

Knockholt Station to Cudham

A rural walk on paths along the boundary between Bromley and Kent

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Approx. Distance:

- 4.6 miles

Approx. Time:

- 2.0 hours

Gradients:

- The route passes through undulating terrain and includes some sections with medium gradients

Type(s) of path(s):

- Grass, woodland paths or gravel paths, plus some tarmac

Stiles / Gates:

- This route has several stiles and kissing gates. Some of the stiles are high

Road Walking: (ie. roads without footway)

- This route contains some sections involving walking along roads without footways:
 - Rushmore Hill / Hookwood Rd, approx. 50 yds.
 - Perrys Lane / Washneys Rd, approx. half mile
 - Cacket's Lane, approx. 250 yds.



Livestock or crops:

- This route includes paths through fields containing crops or livestock, including horses

OS Grid References:

- Knockholt Station: TQ 485629
- Cudham: TQ 445598

Maps:

- OS 1:25 000, No. 147

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Connections to other Bromley Pub Walks:

- From Knockholt Station:
 - 25 to Pratts Bottom
 - 26 to Chelsfield Bo-Peep
 - 29 to Chelsfield Village
 - 50 to Halstead
 - 52 to Knockholt Pound
- From Cudham:
 - 09 to Farnborough
 - 13 to Downe
 - 18 to Berry's Green
 - 19 to Pratts Bottom
- Sections of this route include paths also forming part of other Bromley Pub walks routes:
 - 25 Knockholt Station to Pratts Bottom
 - 33 Berry's Green to Pratts Bottom
 - 50 Knockholt Station to Halstead
 - 51 Pratts Bottom to Halstead
 - 52 Knockholt Station to Knockholt Pound
 - 53 Pratts Bottom to Knockholt Pound
 - 54 Downe to Knockholt Pound

Pubs:

- Knockholt Station
 - No pubs
- Cudham
 - [Blacksmith's Arms](#), Cudham Lane South, Cudham. TN14 7QB

Public Transport:

- Knockholt Station
 - Southeastern, Charing Cross/London Bridge to Sevenoaks via Grove Park and Orpington
- Cudham
 - R5 Orpington circular: Orpington > Green St Green > Pratts Bottom > Halstead > Knockholt > Cudham > Green St Green > Orpington
 - R10 Orpington circular (as above, but in the opposite direction)

Notes

- Much of this route is along paths or roads which form the boundary between The London Borough of Bromley and Kent
- The route passes through areas of woodland, which are carpeted with bluebells in the spring
- NB. This route crosses the former Broke Hill Golf Course. At the time of survey (March 2021) the golf course was closed and developers were seeking approval to build housing on the site

The Route:

Starting at Knockholt Station:

- Leave the station via the exit adjacent to the ticket office and walk up the station approach to London Road. *This road is the boundary between Greater London and Kent*
- Cross the (often-busy) road and turn left along the footway/verge. After approx. 50 yds. take the footpath through the kissing gate on your right

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- Follow the signs and take the fenced path as it winds left up the incline then right and onto the former golf course. The path then continues straight across the former course to the boundary hedge on the far side
- Upon reaching the boundary hedge, go straight ahead through the kissing gate within the hedge (*Routes 25 & 51 to Pratts Bottom go right just before the kissing gate*)
- After the kissing gate, continue straight ahead along the path, which follows the field boundary (on your left). At the end of the field follow the path into the adjacent field and then continue to follow the field boundary (this time on your right) until joining Church Road, where you turn left and walk along the footway towards the village of Halstead

