

Your Adventure Your Way

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Hazards

Some walking on lanes and narrow roads without pavements. May be sheep and cattle on the route. Deep water. Do not walk along Dovedale if the river is flooded.

Accessibility

There are stiles, flights of steps and gates and paths less than one metre wide.

Navigation

Following obvious paths and roads or signposted rights of way through fields.

Terrain

Mostly good paths, tarmac roads and grass paths through fields which could be muddy after rain. Small patches of scree along Dovedale.



Facilities (see map)

Café and toilets in Ilam Park. Toilets, water tap and food van at the Dovedale car park.



Seats on route



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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Dovedale Stepping Stones walk



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YHA Ilam Hall

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Countryside and riverside walk

From the National Trust grounds of Ilam Park this walk passes through the village of Ilam, and the lovely countryside of the White Peak, to a stroll alongside the River Dove and the popular stepping stones.

Distance: 2.9 miles (4.6km)

Ascent: 81m (266ft)

Time: Allow 1h 15m to 2h



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Route directions

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (OL24) Peak District – White Peak area

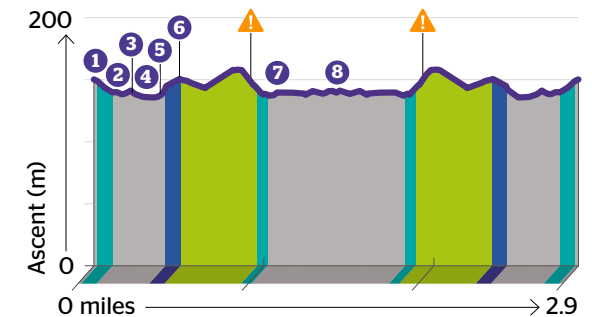
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- 1 From the hostel front door turn right and take the path past the church.
- 2 Bear left onto a small road.
- 3 At the gate turn right and walk alongside the village road.

- 4 Turn left at the memorial.
- 5 Turn left onto the footpath signposted Bunster Hill and head up the steps.
- 6 Either follow the alternative path, which is steep and uneven with rocks and ruts, but has great views and avoids stiles and cattle. Or continue ahead on the trodden path through fields – look for the onward gates and stiles to guide you across the fields
- 7 From the car park follow the road into Dovedale and continue to the stepping stones.
- 8 Turn around and re-trace the route to the hostel, using either the direct or alternative route.

● Paved ● Unpaved/flat
● Unpaved/uneven ● Grass



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