharp left and follow Forest Road downhill along the edge of Abbey Fields to Borrowwell Lane. Turn right and cross the road at the crossing and continue in the same direction for 30 metres before turning left on the small road with red post box on corner. Bear right at fork behind houses and continue ahead to reach woodland. Follow path through woods staying above the ditch to your right. On leaving woods turn left down track to reach a wide gap with adjacent gate right.
3. Take gap and immediately go half right to take a gate leading onto grassy passage signposted Rouncil Lane 1¼ miles. After 150 yards you reach a solitary waypost on right. Continue straight ahead keeping hedge right. Continue along to take metal gate and exit next large field by metal kissing gate. Keep to right hand path and stay with hedge right, then go through gap in corner of field and ahead keeping hedge left. Just before end of field go through metal gate left and continue with hedge left. On reaching hedge corner stay ahead across centre of field to take wide gap in distance. Stay slightly right across field towards white house, partially obscured by trees, to find and take kissing gate to farm track. Turn right and continue under power lines to reach main road.
4. Stay ahead and where road bends sharp left go ahead through metal kissing gate into field staying ahead with fence left. The track continues between fences eventually to bear left to corner kissing gate. Take kissing gate and bear slightly right through scrub to take wooden footbridge over brook, then through kissing gate to turn left. Keep hedge & brook left. Take next bridge left over brook and then ahead through metal gate and up next field. Take the next gate ahead then turn immediately right along bridleway keeping hedge right. Continue through gated hedge gap to reach field corner. Take metal gate right, under power lines, then follow blue bridleway marker into right hand field to go left and continue on cinder track with hedge left to end of field. At the end of the field, by large metal gate, turn right along field bridleway but continue with hedge and fence right. Go through corner metal gate and ahead with hedge and fence right to reach field corner gate.
5. Take the gate and go immediately left to continue gently up farm track between trees ahead. Stay ahead on surfaced track, past Deer Park Farm entrance left and when you reach the corner of wood ahead go left through metal gate and continue down wide bridleway keeping hedge left. Eventually pass through large metal gate on left and continue on same line now with hedge right to pass under power lines. Stay ahead to pass left of farm buildings and take metal gate right following bridleway sign. After a few steps go left and stay along surfaced track leaving Goodrest Farm behind you. Stay ahead on surfaced track to reach Rouncil Lane.
6. Go right on lane for 50 paces and take metal gate left. Go with hedge right and wooden fence left to follow field edge cinder track and exit by corner gap. Stay ahead with hedge right to exit via metal gate then ahead with hedge right to end of field. Take metal gate then ahead to pass Oaks Farm to corner concrete bridge. Cross bridge, ahead to take gate, then ahead, across field, to take second metal gate. Stay ahead with fence right (ignore kissing gate right to playing fields) to take metal gate then ahead with hedge right to eventually pass dew pond reaching a solitary waypost just ahead. Go right along wide grassy corridor between hedge left and fence right to exit by gate to driveway. Turn left and then right into woods back to Borrowwell Lane.
7. Turn right onto Borrowwell Lane and continue uphill without crossing until you reach the Clock tower and can retrace your steps to the Station.

### Did you know?

A good portion of this walk would have been underwater! **The Mere** was a 1.2km long and 152m man-made lake, flooded in medieval times for the defence of Kenilworth Castle. It was drained after the castle fell to Parliamentary forces in the Civil War.

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