Church Road

- After approx. 200 yards, where the road bends slightly to the left, take the footpath through the gate on the right. Two paths leave the road at this point, after passing through the gate, take the path which goes to your left and initially runs adjacent to the road into Halstead
- (*For routes 50 and 51 continue along the road into Halstead Village*)
- The path initially runs next to a hedge, prior to heading into the trees, and then behind a house, to a stile onto a private golf course
- Go slightly to the right across a 'green' into a wooded area, where the path follows a winding route downhill
- The path then opens out onto a large open 'green' area. Head diagonally right and proceed up the hill
- Towards the top of the hill (approx. 200 yards before the top) look for a footpath marker post on the right side, where the path enters into a wooded area
- After passing through the wood, and over a stile, the path then runs adjacent to the fence of a large garden centre, over a stile, shortly before joining Rushmore Hill. (*NB. Sections of this path can be very muddy after long periods of rain*)

Rushmore Hill

- (*At Rushmore Hill, Route 52 to Knockholt Pound goes left along the road*)
- *Upon joining Rushmore Hill, our route now follows the boundary line between Bromley and Kent for most of the rest of the walk*
- Cross Rushmore Hill with care, noting that there may be vehicles entering or leaving the garden centre 
- Turn right, then almost immediately take the left fork into Hookwood Rd (no footway)
- After about 50 yards take the footpath on the left, via a kissing gate (signpost 'Cudham 3½ miles')
- Follow this wide undulating path until reaching a gate with a 'Private' sign. Here turn right and go over the stile into a field. The path then follows the field boundary to your left, towards a high stile into woods on the far side of the field
- After the stile the path then climbs through the wood until reaching yet another stile
- Go over this stile and then immediately turn sharp left, to follow a path running between a hedge and fences, until reaching the stile onto Perry's Lane
- Go over the stile and turn right into Perry's Lane (no footway). Follow the road until the road junction with Washneys Rd and Fairtrough Rd. Turn left at this junction and take Washneys Rd (also no footway) 

Washneys Rd

- (*After approx. 150 yards, Routes 33 and 53 to Pratts Bottom go via the path through the chain gate on the right*)
- Continue walking along Washneys Rd

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- *(After a further approx. 300 yards Routes 33 to Berry's Green and 53 to Knockholt Pound go via a path on the left)*
- After a further approx. 100 yards, at the point where the road bends sharply to the left, go straight ahead onto a wood-lined bridleway, signposted to Downe and Cudham
- At a T junction in the woods take the path to the left and continue until reaching a kissing gate
- *The path to the right at this junction is a possible link to Routes 10, 12, 19 and 20*
- Pass through the kissing gate into a large open field. Following the field boundary on your left go straight across the field to a second kissing gate
- *(For route 54 to Downe, turn right before the second kissing gate and then walk through the field)*
- Go through the kissing gate onto a path / track running through Newyears Wood
- The track eventually meets New Years Lane, however do not join the road, but continue to follow the track which bends to the right at this point

New Years Lane

- *(For Route 54 to Knockholt Pound leave the track and turn right into New Years Lane)*
- Our track / path continues through the wood, eventually bending to the left and running alongside a fence with an open field to the right
- At a crossroads of paths, turn to the right and go over the stile into the field
- *This fence marks the Bromley/Kent boundary, the remainder of the route is within Bromley)*
- Cross the field, heading towards the left side of the buildings beyond the field, to the stile onto Cacket's Lane

Cackets Lane

- Turn right and walk along Cacket's Lane (no footway) for approx. 250 yards to a kissing gate on the right and a path signed to 'Cudham Church' 
- Follow the path diagonally left across 3 fields, via 2 gates and a kissing gate, towards the house in the far distance
- Then pass through the kissing gate adjacent to the house, and follow the path alongside the house and garden wall. The path ends up on Cudham Recreation Ground
- Cross the recreation ground, heading to the left side of the tennis court
- The [Blacksmiths Arms](#) is immediately behind the tennis court

The Route:

Starting at Cudham:

