

How to get to the start of the Downe **Audio Trail:**

Distance: 1.9 miles Allow: 2 hours

Please note that whilst this audio trail is along relatively level ground, it is not suitable for wheelchairs/pushchairs due to the number of stiles along this route and the sometimes muddy paths.



If travelling by:

Bus:

Downe Village is served by the 146 service from Bromley and R8 from Orington Station. Both stop outside St Mary's Church where the audio trail begins.

Car:

From the A21 join the B2158 (signposted Downe, Farnborough Village). Imediately turn left at the mini-roundabout onto Shire Lane and then left onto North Lane after 1 mile. After a further mile you will arrive in the village of Downe with the church on your left.

Train:

Bromley South train station is approximately 20 minutes by bus (146 service) from Downe village whilst Orpington Station is just 15 minutes away by bus (R8).

For up-to-date information about train and bus times ring the Transport for London helpline on **0845 300 7000** or visit www.tfl.gov.uk where you can use the journey planner facility.

Downe National School

Leave St.Mary's churchyard, cross over the road and listen to track 2 outside the George and Dragon pub.

Boundary Oaks

With your back to the church, turn left and head along the right hand side of the road paying attention to oncoming cars where there is no footpath. Immediately after Christmas Tree Farm and before the brick wall with black metal gates, turn right up the footpath marked Luxted 3/4 mile. Cross the stile and walk along the grassy strip, stopping to listen to track 3 at the 1st oak tree 25 metres ahead.

Hedgerow

Continue along the grassy strip and after 100 metres turn right to continue around the boundary of Christmas Tree farm. At the end of the field by a footpath fingerpost, turn left and head away from the farm. Listen to track 4 when you enter the hedge.

Down House

Continue through the hedge and head along the left hand path that crosses diagonally through the meadow. Listen to track 5 when you have a good view of the large building on the other side of the hedge to your right.



Larks

Carry on along the path and cross over the stile close to the farm buildings. Turn left and cross another stile just 25 metres ahead on your right marked 'leaves green circular walk'. Go through the gap in the hedge and through the metal kissing gate 25 metres ahead on the opposite side of the concrete road. Turn left, walk on the right hand side of the hedge and around the edge of the field, turn right again and listen to track 6.

Great House Meadow

Carry on along the path and turn right again at the public footpath sign halfway along the field edge. Head across the field, safely cross the road and listen to track 7 once you enter the field opposite.

8 Thinking Path

Walk diagonally across to the right hand side of the field and listen to track 8 at the black metal kissing gate.

Great Pucklands Meadow

Cross over the Thinking Path and through the wooden gate. Turn left, cross over the stile and follow the footpath marked 235 diagonally across the meadow. Stop and listen to track 9 in the meadow before the path drops downhill.

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Return to Downe

Follow the path, cross over a stile and down eight steps into the woodland. From the steps turn right at the 'West Kent Golf Course Nature Reserve' panel and follow the path for approximately 5 minutes until it reaches a second 'West Kent' panel. Go through the wooden kissing gate, safely cross the road and follow the public footpath sign on your left directing you to 'Holwood Farm'. Turn right at the T-junction and continue along the path over 3 stiles and through 2 gates until you reach the road. Safely cross the road, turn left and return back to Downe village.



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