

058 YHA Stratford-upon-Avon Welcombe Hills

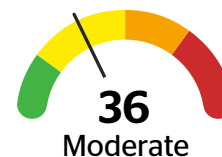
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Country, town and canal walk

Distance: 8.3 miles (13.3km) **Ascent:** 98m (322ft) **Time:** Allow 3h 30m to 5h 45m

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (205) Stratford-upon-Avon & Evesham

Start/Finish: OS Locate SP 231 562 **what3words** ///coil.march.gratitude



A walk to the Welcombe Hills Obelisk, providing views across Warwickshire. From the hostel turn right and cross the busy road onto Pimlico Lane opposite. Follow this to meet Knights Lane and take the footpath ahead which follows along field edges and past a farm onto Wootton Close. Turn right, then left onto Burford Road, right onto Avon Crescent, left onto Loxley Road, left onto Manor Road and right onto Banbury Road. Turn left onto Swan's Nest and cross the footbridge. Turn left onto Bridge Foot and then right onto the canal tow path. Leave the canal at Bridge 67, turn right and follow Maidenhead Road to the footpath at the end. Pass Clopton Tower, turn right when you meet the track and head up to the Obelisk. Take the path heading west from the Obelisk, turn left to go alongside the hotel and take the footpath that emerges onto Welcombe Road. Turn right onto Warwick Road, left onto Bridgeway, diagonally left across the park to cross Clopton Bridge. Immediately turn left onto Tiddington Road, go through Tiddington and turn left onto Church Lane back to the hostel.

Hazards

Care required crossing the busy road from Church Lane to Pimlico Lane. Pimlico Lane has no footpath. There may be cows on the way

back from the Obelisk. Caution on the road to the hostel from Stratford-upon-Avon, it is busy, but has a footpath.

Accessibility

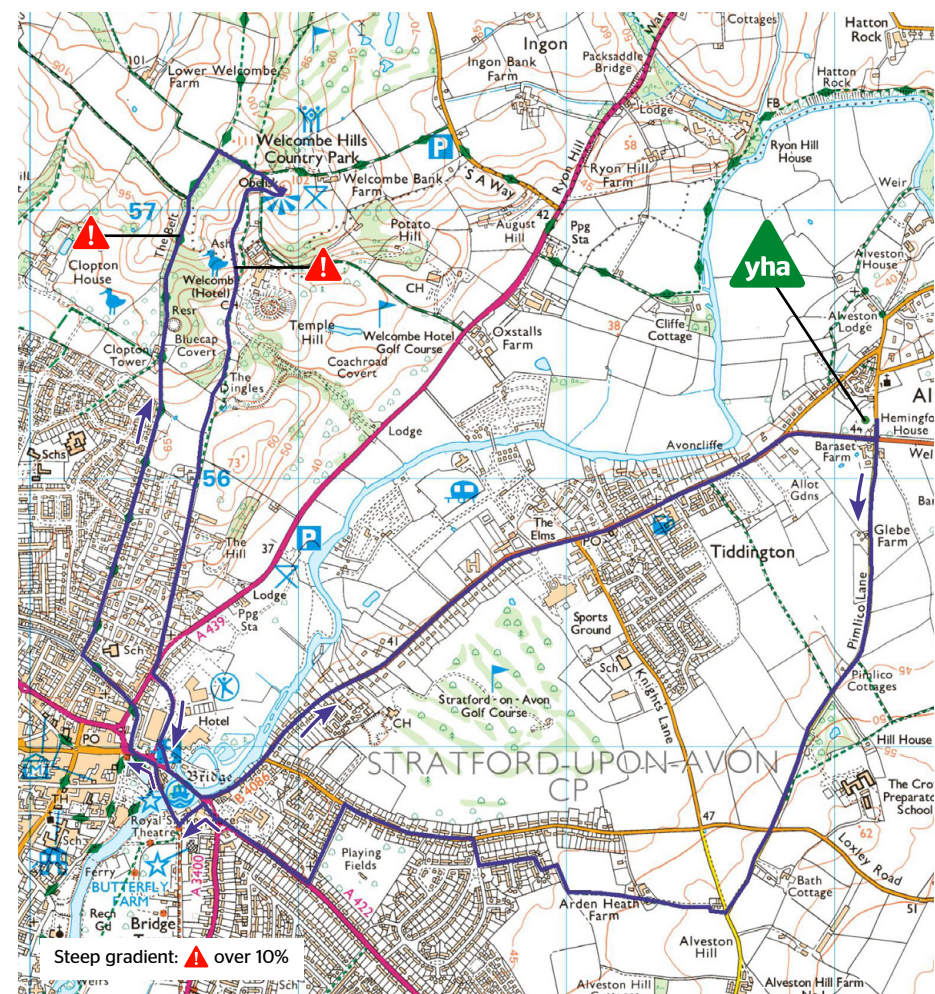
There are no stiles on the route. There are single steps and gates and paths less than one metre wide. Most of the route is flat roads and pavements. There is a rough grassy section from Knights Lane to just beyond Arden Heath Farm. The section to the Welcombe Hills Country park and Obelisk is uphill through rough grassy terrain and a wooded area. Bus runs between Wellesbourne Road to Stratford-upon-Avon, check times before leaving.