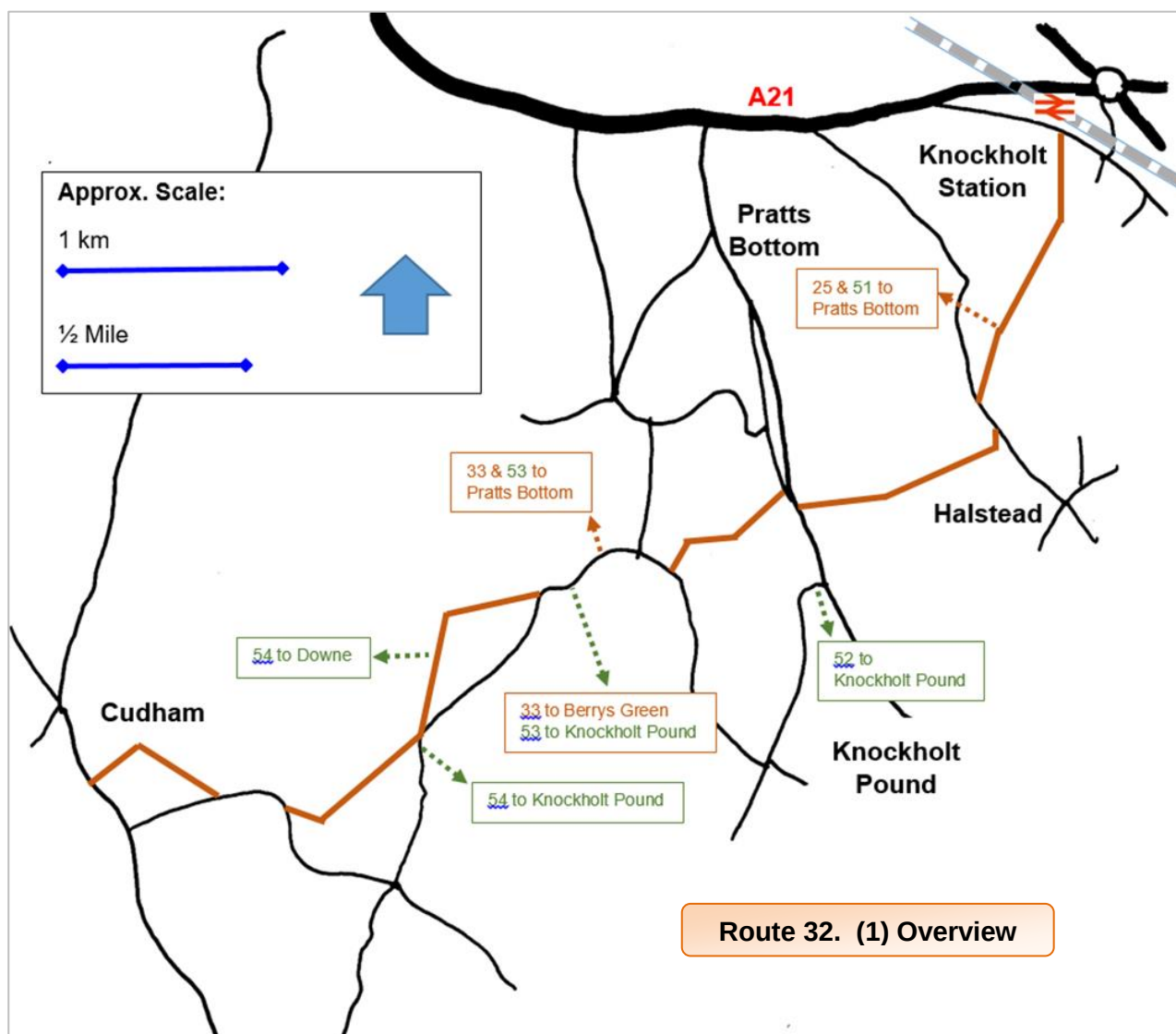
- Leave the pub via the car park and through the 'lych gate' into the recreation ground
- Go almost directly straight across the recreation ground, heading towards the footpath to the right of the house on the opposite side *(NB the house may not be immediately visible in summer, due to trees)*

