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## Accessibility

The route follows roads, the riverside path and parks. Flat surfaces throughout – mostly tarmac, paved or flat path. Main road crossings have traffic lights and dropped kerbs. Some narrow pavements in places.



**Facilities** (see map)

Public toilets in Albert Docks and Sefton Park. Pubs, cafés and shops around the docks and city centre, a few along the river and through the parks.



Seats along the river and in the parks, fewer elsewhere.



Wheelchair accessible



Pushchair accessible

## Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast and whether there is enough daylight to complete the walk ([metoffice.gov.uk](https://metoffice.gov.uk)).
- Ensure you are wearing suitable clothing for the weather and shoes that are comfortable for walking, and that you take the right kit – learn more at [yha.org.uk/walk-skills](https://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](https://relayuk.bt.com/emercencysms) or text 'register' to 999.
- For more information on staying safe in the outdoors visit [adventuresmart.uk](https://adventuresmart.uk).
- Take care when crossing busy roads and look out for cyclists.

## 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](https://yha.org.uk/map-guidance)

If you encounter problems with this route contact [walking@yha.org.uk](mailto:walking@yha.org.uk)

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# The Mersey, Otterspool and Sefton Park walk



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**YHA Liverpool Albert Dock**

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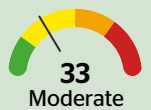
## Riverside and city walk

A great walk through the docks and beside the Mersey to Otterspool, then back through lovely city parks and streets. Lots of art, heritage and nature to discover along the way.

**Distance:** 9.7 miles (15.6km)

**Ascent:** 96m (315ft)

**Time:** Allow 3h 30m to 5h 45m



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## Route directions

**Start/Finish:** Grid ref SJ 345 894  
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This route includes streets with bars and pubs which are busy at the weekends. Busy road crossings and deep water near the path without barriers in places. Some paths are shared with cyclists.

- 1 From the hostel door turn right, then left onto Tabley Street and left onto Wapping.
- 2 Turn right to cross Wapping onto Queens Wharf.
- 3 Turn right onto Keel Wharf, continue onto Salthouse Quay, turn left onto Hartley Quay.
- 4 Cross the small bridge, turn right around the Pier Master's House, then bear left onto the riverside path.
- 5 Follow the riverside path for four miles (6.5km) to Otterspool Park.
- 6 Turn left at signs to Otterspool Pub and Park (500m), pass the play park and bear left.
- 7 Cross Otterspool Drive and head into the park. Turn left, then bear right and follow the path through the park.
- 8 Pass under the railway and continue to Jericho Lane.
- 9 Turn right, cross Jericho Lane at the traffic lights, take the subway under Aigburth Road and turn left up the ramp.
- 10 When the road bends to the left stay on the footpath and continue to Aigburth Drive.
- 11 Turn right onto Mossley Hill Drive, cross the road. Head into Sefton Park and follow the path to the right of the lake.
- 12 Move away from the water's edge briefly to avoid steps and stepping stones.
- 13 Cross over the water, pass the Eros Fountain and head to the Obelisk.
- 14 Leave the park onto Aigburth Drive and cross Ullet Road onto Windermere Terrace.
- 15 Turn left and head into Princes Park.
- 16 Turn right, then left to pass the lake. Pass the children's play area head along the park driveway.
- 17 Go straight ahead at the crossroads onto Devonshire Road West.
- 18 Turn right onto Admiral Street and continue ahead along Windsor Street.
- 19 Turn right onto Upper Parliament Street, left onto Hope Street and left onto Upper Duke Street which becomes Duke Street.
- 20 Turn left onto Hanover Street, left onto Paradise Street and take the footpath ahead.
- 21 Turn left onto Park Lane, then right onto Tabley Street and to the hostel.

