

All about Berkeley...

Berkeley's history is significantly marked by the presence of Berkeley Castle, an impressive fortress dating back to the 12th century that still stands proudly today. It's known for its key role in the imprisonment of King Edward II in the early 14th century. Visitors can explore its grand architecture and lush gardens, immersing themselves in the legacy of one of England's oldest family lines.

The town of Berkeley is equally interesting: it stands in a rural landscape that has changed little over the centuries; the four main streets are almost as old as the Castle; and many of the buildings in the centre of the town are listed, standing on plots that have been built on for centuries.

A notable figure associated with Berkeley is Edward Jenner, the pioneering scientist who developed the first successful smallpox vaccine in the late 18th century. Jenner's ground-breaking work took place in this very town, you can still visit his house, and his 'The Temple of Vaccinia' to learn more about his life and legacy.

The countryside around Berkeley is popular with walkers. There are a number of Public Rights of Way (footpaths) that go around, to and from Berkeley. These include connections to the long distance path, the Severn Way.

Getting here...

Berkeley is conveniently situated 10 minutes from junction 13 or 14 of the M5, the nearest train station is Cam & Dursley, which is approximately 6 miles from Berkeley. If you are travelling by bicycle, Berkeley is on National Cycle Route 41.

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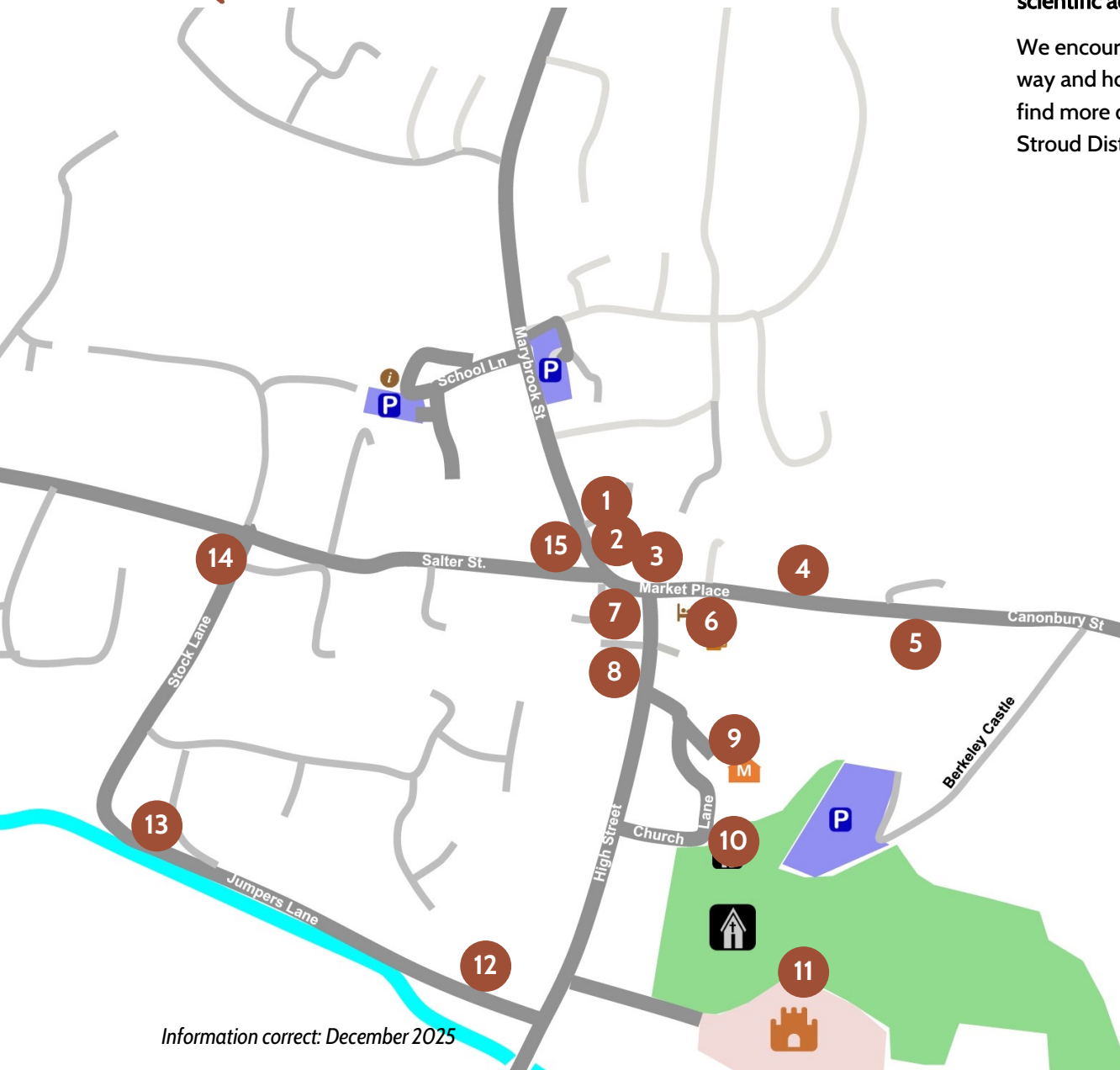
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Enjoy...The Berkeley History Trail

The Berkeley History Trail takes in many important historical aspects of the town, highlighting its rich roots with the 12th Century Castle, its world changing scientific achievements and its modern local endeavours.

We encourage you to take a moment to appreciate the local businesses along the way and hope you discover something new about this wonderful town. You can find more detailed information on the Berkeley History Trail on the Discover Stroud District Trails app.



- 1 Almshouses
- 2 Old Hospital, Fitzhardinge House
- 3 Bridewell, Old Bank
- 4 Berkeley Court
- 5 Old School
- 6 Berkeley Arms Hotel
- 7 Berkeley Institute, The Barber Shop
- 8 The Old White Hart
- 9 Dr Jenner's House (The Jenner Museum)
- 10 St Mary's Church and Bell Tower
- 11 Berkeley Castle
- 12 Salt House
- 13 Berkeley Pill
- 14 Co-op Food, Mariners Arms
- 15 Town Hall



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