Maps

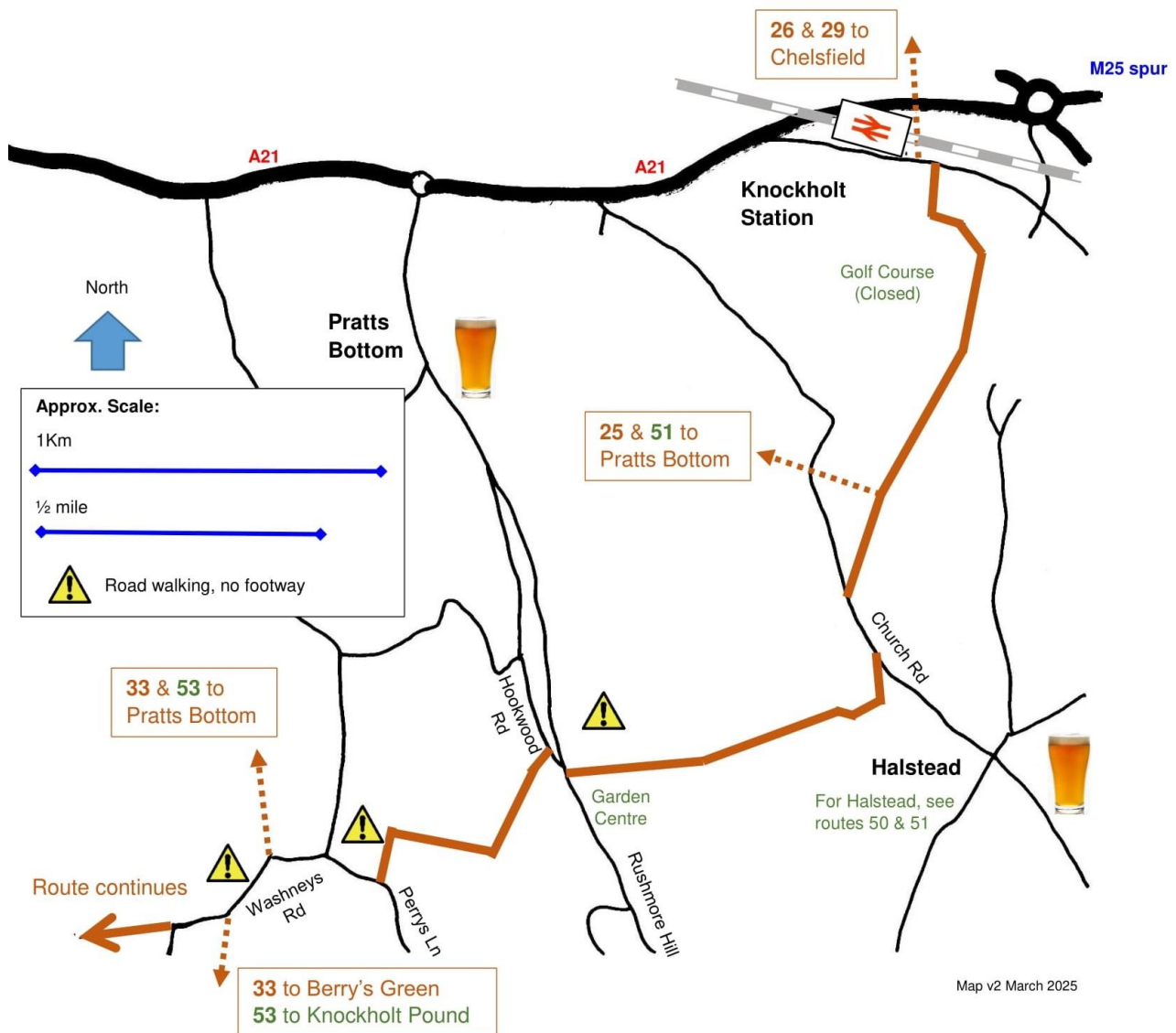
There are four sketch maps for this Route:

