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Hazards

Crossing busy and fast roads without pedestrian crossings. Some walking on lanes and narrow roads without pavements. Deep water close to the route.

Accessibility

Good paths and tracks for most of the route, and no stiles. There are gates and paths less than one metre wide. The hill next to the hostel is steep and rough, follow alternative routes to avoid. The riverside path is accessible.

Navigation

Following obvious paths and roads, often with signposts.

Terrain

The hill near the hostel is rough underfoot and may be muddy. Elsewhere there are good, flat paths, tracks and pavements.







Facilities (see map)

Toilets, pubs, food and drink available in Grasmere.



Seats on route







Not a touch

free route







Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast and whether there is enough daylight to complete the walk (metoffice.gov.uk).
- · Ensure you are wearing suitable clothing and footwear for the route and weather, and that you take the right kit - learn more at yha.org.uk/walk-skills.
- Download the OS Maps and what3words apps to your phone.
- To be able to contact emergency services by text visit relayuk.bt.com/emergencysms or text 'register' to 999.
- For more information on staying safe in the outdoors visit adventuresmart.uk.

In case of emergency:

 Contact 999 and use OS Maps or what3words to help pinpoint your location.

For more walks or information on route grading and timings go to yha.org.uk/map-guidance

If you encounter problems with this route contact walking@yha.org.uk

Walking has been at the heart of YHA since 1930, helping people access the great outdoors. Today, YHA continues to make adventures possible with mapped routes and affordable hostel stavs across England and Wales. Our hostels are ideal for walkers, with drying rooms, self-catering kitchens, and great trails from the doorstep. We're committed to making adventure accessible to everyone, with walks for all abilities and guided walking events that connect people to nature, heritage, and each other.

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Grasmere Village walk





Village and riverside walk

A great taster of what the local area has to offer. The walk heads through pleasant woodland and open fields to the charming village of Grasmere, and returns with a stroll along the banks of the River Rothay.

Distance: 1.5 miles (2.5km) **Ascent: 37m (121ft)**

Time: Allow 45m to 1h 15m





Route directions

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (OL7) English Lakes

- South-eastern area

Start/Finish: Grid ref NY 336 079 what3words ///wire.dimension.regard

- From the hostel bear right, head up the stone steps and continue up the rough slope. Or to avoid the hill, head along the driveway and turn right to point 4.
- When the path splits bear left.
- 3 Turn left onto the track.
- At the road turn right.
- 5 Pass through the gate on the left, turn left towards Grasmere and Allan Bank and follow the path through fields.
- 6 At the road turn left towards Grasmere.
- At the crossroads go straight ahead, and follow the road through the village.
- 3 Turn left onto the footpath, follow it around to the right, then continue alongside the river.
- Oross the river at the second bridge and continue along the riverside path.
- Cross back over the river at the fourth bridge. Turn right through the car park, continue alongside the river and follow the path around the recreation ground.
- Pass through the gate carefully, as it opens directly onto the road. Cross to the other side and turn right.
- Just before the bridge turn left onto the track, then bear left to the hostel. Or to avoid the hill, stay on the track to the road at point 4 and turn left to the hostel driveway.
- Paved, uneven and grass paths and stone steps
 Paved
 Unpaved/ flat



