



## Audio Trails Combs Moss

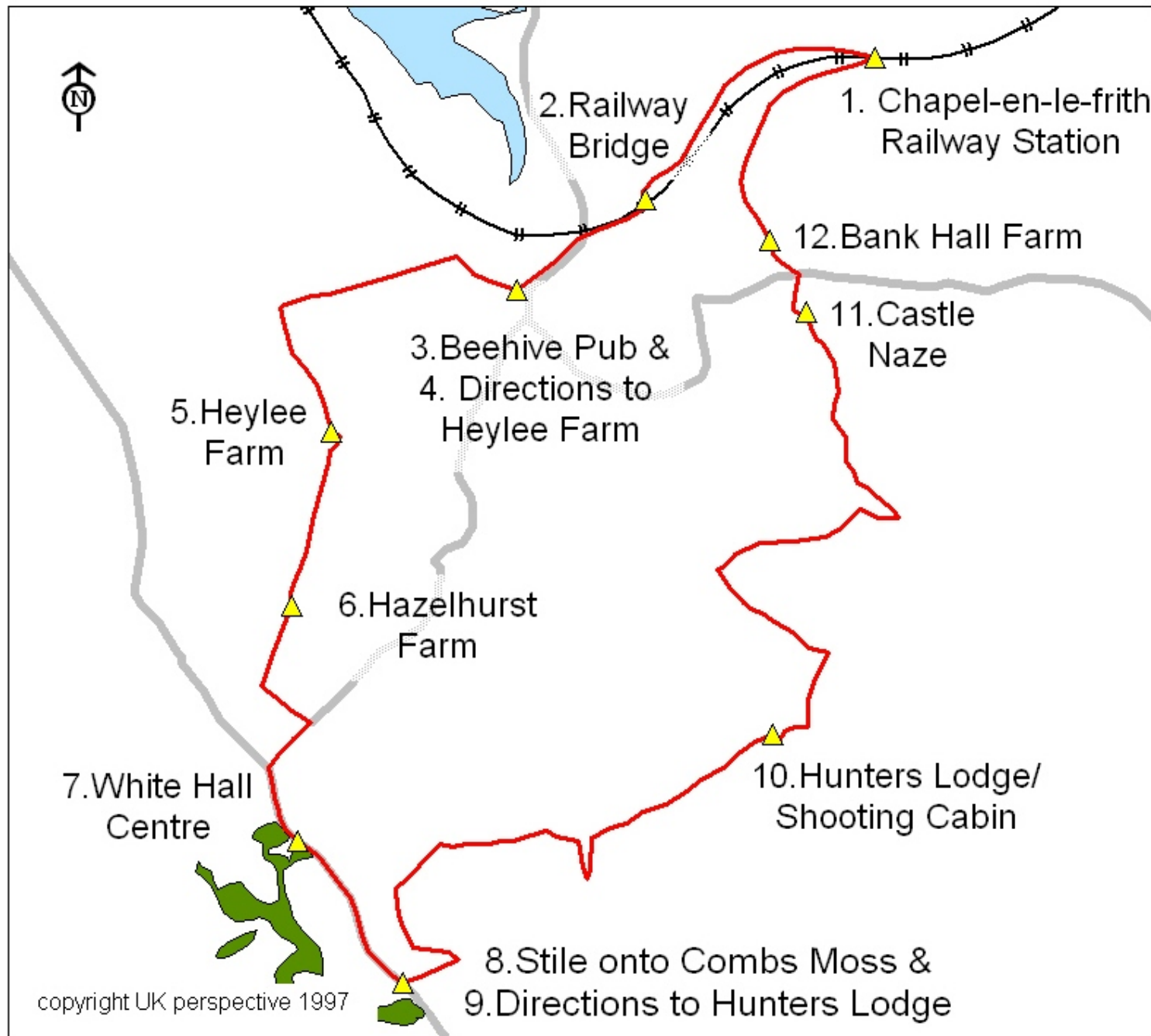
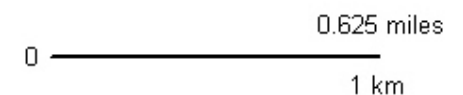
Start point (OS grid ref):

**SK055795**

Distance:

**8 miles / 12.8km**

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**Grade:** Moderate  
**Nearest Town:** Chapel-en-le-frith

**Map:** Explorer OL24 The Peak District - White Peak Area  
**Terrain:** Variety of conditions underfoot with ascents, descents and many stiles to cross

**Allow:** 5 hours



## Moors for the Future Audio Trails

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### Route Directions



#### **Chapel-en-le-frith Railway Station - SK 0554 7948**

Take the footpath west, then south-west alongside the railway (to the right of the station building), passing through a gate giving access to the railway line. Continue along this path for approximately 15-20 minutes keeping the field on your right and the railway on your left until you reach the bridge.