- An overview
- Knockholt Station to Washneys Road
- Washneys Road to Cudham
- Cudham detail

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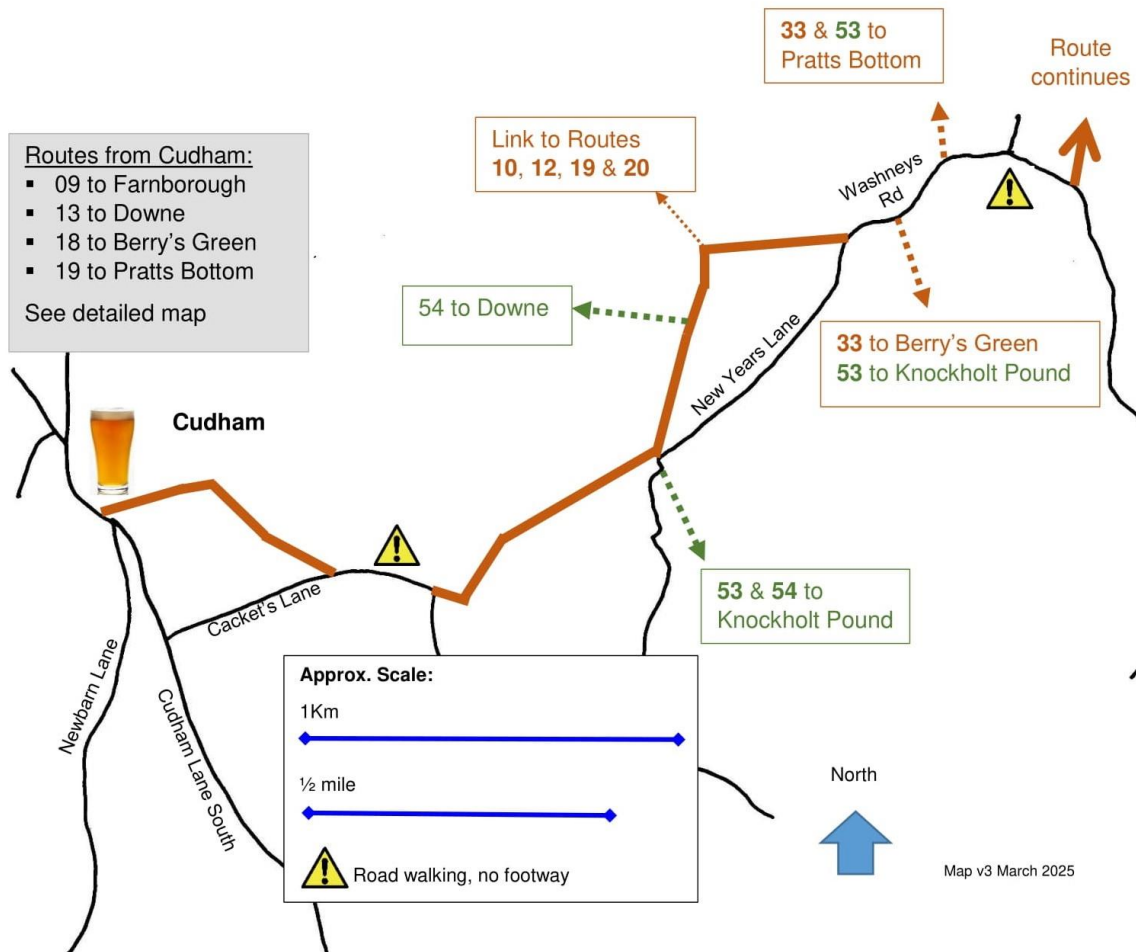


