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#### **Hazards**

Road crossings and some walking on lanes and narrow roads without pavements. Exposed cliff edges on the coast path and some eroded paths close to steep drops in places. Coast path is exposed to the weather. Muddy and slippery patches especially near stream crossings. Long flights of uneven steps. Uneven and loose surface on the path below the golf course. Cinder track is shared with cyclists and horseriders.

## **Accessibility**

There are stiles on the route and steep, uneven and tall flights of steps, mostly without handrails. The paths are well walked, obvious to follow and generally in good condition with patches of steep and rough ground and sections that will be muddy and slippery after rain. The steps down from the clifftop to the hostel are uneven and mostly without handrails. Some individual steps are deep.

#### **Facilities**

Café and toilets at the hostel. Public toilets, café, hotel with restaurant and National Trust Visitor Centre in Ravenscar.

### Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast and whether there is enough daylight to complete the walk (metoffice.gov.uk) and check local tide times (easytide.admiralty.co.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.
- Complete a route notification card (yha.org.uk/route-card) to provide essential information for the Emergency Services if you do not return when expected.
- Check all members of the group have the fitness and skills to complete the route.

#### In case of emergency:

- Contact 999 and use OS Maps or what3words to help pinpoint your location.
- To attract attention shout or give six blasts on a whistle at regular intervals. In low light flash a torch six times at regular intervals.
- If you can send someone for help, they need to know your location, number of people in the group and the nature of the emergency.

# 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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# **Ravenscar walk**





## Coast and countryside walk

A picturesque and easy to follow route along the clifftop path, returning along the old train line.

Distance: 7.9 miles (12.7km) Ascent: 344m (1,129ft) Time: Allow 3h 45m to 6h





### **Route directions**

Map: OS Explorer (OL27) North York
Moors — Eastern area

Start/Finish: Grid ref NZ 954 040 what3words ///purist.funky.singers

- 1 From the hostel cross the footbridge over Mill Beck to the road.
- 2 Turn right, then immediately take the steps on the left and follow the Cleveland Way / King Charles III England Coast Path.
- Follow the road, then take the footpath on the left at the fingerpost.
- Turn left to head around the Alum Works, then turn left back onto the main track.
- Bear left to stay on the concrete track which follows alongside the golf course and head uphill towards the turrets of Raven Hall.
- 6 When the track bends sharply to the right follow the path at the fingerpost across the golf course in the direction of the cliffs. Follow the path down to a viewpoint and information board.
- Do not go down to the beach if the seals are present, also it's 100 metres to climb back up! Retrace your steps to the sharp bend and continue along the track towards Ravenscar.
- 8 At the road take the track on the right, pass the visitor centre and onto the Cinder Track (former railway line).
- At Middlewood Lane turn right to leave the Cinder Track. Turn left onto Mark Lane, continue to the end and take the footpath on the left.
- Turn right onto the clifftop path, pass through a small section of woodland and follow the path down steep and uneven steps to the hostel.

