

Main walk From The Boot cross the road to the quiet lane opposite and after ¼ mile, by a road bend sign, go through a kissing gate on the left **1**. Cross the field to a gate in the hedge opposite and continue for 50 yards with hedge on the right to a gap. Continue along the right-hand side of this curvaceous field to a bridge **2**.

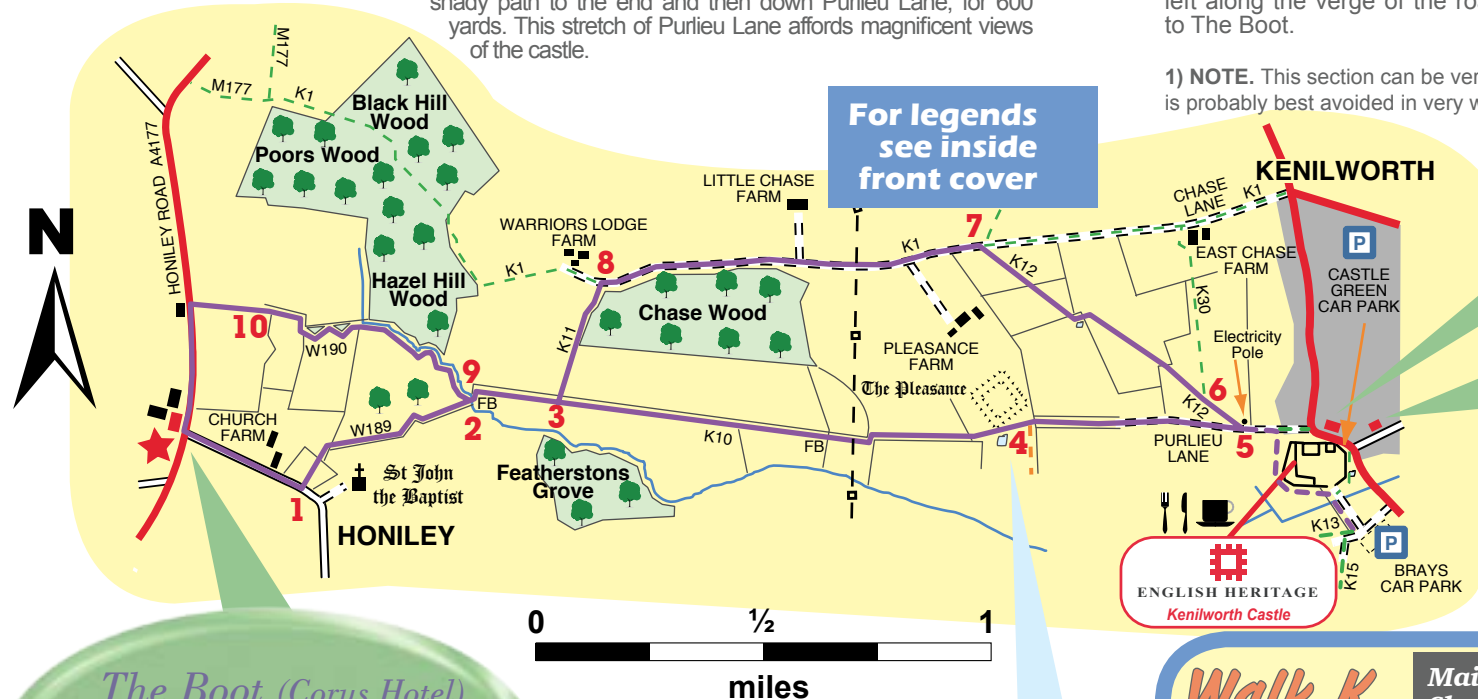
For the **Short Cut** do not cross the bridge but turn left, picking up the description from point **9**.

Otherwise go over the bridge and continue left round the field with hedge on the left to reach a broad track. Cross over **3** and continue with a line of young trees on the left. In the first edition of this book this was the boundary of a much larger Chase Wood. After two fields cross a plank bridge and continue to the field corner and a gate. Continue in the same direction with hedge on the right to a gate. At this point diverge from the hedge going slightly left across **The Pleasance** to a gate **4**. Go through the gate and up an enclosed and shady path to the end and then down Purlieu Lane, for 600 yards. This stretch of Purlieu Lane affords magnificent views of the castle.

Turn left through a kissing gate near an electricity pole **5**. Go diagonally left up the field to a gap by a ruined barn **6** and on diagonally left to a gate and in the same direction to the right-hand side of trees opposite. Go through the edge of the copse to a gate and then another on the right. Proceed diagonally left across the field taking the direction from some gabled houses. Go through another gate and on to Chase Lane **7**. Turn left along the lane for almost a mile. At the end of **Chase Wood** **8** and with Warrior's Lodge Farm ahead, turn left down a broad track.

At the bottom **3** turn right along the path to the field corner and left to the bridge crossed previously. Cross over and turn right **9**¹. Continue with the trees and stream on the right until the trees and then a hedge finish **10**. Carry on across the field aiming for the right of a gabled house. Turn left along the verge of the road for a ¼ mile to The Boot.

1) NOTE. This section can be very marshy and is probably best avoided in very wet weather.



The Queen & Castle
 ☎ 01926 852661
 Castle Green, Kenilworth, CV8 1ND
 Parking - Pay & Display
 ☎ Sun-Thur: 12.00-22.00
 Fri&Sat: 12.00-23.00

Clarendon Arms
 ☎ 01926 852017
 44 Castle Hill, Kenilworth, CV8 1NB
 ☎ Mon-Sat: 11.00-15.00 & 18.00-22.00
 Sun: 12.00-14.00
 No Parking

Chase Wood
 Queen Elizabeth I spent a day hunting here during her 1575 visit. The woods, then very much larger, were decorated with flowers and new walks and arbours for the occasion and the hunt went on until dusk when the Queen returned by torchlight.

The Boot (Corus Hotel)
 ☎ 01926 484234
 Meer End Road, Honiley, CV8 1NP
 ☎ Mon-Sun: 11.00 till late



The Pleasance

This was once a magnificent recreation area built for King Henry V and reached by boat across the great mere from the castle. The timber frame pavilion stood in a diamond-shaped walled courtyard. The area was retained and enhanced by Henry VI and Edward IV but eventually demolished by Henry VIII who had the buildings re-erected within the castle. This stretch of Purlieu Lane walk affords magnificent views of the castle. A purlieu is land that was originally part of a royal forest but later separated off, in this case to become an ancient bridleway to Honiley.

Walk K
Honiley & Kenilworth

Main Walk 5½ miles
 Short Cut 1½ miles

Buses in Kenilworth town centre ½ mile from alternative start, see Walk V.

Stagecoach	Travel Coventry
16 & X17 (Mon - Sat)	12 (All week)
U2 (Sat)	Johnsons of Henley
U17 (Sun)	539 (Mon-Sat)

This is a stile-free and very pleasant walk of historical interest. There is one stretch of ¼ mile on a walkable verge of the A4177. The walk starts at The Boot at Honiley (Corus Hotel) on the A4177 at Honiley. For an alternative start point see right.

Alternative Start Point

An alternative starting point is the main (Brays) car park at Kenilworth Castle (see English Heritage page 54). If starting here take the low footpath to the left of the causeway bridge. At the kissing gate walk round the south side of the castle to Purlieu Lane and turn left for 150 yards to a kissing gate on the right near an electricity pole. Pick up the description from point **5**.

If starting from here a popular short cut (3½ miles) is to follow the waypoints **5,6,7,8,3,4,5**.