



RAIL Trails



Berkswell Circular Walk

Image by Berkswell Church

This trail takes you through countryside and farmland to the historic village of Berkswell where you'll spot several 16th and 17th century houses as well as the 16th century **Bear Inn** and Grade 1 listed, church of **St. John the Baptist**. Famous for its Norman crypt, it is considered amongst the finest in the country. Outside the church is **Bercul's Well** legendarily used for full immersion baptisms as far back as the 8th century.

You will also pass **Rams Hall Farm**, home to the Fletcher family since 1881, purveyors of Berkswell Cheese. This ewe's cheese, made using only the milk from their Friesland sheep features deep enduring flavours due to the long maturation process. Make sure to seek some out before you leave!

The nearest shops are in Balsall Common, close to the station, including a **One Stop** and a **Co-Op**. But do make time in Berkswell itself for a cinnamon bun and coffee at the **Store and Stove Café** on the green, or a more leisurely meal at the **Bear Inn**.

Further Information:



Visit www.visitsolihull.co.uk for more information on what to see in the area.



Berkswell is on the West Coast Mainline running between Birmingham & Coventry. There are two trains an hour to both Birmingham New Street and London Euston via Coventry.

Note: Berkswell railway station serves the village of Berkswell but is located closer to Balsall Common.

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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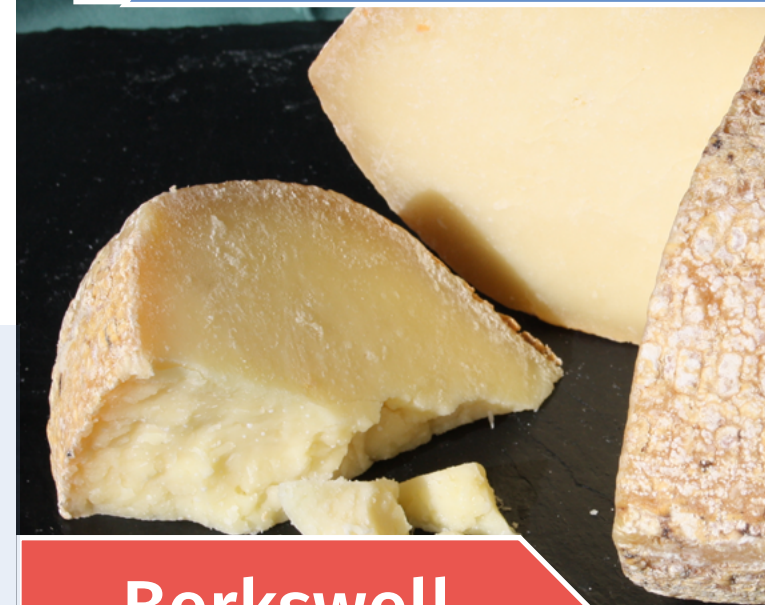


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Discover The Heart of England by Rail



Berkswell

Image by Stephen Fletcher, Ram Hall Farm

🕒 1.5 Hours 🚶 2.7 Miles 🚶 Easy

Start/Finish: Berkswell

A rural ramble to the historic village of Berkswell with it's 16th and 17th century houses and world famous Berkswell Cheese!

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Trail Highlights...



Image by Berkswell Church

A. St. John the Baptist

A place of worship for over 1000 years and boasting one of largest Norman crypts in England. Look out for the rare Sanctus Bell, the nine Berkswell Mice and Bercul's Well (after which the village is named).

www.berkswellchurch.org.uk



Image by Fitzsimons

B. The Bear Inn

A truly historic 16th century Inn, which once hosted Cromwell's troops and Blitz-affected Coventrians! Now serving great quality pub food from weekend brunch, to weekday light lunch dishes, hearty Sunday roasts to three-course dining.

www.chefandbrewer.com



Image by Store & Stove

C. Store & Stove

If pubs aren't your thing, we can highly recommend this village stores and eatery in the heart of Berkswell serving scrumptious breakfast, lunches and afternoon treats. Dog friendly too!

www.facebook.com/Store-Stove-110291947813048/



Image by Elliott Brown

D. Brickmakers Arms

A charming 17th century village pub offering a selection of cask ales, draughts, craft beer and fine wines as well as classic pub food, teas, coffees & homemade cakes. Handily close to the station!

www.thebrickmakersberkswell.com

Did you know?



Berkswell Cheese, one of the finest examples of a British ewes' milk cheese is handmade at Ram Hall Farm. Get some at Oakes Farm or order online: www.berkswellcheese.com

Also recommended...



