

Your Adventure Your Way

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Accessibility

The route follows roads with pavements and pedestrianised streets. Flat surfaces throughout – mostly tarmac, paved or small block paving which can be avoided. Old railway tracks on Princes Wharf which wheelchairs and pushchairs will need to navigate. Crossing the river near Plimsoll Bridge involves narrow paths close to the water's edge and a step onto and off the lock. To avoid this cross at Merchants Road (at the end of Avon Crescent) and turn right past the Pump House to re-join the waterside path. Just after Gasworks Lane there is a flight of steps down to Harbour Inlet Marina. To avoid these turn left onto Gasworks Lane, right onto Lime Kiln Road, right onto Anchor Road, right onto Canons Way, right onto Cathedral Walk and then left to re-join the waterside path. Cross at Pero's Bridge to the hostel to avoid cobbles alongside the harbour.



Facilities (see map)

No public toilets on route but many of the attractions have toilets open to the public. Lots of food and drink options.



Lots of places to sit throughout the route.



Wheelchair accessible (diversions to avoid lock river crossing, steps and cobbles).



Pushchair accessible (diversion to avoid steps).

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 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.
- 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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Bristol City Docks walk



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YHA Bristol

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Historic city walk

A lovely stroll around the harbour and docks with history and regeneration side by side.

Distance: 3.4 miles (5.4km)

Ascent: 4m (13ft)

Time: Allow 1h 15m to 2h



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Route directions

Start/Finish: Grid ref ST 585 724
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This route includes streets with bars and pubs which are busy at the weekends. Includes road crossings and deep water near the path without barriers.

- 1 From the hostel turn left and follow the path around to Prince Street.
- 2 Cross the bridge, turn right onto Princes Wharf and follow the waterside path.
- 3 Turn left before the Great Western Dockyard onto Gas Ferry Road and take the cut through on the right to Hanover Place.
- 4 Turn right to Bristol Marina, turn left and follow around the marina to continue along the waterside.

- 5 Turn left at The Cottage Inn to Cumberland Road and turn right.
- 6 Bear right onto Avon Crescent.
- 7 Bear right and just before the bridge turn left to join the waterside path.
- 8 Bear right onto the walkway to the island and pass under the Plimsoll Swing Bridge.
- 9 Cross the river using the lock gates, turn right to pass back under the Plimsoll Swing Bridge, then follow the waterside path. Pass Pooles Wharf Marina, Hanover Quay and the amphitheatre.
- 10 Continue to the end of the harbour. Or, to return to the hostel from here, cross Pero's Bridge.
- 11 At the end of the harbour turn right, then right onto Narrow Quay and follow the waterside path to the hostel.

400m / ¼ mile

Accessible routes avoiding
cobblestones and steps

▲ 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

