

Berkhamsted Audio Trail No 3

- Distance:** 3½ miles or 2¼ miles circular
- Route:** Railway Station - Kitchener's Field - carpark at jnc of New Road and Ashridge Road - Berkhamsted Common - Frithsden Beeches - WW1 trenches - Railway Station
- Maps:** OS Explorer 181, Chiltern Society Footpath map No 19, Berkhamsted Citizens Association Footpath Map
- Parking:** You can park in the station carpark or there is public parking nearby at public carparks off Lower Kings Road. If preferred go direct to car park at top of New Road
- Public transport:** Berkhamsted is on the London Midland Euston to Birmingham line. For information ring National Rail Enquiries: 08457 48 49 50 Berkhamsted is regularly served by buses. Contact Hertfordshire Intalink on 0300 123 4050 for bus times and routes
- Conditions:** Mainly follows well drained footpaths and bridleways but some sections may be muddy. Stout shoes recommended
- Refreshments:** Berkhamsted is well served with cafes, restaurants and public houses but once you leave the railway station behind there are no facilities until you reach it again on the return leg. Take drinks along

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Graham Greene's Common



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➤ Leave the railway station by way of the pedestrian subway at the Platform 4 exit. Walk along Brownlow Road with the Castle to your right. Where the road bends right keep straight on and go through the right hand gate into the playing fields.

Audio point 1 Kitchener's Field

➤ Those travelling by car may prefer to go direct to the carpark by the junction at the top of New Road and Ashridge Road, opposite the Inns of Court memorial.

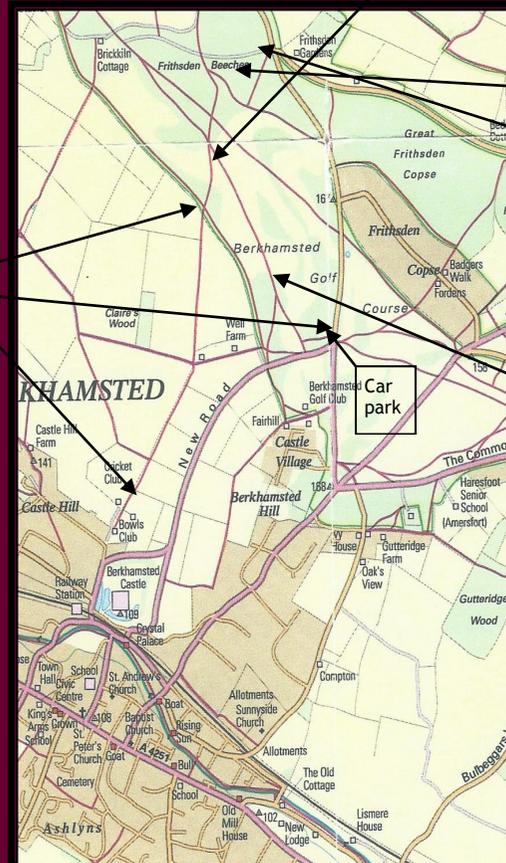
Audio point 2 Graham Greene's Commons

Audio point 3 The kissing gate

➤ Leaving the kissing gate directly behind you, go uphill and you will find the abandoned rifle butt a few steps to the right off "the steep clay path between oaks and beeches above Kitchener's Fields", just before the open Common.

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Audio point 4 The abandoned rifle butt

➤ Retrace your steps to the path and continue uphill to the open common. As the ground levels out, follow a diagonal path, crossing two bridleways, and passing through Frithsden Beeches. The complete walk, approximately 1 kilometre from the rifle butt, takes you to a metalled track, the access road to Brick Kiln Cottage, at its junction with Ashridge Road.

Audio point 5 At Frithsden Beeches

Audio point 6 At the Dead Letter Box

➤ Follow the same path in the reverse direction until you reach the junction with the **second** bridleway, its marker post helpfully marked in indelible marker pen 55. Turn left, heading for the WW1 trenches, carpark and home.

Audio point 7 The WW1 trenches

➤ Leaving the trenches behind continue walking along the bridleway in the same direction and the carpark is 350 metres away, to your left.

➤ For those returning on foot to the railway station, follow the route by which you came up, past Well Farm and through the fields to Brownlow Road and past the Castle, now to your left. The railway station is straight ahead of you.