Image by Oakes Farm Shop

E. Oakes Farm Shop

A Farm Shop, Cafe, Butchery and Delicatessen offering a wide range of delicious locally sourced produce and homemade cakes made in house. They also stock Berkswell Cheese, so worth the extra walk!

www.oakesfarmshop.co.uk

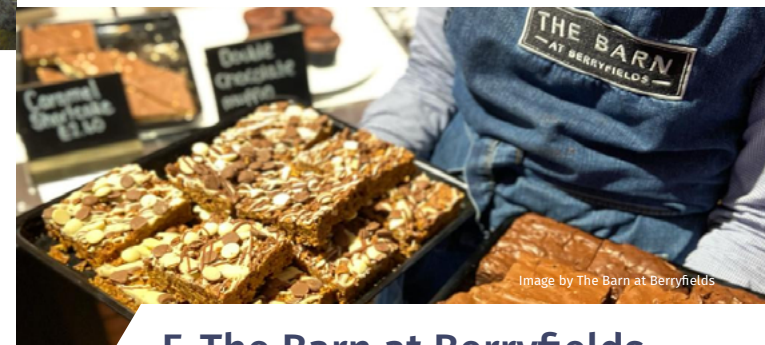


Image by The Barn at Berryfields

F. The Barn at Berryfields

Stock up on the very best locally sourced meat, fresh fruit and vegetables and other everyday essentials. Enjoy some Street Food or have a more leisurely breakfast, lunch and dinner in the Barn Restaurant.

www.thebarnatberryfields.co.uk

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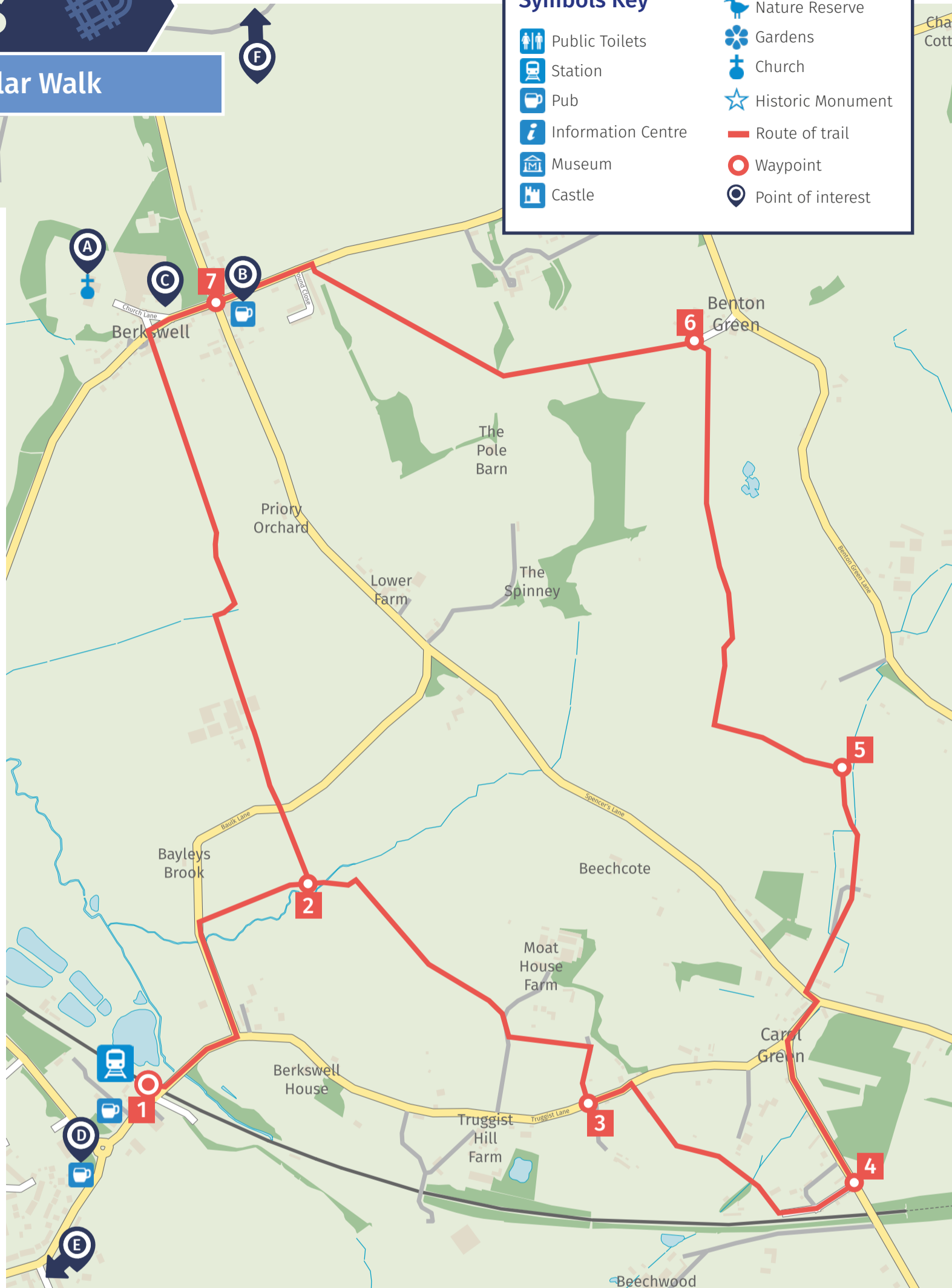
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Symbols Key

