

Your Adventure Your Way

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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/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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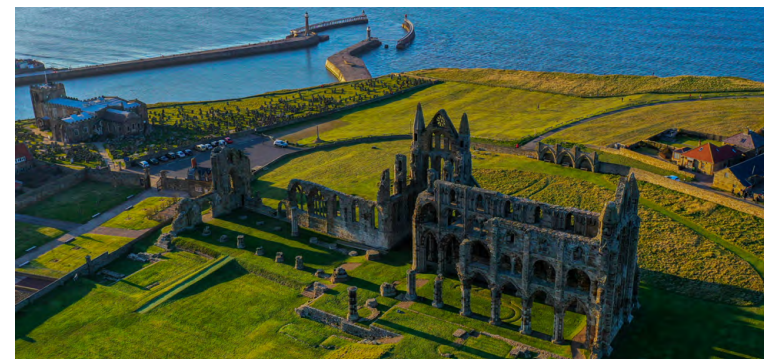
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Abbey headland walk



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YHA Whitby

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Coastal headland walk

A lovely walk with views over the coast, harbour, town and surrounding countryside.

Distance: 1.4 miles (2.3km)

Ascent: 53m (174ft)

Time: Allow 30m to 1h



Facilities (see map)

Toilets and café at YHA. Toilets near the Abbey car park. Takeaway food and drinks near the Abbey entrance. Brewery tap room on Abbey Lane.



Seats on the route (see map). Near the church, fewer elsewhere.



Accessible for some



Not a touch free route



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One stile (can avoid)

Partnered with



Route directions

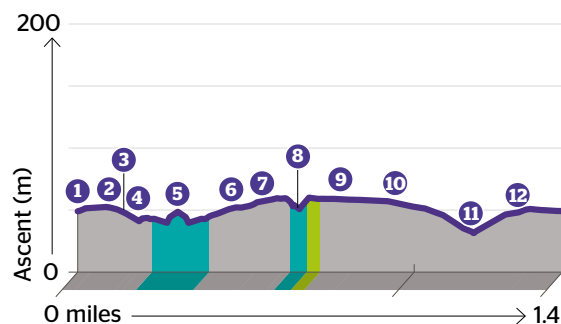
Map: OS Explorer (OL27) North York Moors – Eastern area

Start/Finish: Grid ref NZ 902 111

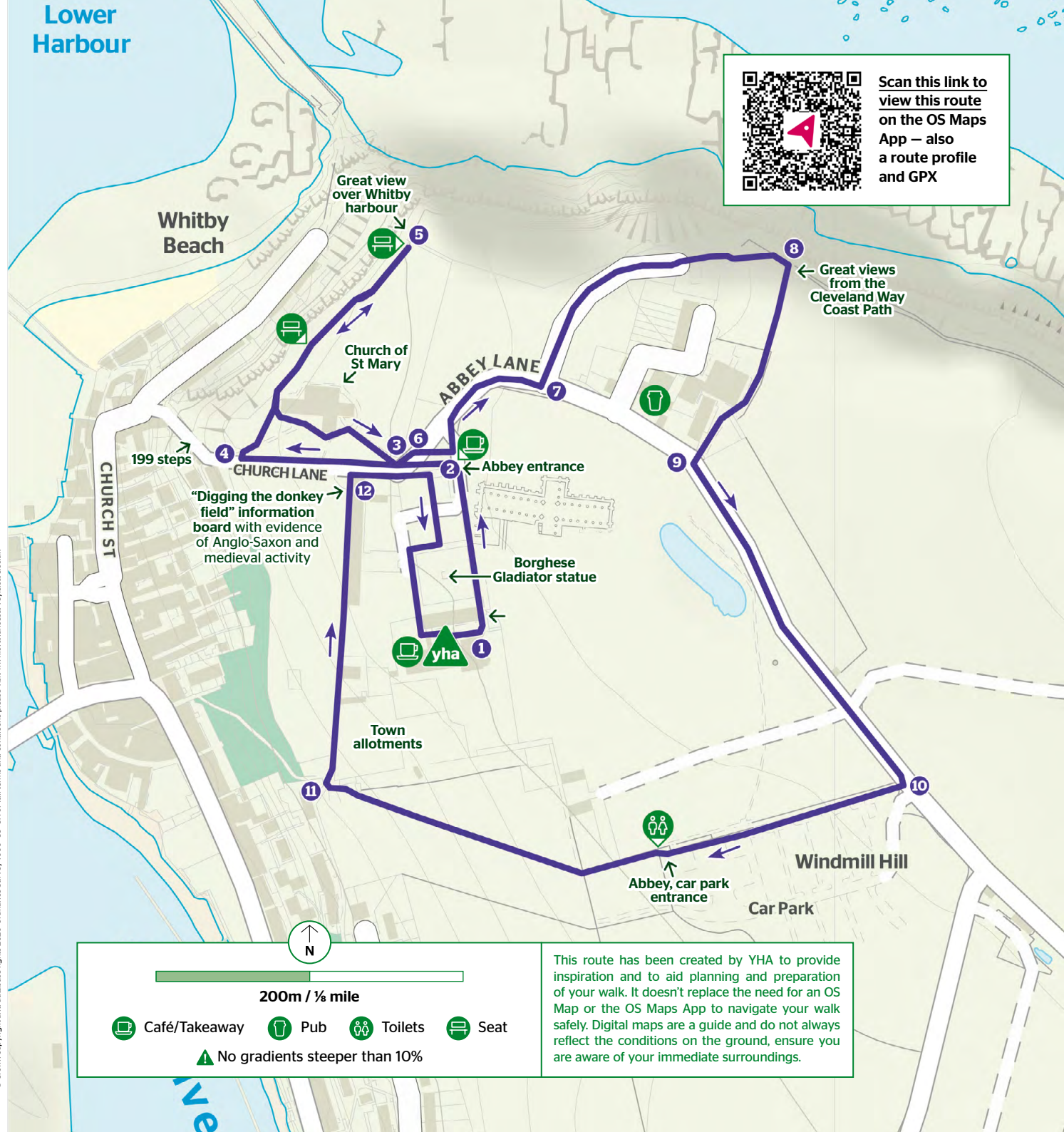
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- 1 From the hostel turn right and head around the visitor centre to the courtyard.
- 2 Pass through the gatehouse archway and turn left.
- 3 Pass through the gates into the church yard.
- 4 At the top of the 199 steps turn right and pass the church to the viewpoint.
- 5 Return along the same path and bear left around the church to pass back through the church gates.
- 6 Cross the road area and turn left to follow around the Abbey walls.
- 7 Turn left onto the Cleveland Way and King Charles III England Coast Path.
- 8 Turn right through a gate and into a grassy field. Cross to a stile, which may say 'private' but it is a right of way.
- 9 At the road (Abbey Lane) turn left.
- 10 Turn right into the Abbey car park. Head down the steps, pass the Abbey entrance and follow the footpath ahead, downhill.
- 11 Pass through a gate, turn right and follow the path to Church Lane.
- 12 Turn right, then right into the courtyard and to the hostel.

● Paved ● Unpaved (flat) ● Grass



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