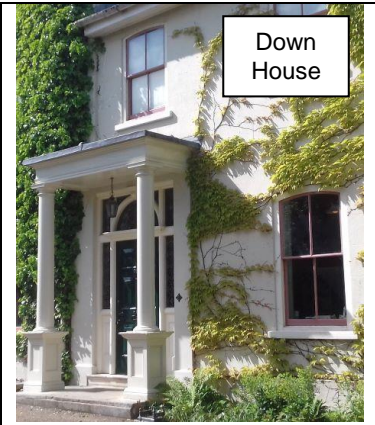


Bromley Pub Walk No. 14

Downe to Berrys Green

A walk mostly through farmland, which passes Down House, once the home of Charles Darwin.

Please read the Bromley Pub Walks [introductory notes](#) for explanation about information provided in these walking guides



Approx. Distance:

- 1.75 miles

Approx. Time:

- 40 minutes

Gradients:

- The route has no steep gradients

Type(s) of path(s):

- Mostly paths through cultivated fields. Some gravel paths and tarmac

Stiles / Gates:

- This route has several stiles and kissing gates

Road Walking: (ie. roads without footway)

- Short section of road without footway, Single St, near Berrys Green (approx. 150 yards)



Livestock or crops:

- This route includes fields which may contain livestock, crops or horses

OS Grid References:

- Downe: TQ 432616
- Berrys Green: TQ 434594

Maps:

- OS 1:25 000, No. 147
- Most of the route is within the area covered by Bromley Council's walking leaflet 'Cudham' (includes map)

Connections to other Bromley Pub Walks:

- From Downe:
 - 04 to Keston
 - 06 to Leaves Green
 - 08 to Farnborough
 - 11 to Green St Green
 - 12 to Pratts Bottom(continues...)

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Bromley Pub Walk No. 14

- 13 to Cudham
- 15 to Biggin Hill [Black Horse]
- 54 to Knockholt Pound
- From Berrys Green:
 - 16 to Biggin Hill
 - 17 to Aperfield
 - 18/18A to Cudham
- Part of this route follows the same paths as a section of the following route:
 - 13 Downe to Cudham
 - 18 Berry's Green to Cudham

Pubs:

- Downe:
 - [George & Dragon](#), 26 High Street, Downe. BR6 7UT
 - [Queen's Head](#), 25 High Street, Downe. BR6 7US
- Berrys Green:
 - [Old Jail](#), Jail Lane, Biggin Hill. TN16 3AX

Public Transport:

- Downe:
 - 146 Bromley North/South to Downe
 - R8 Orpington to Biggin Hill
- Berrys Green:
 - R8 Orpington to Biggin Hill via Downe

Notes:

- The route passes very close to [Down House](#), home of Charles Darwin from 1842 to 1882. The property is managed by English Heritage and is open to the public (entrance fee).



The Route:

Starting at Downe

- Leave the village via Luxted Rd, then take the path to the left, just before the former pond (now dry)
- Follow this path, which takes a zig-zag course around the perimeter of several fields, and passes very close to Down House
- The path goes through Downe Court Farm, (following a well-signed route). Shortly after the kissing gate, turn right behind a row of tall fir (leylandii?) trees, cross the driveway and then turn left along a hedge to follow the field perimeter, turning right to reach a crossroads of paths at a large break in the hedge
- At this crossroads of paths, the route to Berrys Green continues straight ahead
- *Go sharp left at this junction for Route 13 to Cudham*
- Continue straight ahead through another field into a wooded path, which eventually emerges between houses on Luxted Rd.

Luxted Rd

- Cross Luxted Rd and take the farm track opposite, to Luxted Farm
- Beyond the houses, at the end of the track, follow the footpath straight ahead

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- The path is quite narrow, running between the hedge and fences, overlooking a shallow valley to the right. The path follows a more or less straight course through three fields, via several stiles
- *The route passes the junction with Route 18 to Cudham on the left*
- After the final stile, the path enters a yard, which leads onto a tarmac drive, which takes you to Single St. where you continue straight ahead along the road

Single St.

- There is no footway on Single St for approx. 150 yds. The road is narrow here and has a sharp bend, so walkers are advised to proceed with great care
- The footway starts outside a terrace of houses, however it is often obstructed with parked cars
- At the road junction between Single St, Jail Lane and Berry's Hill, take the 'permissive path' alongside Jail Lane to the Old Jail pub. (NB the permissive path starts just before the bus shelter). This path avoids walking along narrow Jail lane without a footway
- *At the road junction go straight ahead for Routes 15A to Cudham, 16 to Biggin Hill [Black Horse] and 33 to Pratts Bottom*
- The permissive path finishes almost directly opposite the entrance to the car park of the [Old Jail](#) pub



Starting at Berry's Hill

- Turn left when leaving the front door of the Old Jail
- To avoid walking on the narrow road without a footway, take the 'permissive path', on the opposite side of the road, which starts just beyond the entrance/exit to the car park (the 2nd entrance, furthest from the pub) and follow it to the nearby road junction

Suggested Routes to link with this route to make longer circular or one-way walks:

There are currently eight other *Bromley Pub Walk* routes to/from Downe, and another four to/from Berry's Green, all as listed on page 1.

There are numerous possible options to combine Route 14 with other *Bromley Pub Walk* routes. Some of these include the following, which could all be walked in either direction, (the direction maybe depending on where you want to have your final pint...):

1. Leaves Green / Downe / Berry's Green / Biggin Hill

- One-way walk, with good bus connections at both start and finish
- Routes 06, 14, 16
- Approx. 5.5 miles
- 5 pubs on route

2. Downe / Cudham / Berry's Green / Downe

- Circular walk
- Routes 14, 18, 13
- Approx. 5 miles
- 4 pubs on route

3. Biggin Hill / Berry's Green / Downe / Biggin Hill

- Circular walk, with good bus connections at both start and finish
- Routes 16, 14, 15
- Approx. 7 miles
- 4 pubs on route

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