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

Trail Directions

1. Come out of the station and turn left under the rail bridge, up Truggist Lane. Turn Left onto Baulk Lane and follow for a quarter of a mile until you reach a marked route on the right hand side. Cross ditch, through kissing gate and ahead across field keeping to hedge on your left to concrete foot bridge.
2. Cross bridge, then go left for 30 paces to turn right in same field and head up incline towards far pylon. On reaching a waymarker by the Oak tree head diagonally right across field. Turn right onto farm driveway then, after 60 paces, cross stile on left. Keeping hedge left, continue under power cables to corner of field. Cross stile and continue 70 paces with wooden fence right, then go through wooden kissing gate on left. Go right along driveway from Moat House Farm & Barn entrances and then turn left onto Truggist Lane.
3. Continue along Truggist Lane for 110 paces then take the surfaced Fordrough drive right, next to Jasmine Cottage. Go through large kissing gate into field to stay ahead with trees and fence left. Take corner kissing gate and continue forward along somewhat narrow fenced path with hedge left, soon crossing a short section of boarded walkway then exiting by kissing gate to farm driveway. Go left along driveway to reach Hodgett's Lane.
4. Go left on road to reach a T-junction at Carol Green. Turn right here to reach another T-junction. Turn left onto Spencer's Lane and after 20 paces take driveway right to cross stile to vehicle track. Go ahead on track to take kissing gate and ahead to exit track by further kissing gate to field. Go to right of power pole to cross field and find top corner kissing gate. Take this kissing gate / plank bridge / kissing gate and go ahead with fence right and left, ignore kissing gates to left but continue ahead to find kissing gate / plank bridge / kissing gate. Then stay ahead, over rough driveway, keeping hedge and trees right to pass under power lines.
5. 100 paces after passing under the power lines you will come to a crossroad of paths and a mid hedge gap on right with kissing gate and a way post with several way marks. Stop. Remain in the field then turn left (walking away from the kissing gate and way post) across field to take ditch bridge located 10 paces in from right field corner. Continue ahead with wire fence left across field to exit by kissing gate. Go with hedge right to top right swamp boards and take kissing gate. Go with hedge right and at end of trees take ditch bridge and kissing gate right and then go left continuing with hedge left under power lines. At field corner go ahead over large field aiming 70 paces to right of white house to find corner gap.
6. Ignore gap (here we leave The Millennium Way) and instead go left to carry on around edge of same field with hedge right. When you soon reach a large metal gate and fence stile, go diagonally half left across field to reach far line of trees. The paths here are usually very distinct. On reaching line of trees take kissing gate and go directly ahead over next field to reach a hedge gap. Take gap then corner kissing gate into next field staying straight ahead to pass a large lone tree on your left and a few other trees in mid field. Stay ahead to field corner, where the path descends slightly to reach a corner kissing gate. Take kissing gate through short passageway to Broad Lane. Turn left slightly downhill to reach crossroads.
7. Continue ahead for 30 paces to take narrow signed footpath left through the arch between two bungalows. Go along the passage, between fences, to take wooden kissing gate into field and stay ahead with hedge right. Take gate / kissing gate into second field and then a further kissing gate into third field. Continue with hedge right and just before field corner take further kissing gate right, then go left with hedge left. At the corner follow field edge around right, then take kissing gate left to continue up field with trees & fence left under power lines towards farm buildings. At the top take kissing gate and go ahead between concrete barns and onto track. Continue to the end of the farm track to reach the surfaced Baulk Lane. Cross over Baulk Lane to take metal kissing gate opposite then stay ahead to cross directly over centre of field under power lines to hedge corner and continue ahead for 30 paces with hedge right to pass through a metal kissing gate. Turn right to retrace your steps to the station.



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