

Your Adventure Your Way

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Hazards

Some walking on lanes and narrow roads without pavements. No pavement alongside the road for 400m between the hostel and ② Howe Farm and for 150m from ⑨ to Hall Bridge ⑩. The path by Black Beck can flood after prolonged heavy rain.

Accessibility

There is one stile and single steps on the route and gates and paths less than one metre wide.

Navigation

Following roads and obvious well marked paths.

Terrain

Mostly paved or good track but includes a section of sloping grass with a deeply rutted and narrow path.



Facilities (see map)

Pubs, cafés, shops and toilets in Hawkshead.



Seats on route (see map)



Not wheelchair accessible



Not a touch free route



Not pushchair accessible



Not 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/emercencysms 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 stays 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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Hawkshead village and courthouse walk



120

YHA Hawkshead

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Countryside and village walk

A gentle stroll through the charming village of Hawkshead with its historic buildings and interesting shops.

Distance: 3.2 miles (5.2km)

Ascent: 83m (272ft)

Time: Allow 1h 15m to 2h 15m



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Route directions

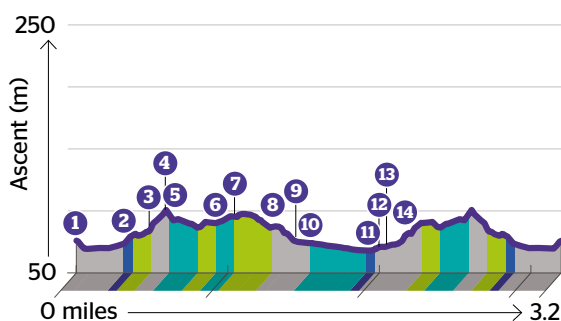
Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (OL7) English Lakes – South-eastern area

Start/Finish: Grid ref SD 354 966

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- 1 From the hostel head to the road and turn left.
- 2 Turn left to Howe Farm then take the footpath on the right across a field.
- 3 Join the road and pass the houses.
- 4 At the junction bear right.
- 5 Turn left onto a track signposted to Hawkshead Village.
- 6 At the path junction turn left, continue to the track and pass the vicarage.
- 7 At the lane junction turn left, then take the footpath on the right by the two pillars.
- 8 At the track turn right and continue to the B5285.
- 9 At the road turn left.
- 10 Pass the junction on the left, turn right at Hawkshead Hall campsite and follow the footpath alongside the beck.
- 11 Cross the beck to the village and onto Black Beck Road.
- 12 Cross the B5285, take the footpath ahead and bear right onto Red Lion Yard.
- 13 Turn left onto Main Street, right onto The Square and bear left after the Market Hall.
- 14 Pass the church and follow the path to a familiar junction, bear left then retrace the route to the hostel.

- Paved
- Grass
- Unpaved/uneven
- Unpaved/flat



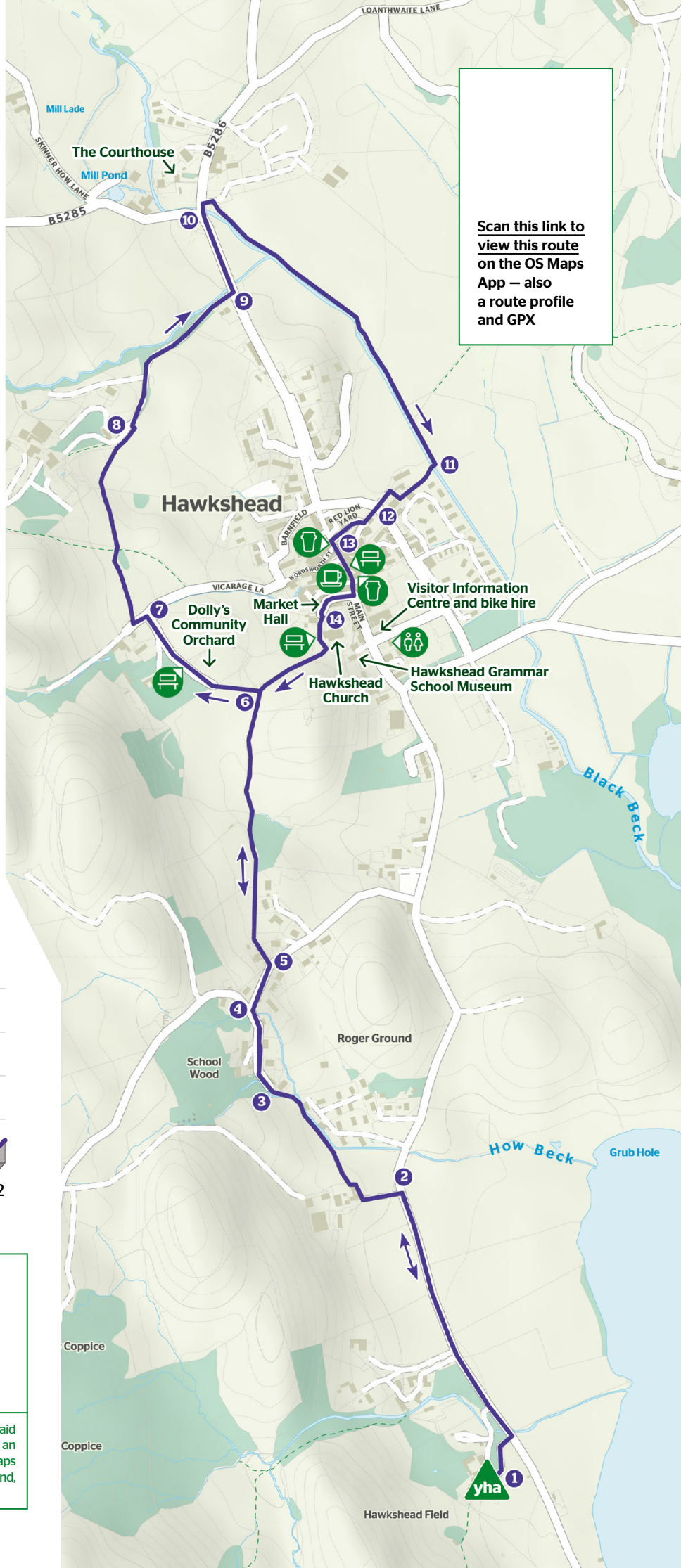
400m / ¼ mile



No gradients steeper than 10%



This route has been created by YHA to provide inspiration and to aid planning and preparation of your walk. It doesn't replace the need for an OS Map or the OS Maps App to navigate your walk safely. Digital maps are a guide and do not always reflect the conditions on the ground, ensure you are aware of your immediate surroundings.



Scan this link to view this route on the OS Maps App – also a route profile and GPX