



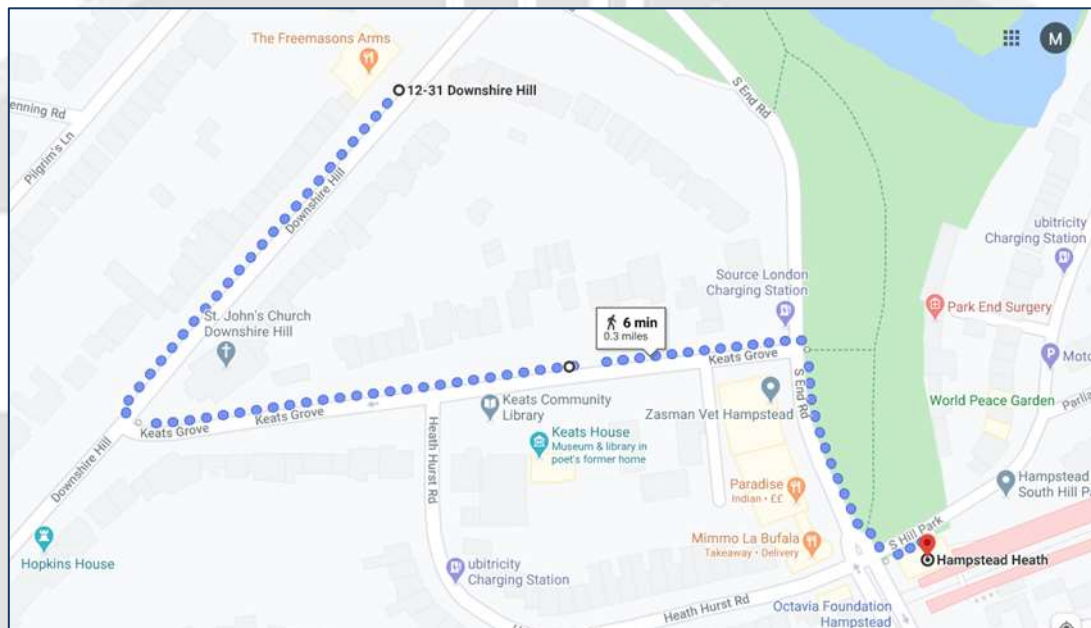
NORTH LONDON

Hampstead:

Village & Heath

"A fine day should be set apart for this excursion, as a delightful ramble across Hampstead Heath can then be enjoyed. The village of Hampstead, too, boasts of such a number of charming houses, large and small, that it would be a pity not to see it at its best."

(H.E. Popham, The Guide to London Taverns 1927)

START: HAMPSTEAD HEATH Railway Station

1. From Hampstead Heath Station head **northwards** up **South End Road** (the Heath should be on the right-hand side of the road, with buildings on the left hand side).
2. Take the first turning on the **left** – **Keats Grove**.

Keats House

*Keats Grove is so named because between December 1818 and September 1820 the English Romantic poet **John Keats** lived in the street, which was known as John Street at that time. He lodged with his friend Charles Brown in one of a pair of semi-detached houses known as 'Wentworth Place'. These were perhaps Keats's most productive years.*

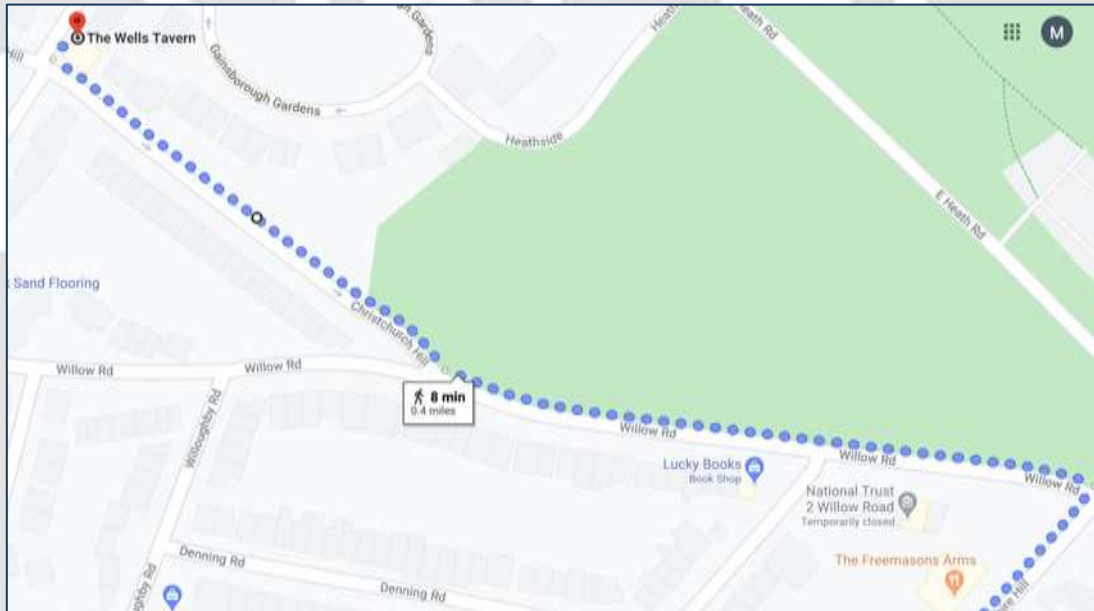
*According to Brown, "**Ode to a Nightingale**" was written under a plum tree in the garden. While living in the house, Keats fell in love with and became engaged to Fanny Brawne, who lived with her family in the adjacent house.*

*The whole building is now known as **Keats House**, is Grade I listed, and operates as a museum.*

(Source: Wikipedia¹)

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keats_House (July 2020)

3. At the end of Keats Grove turn **right** and head down **Downshire Hill**. On the left (at No. 32) is **THE FREEMASONS ARMS**. This large gastro pub is home to an old traditional skittles alley and its large beer garden used to contain a court for playing the ancient game of 'Pell Mell' (or 'Pall Mall').



4. From the Freemasons Arms, turn **left** and continue down **Downshire Hill**.
5. At the next junction turn **left** and walk along **Willow Road**.

2 Willow Road, Hampstead

2 Willow Road is part of a terrace of three houses in Hampstead, London designed by architect **Ernő Goldfinger** and completed in 1939. It has been managed by the National Trust since 1995 and is open to the public. It was one of the first Modernist buildings acquired by the Trust, giving rise to some controversy. Goldfinger lived there with his wife Ursula and their children until his death in 1987.

(Source: Wikipedia²)

6. Continue along **Willow Road** until you reach a fork to the **right** called **Christchurch Hill**

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2_Willow_Road (July 2020)

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7. Walk up **Christchurch Hill** until the junction with **Well Walk** where (at 30 Well Walk) you will find **THE WELLS TAVERN** on your right. Built in around 1849 and Grade II listed, it was previously called THE WELLS HOTEL and claimed to be the oldest hotel in the area.

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