Points of interest

Good view of Welcombe Hills Obelisk from Pimlico Lane. The canal and basin are lovely. Welcombe Hills Country Park and Obelisk provide great views of the surrounding area. Historic buildings in Stratford-upon-Avon.

Facilities

Toilets and many food and drink options in Stratford-upon-Avon. Shop selling food, pub and restaurants in Tiddington.



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.



Thank you for choosing to walk from our hostel.
We hope you have a great time.

Walking in the national landscapes of England and Wales is part of YHA's heritage. With hostels on National Trails, in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, YHA plays a unique role in the nation's walking community.

To make it easy for everyone to enjoy walking from YHA hostels, we have curated three walks – an easy, moderate, and more challenging option. They have all been graded – the higher the grade, the more challenging the route.

Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast (metoffice.gov.uk).
- Check the tide times for coastal routes (tidetimes.org.uk).
- Get the right clothing, footwear and kit for the route and weather.
- Ensure you have enough time to complete the route before dark.
- Download the OS Locate and what3words apps to your phone.
- Contact 999 by SMS text (must pre register by texting 'register' to 999) (relayuk.bt.com/emergencysms).
- Plan your walk by completing the YHA route notification card it helps Emergency Services if you get into difficulties or fail to return from your walk when anticipated (yha.org.uk/route-card).
- Ensure your entire group have the fitness and skills to complete the route.
- For further information on how to stay safe visit adventuresmart.uk

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If you encounter problems with this route contact walking@yha.org.uk



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What to wear

- Base layer and mid layer.
- Walking trousers.
- Warm jacket(s).
- Take extra layer(s).
- Hat, gloves and neck gaiter.
- Sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses.
- Waterproof jacket and trousers.
- Cushioning walking socks.
- Walking shoes or boots.

Kit

- Map, compass and GPS device or OS Map app on your phone.
- Water, lunch and high energy snacks.
- Charged mobile phone and portable charger.
- First aid kit.
- Head torch, spare batteries.
- Watch.
- Whistle and survival bag.
- Rucksack, with waterproof cover or a dry bag or plastic bag inside.
- Medicines or toiletries you would usually use.

You might also want to take

- Spare socks, hat, gloves.
- Balaclava.
- Leg gaiters.
- Waterproof baseball cap (handy if you wear glasses).
- Walking poles.

- Bivi bag or group shelter.
- Spare food and hot drink.
- Duct tape (handy for fixing things).
- Penknife or multitool.
- Tissues and hand sanitiser.
- Plastic bags to take away your rubbish or dog poo.

In case of emergency

- Call 999 (or text 999 if pre-registered) and ask for the Police.
- Use OS Locate or what3words to provide a detailed description of your location.
- If you need to attract attention shout or give six blasts on a whistle at regular intervals. In low light flash your torch six times at regular intervals.
- If you can send someone for help, they need to know your location (grid reference), number of people in the group and the nature of the emergency.
- Help could be some time coming so whilst waiting make the casualty comfortable.
- Keep the casualty warm and dry using spare clothing. Use coats or rucksacks to insulate them from the ground.
- Remember the rest of the group could be getting cold whilst waiting. Use an emergency shelter or find a sheltered location.