#### **Railway Bridge - SK 0464 7892**

Cross the bridge, turn right and follow the path, keeping the railway on your right. Ahead is your route up the right hand side of the valley. At the road, turn left and walk into Combs Village until you reach the Beehive Pub.

#### **Beehive Pub - SK 0413 7857**

Head north and then west out of the village along a road marked 'No Through Road', ignoring a minor road off to the right. Continue for some time, crossing a brook and passing a house called 'Quietways' and after 5 minutes you will see a footpath on the left indicating a track to 'Lower Thorny Lee Farm'. Turn left here, crossing either a stone stile or the cattle grid. Follow the track and at farm buildings on the left, carry straight on. Pass through three fields, keeping the hedge/wall on your right and ignore the track where it bends off to the left.

After approximately 10-15 minutes of steady ascent, three gates will be seen ahead. Make for the middle one which takes you into a walled lane and walk for a short distance past the house (dated 1659) and at the end of the old farm building turn left (past an old Bedford truck), over the stile and walk west towards a five bar gate. Then walk left, downhill, keeping the fence on your left. Cross over two steams to a wall with a piece of wood above (this is the stile) and climb over.

Head straight on (SSE) through three fields towards a farmhouse and go through a five bar gate to the left of the barn and having past it turn sharp right and slightly uphill past the front of Haylee Farm (a small hamlet of three or four dwellings). Follow the track round to the left where there are more farm buildings.

#### **Heylee Farm- SK 0340 7802**

There are signed paths to the right, ignore these and go straight through a metal five bar gate. Keep in the cow lane (the sunken track and not the dry field above it!) and on emerging from this head down slightly and cross the wall stile. Continue straight on (186 degrees) across the field and seek out a stile over the wall

(there is no track on the ground). Climb the stile and head SSW, 198 degrees through some old hawthorn trees, shortly Hazelhurst Farm will be seen ahead. Cross the stile in the wall, follow the signs, traverse the farmhouse where you will arrive at a track.

#### **Hazelhurst Farm - SK 0325 7733**

Join the tarmac track and follow it (SW) as it turns left and uphill to reach the Combs to White Hall Road after approximately 10 minutes. At the road turn right, then left to the White Hall Centre.

#### **White Hall Centre - SK 0327 7639**

Continue along the Roman Road (part of the Midshires Way) and ignoring the first two stiles on the left you will see a third, within 10 minutes, next to a five bar gate. Cross this wooden stile to gain access to Combs Moss.

#### **Combs Moss - SK 0368 7585**

Ascend a steep slope (north-easterly), following a rough track until you reach a five bar gate. Either go through or climb over at the hinge end if it is locked and turn left, following a defined muddy path hugging the edge of the moss. Dependant on pace, you will reach the hunting lodge after approximately 1 hour.

#### **Hunters Lodge/Shooting Cabin - SK 0513 7683**

Continue past both buildings and follow the track until it starts to descend down the side of the hill. At SK 0535 7714, ascend from the track alongside a wall and follow the footpath on the ground following the wall round the edge. Where the two walls meet (SK 0545 7786), cross the wall coming uphill by a difficult stile and walk towards Castle Naze on the left of the wall. You will soon see the ancient fort in the distance – your next stop.

#### **Castle Naze - SK 0526 7846**

Head steeply downhill, crossing two stiles until the road is reached. Directly opposite is a circular sign. Go over the stile by the left hand gate and descend the field (NW) with the wall on your right and go through a gate, into a track to Bank Hall Farm

#### **Bank Hall Farm - SK 0511 7877**

Continue down the track, with the railway on the left and pass 'Top Lodge' on the right. At Bank Hall Lodge, go straight on where it indicates a 'Private Road' and walk along to meet the railway line at the station. Cross carefully to return to Chapel-en-le-Frith railway station.