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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

There are no stiles or flights of steps on the route and the gates and paths are at least one metre wide. Most of the route is on good surfaces, apart from the path towards the end of the route, which is rough and uneven with a steep descent.

Navigation

Following obvious paths and roads, often with signposts.

Terrain

Mostly flat, well-surfaced roads or paths. The path on the return to the hostel is rough, uneven and may be boggy after rain.







Facilities (see map)

Toilets, pubs, restaurants, cafés and shops in Coniston village. Café and toilets at the lakeside.



Seats on route















Stile free

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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Coniston Village walk





Village and lakeside walk

A pleasant stroll around the delights of Coniston, including stunning views of the surrounding hills, the picturesque lake, and shops and attractions in the village.

Distance: 2.3 miles (3.7km)

Ascent: 54m (177ft) Time: Allow 1h to 1h 45m





Route directions

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

- South-eastern area

Start/Finish: Grid ref SD 302 980

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- 1 From the hostel head along the driveway and go straight ahead onto the road.
- Cross the A593 onto Shepherds Bridge Lane.
- 3 At the junction turn left onto the B5285 and cross the stream.
- 4 Join the footpath on the left and follow it alongside the road.
- 5 Pass through the gap in the hedge and cross the road onto a track towards the lake.
- 6 Bear right towards the lake.
- Bear right to cross the stream, then either stay on the road or walk on the lake shore.
- 8 Pass the jetty, head to the car park behind the Bluebird Cafe and onto the footpath alongside Lake Road.
- Turn left over the footbridge, then right onto Lake Road and continue to the village.
- At the A593 turn right towards Skelwith and Ambleside.
- Cross the bridge, then cross the road to turn left onto Yewdale Road.
- After the Black Bull pub turn left and head along the lane, climbing steadily.