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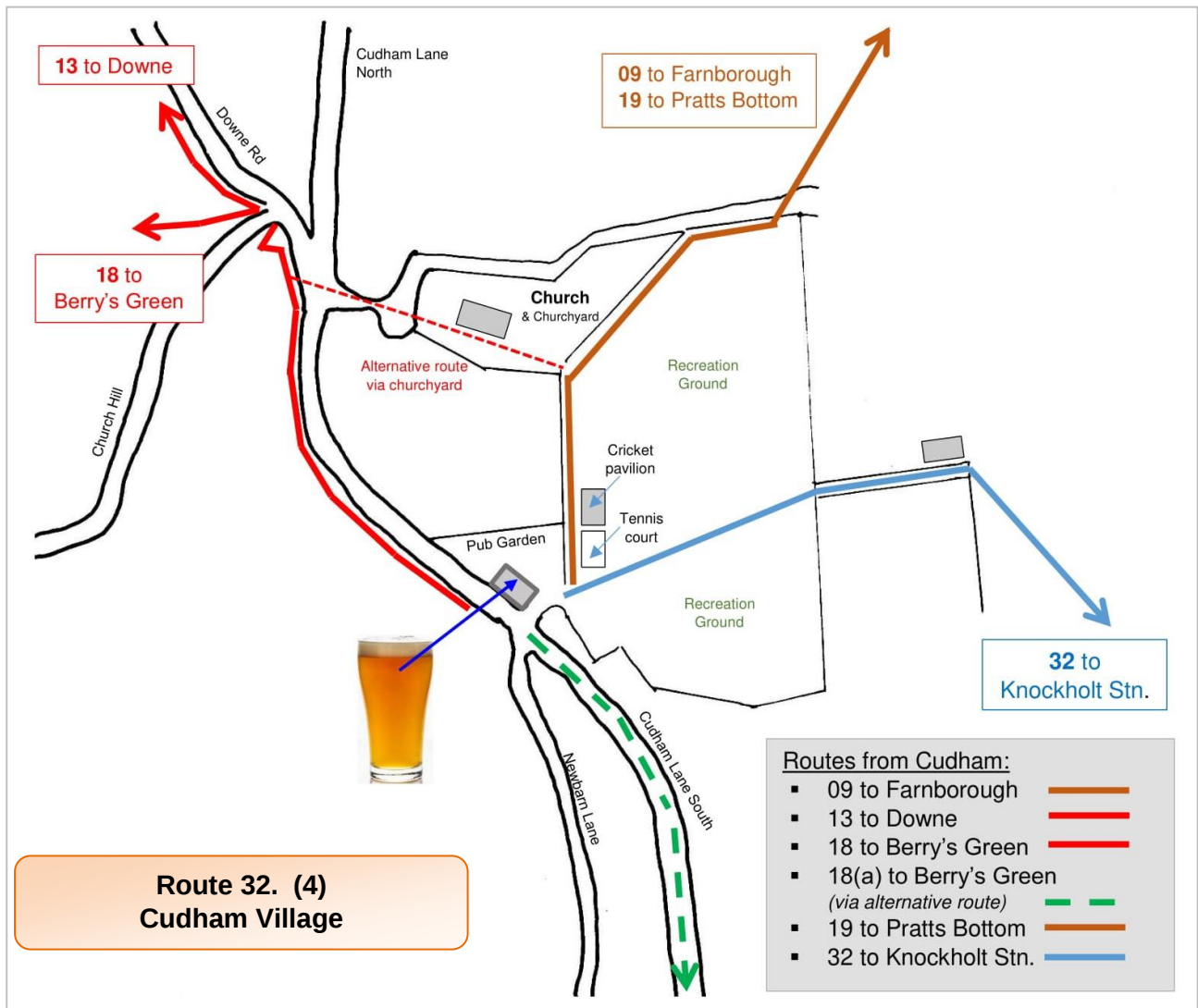
Route 32. (2)
Knockholt Stn. to Washneys

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**Route 32. (3)
Washneys to Cudham**

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