

Ashover Audio Trail Map and Directions

Listen to Track 1 prior to starting the audio trail

1. Ashover Intro
2. Parish Church
3. Black Swan
4. Moor Road
5. Rope Walk
6. The Rattle
7. Hill Top House
8. Rattle Well
9. Ambervale House
10. School
11. The Wheatcroft
12. Old Poets Corner
13. The Bakehouse

Distance:
1.5 miles

Allow:
1.5 hours

Start Point:
Ashover Parish Church

Start Grid Ref:
SK349630

OS Map:
Sheet 269 / OL24

Terrain:
Walking on paths and roads, with some steep sections

-  Audio stop
-  Audio Trail route
-  Road/track
-  Buildings
-  Woodland
-  Public Toilets

1 Ashover

When you are ready to start the audio trail, make your way to the Church of All Saints, which is situated along Church Street and listen to track 2.

2 Parish Church

From the church and Basset Rooms, walk past the Crispin Inn, noting its historical connections and listen to track 3 on the corner of the Black Swan pub.

3 Black Swan

With your back to the pub, turn right and head up Moor Road for approximately 100 metres. Stop and listen to track 4 at the junction of Malthouse Lane.

4 Moor Road/Malthouse Ln

With your back to the post office, head up the left-hand side of Malthouse Lane until you are near the derelict building in the field. Listen to track 5 by the large black metal gates on your right just before the road bends to the left.

5 Rope Walk

At this point Malthouse Lane becomes Hill Road. Continue uphill for several minutes and stop to listen to track 6 when you reach Weavers Cottage and a road heading off to your left. Some of this section has no path so do take care, but look out for the house with a sundial on its front. Originally a boys school, Hill Cottage also became the home of Elizabeth Basset for many years.

6 Rattle

If the prospect of continuing uphill for a further 250 metres is rather daunting then please listen to track 7 here. Alternatively, continue uphill and stop next to the field before the aptly named Hill Top House, situated just before Hill Top Farm and the road junction. Whilst this section has no footpath, it offers great views and takes you directly to the former site of Ashover's very own zoo.

7 Hill Top House

Head back down to the Rattle, turn right past Weaver's Cottage and listen to track 8 beside a small stone well approximately 75 metres on the right where the footpath ends.

8 Rattle Well

Take the next left just in front of you and follow this road downhill as it bends right. Turn left at the end of this road, known as 'Chapel Hill' by the T-junction and listen to track 9 by Ambervale House at the junction of Narrowleys Lane – the first turning on the right, approximately 250 metres ahead.

9 Ambervale House

Head down the right hand side of Narrowleys Lane and listen to track 10 outside the school.

10 School

Continue down Narrowleys Lane and turn left at the end onto Butts Road. Head along this road for several minutes as it winds its way back into the village. After the second left-hand bend you will see a row of cottages on your right just ahead. Listen to track 11 outside the third of these cottages which has 'The Wheatcroft' carved in the stone lintel above the door.

11 The Wheatcroft

Carry straight on and listen to track 12 outside the 'Old poets corner' public house.

12 The Old Poets Corner

From the direction you came, turn left onto Church Street and walk along the left-hand side of the road. Listen to track 13, the final stop by the steps that take you back into the churchyard.

13 The Bakehouse

Walk back up the steps and enter the churchyard to return to the start.

