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Hazards

Road crossings. Deep water. Borrowdale Road can be busy.

Accessibility

There are no stiles on the route and gates are wider than one metre. There are 18 steps to and from the hostel. The path between the theatre and Friars Crag is accessible. The path alongside Borrowdale Road may be overgrown or waterlogged in places.

Navigation

Following streets and obvious well laid paths.

Terrain

Mostly paved streets and crushed stone paths. Occasional larger stones and some exposed tree roots near Friar's Crag.



Facilities (see map)

Toilets in Bell Close and car park near the theatre. Lots of pubs, cafés and shops in the town. Cafés in the park and on Lake Road.



Seats on route (too many to map)



Not fully wheelchair accessible



Not a touch free route



Not fully pushchair accessible



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

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Friar's Crag walk



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Town and lakeside walk

A pleasant route through the town and parks to the view point at Friar's Crag overlooking Derwent Water.

Distance: 2.8 miles (4.5km)

Ascent: 50m (164ft)

Time: Allow 1h 15m to 1h 45m



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Route directions

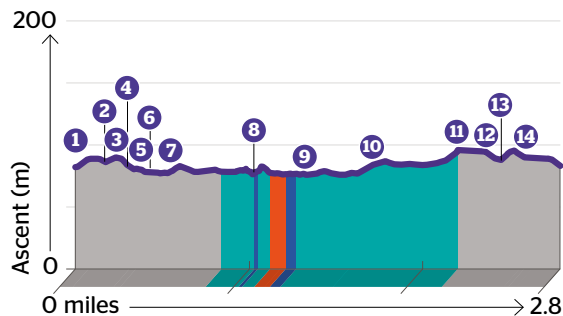
Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (OL4) English Lakes
– North-western area

Start/Finish: Grid ref NY 267 235

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- 1 From the hostel head up the steps and turn right onto Station Street.
- 2 When the road bends to the left turn right onto the pedestrianised area.
- 3 At the square turn left, then left again onto Lake Road.
- 4 Turn right just before the George Fisher shop.
- 5 Bear left to head through the subway.
- 6 Turn left across the park and pass through the gardens.
- 7 Emerge onto Lake Road near the car park, turn right and continue alongside the lake to Friar's Crag.
- 8 Return to the main path, then turn right to cross the beach.
- 9 Go straight ahead to pass behind The Ings. Follow the path around to the right and turn left towards Borrowdale Road.
- 10 Just before the road turn left and follow the footpath adjacent to Borrowdale Road.
- 11 When the path ends cross the road and turn left to follow the pavement.
- 12 Bear right at the mini roundabout.
- 13 Turn right onto the footpath, pass the church and continue onto Church Street.
- 14 Turn left onto Southey Street, right onto Station Street and back to the hostel.

● Paved ● Unpaved/flat
 ● Unpaved/uneven ● Beach



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