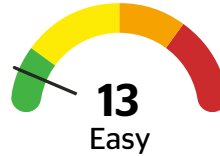


021 YHA New Forest Bisterne Close

Village and country walk

Distance: 2.4 miles (3.9km) **Ascent:** 9m (30ft)

Time: Allow 1h to 1h 30m



Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (OL22) New Forest

Start/Finish: OS Locate SU 221 028 **what3words** ///pavilions.gladiator.abolish

A short circular route taking in pretty lanes and heathland views. From the hostel turn left onto Cott Lane, turn left onto Bennetts Lane, then turn right onto Southfield Lane and follow it around to the left. Turn right onto Bisterne Close and follow it around to the right. Take the footpath on the left towards Clay Hill and turn right by the car park. At the cross roads turn right, turn left onto Bisterne Close, left onto Cott Lane and back to the hostel.

Hazards

Caution required on road sections without pavements. Keep away from wild horses.

Accessibility

There are no stiles or steps on the route. All gates and paths are wider than one metre. Accessible for powered off-road wheelchairs and some manual wheelchairs, possibly requiring assistance in a few places.

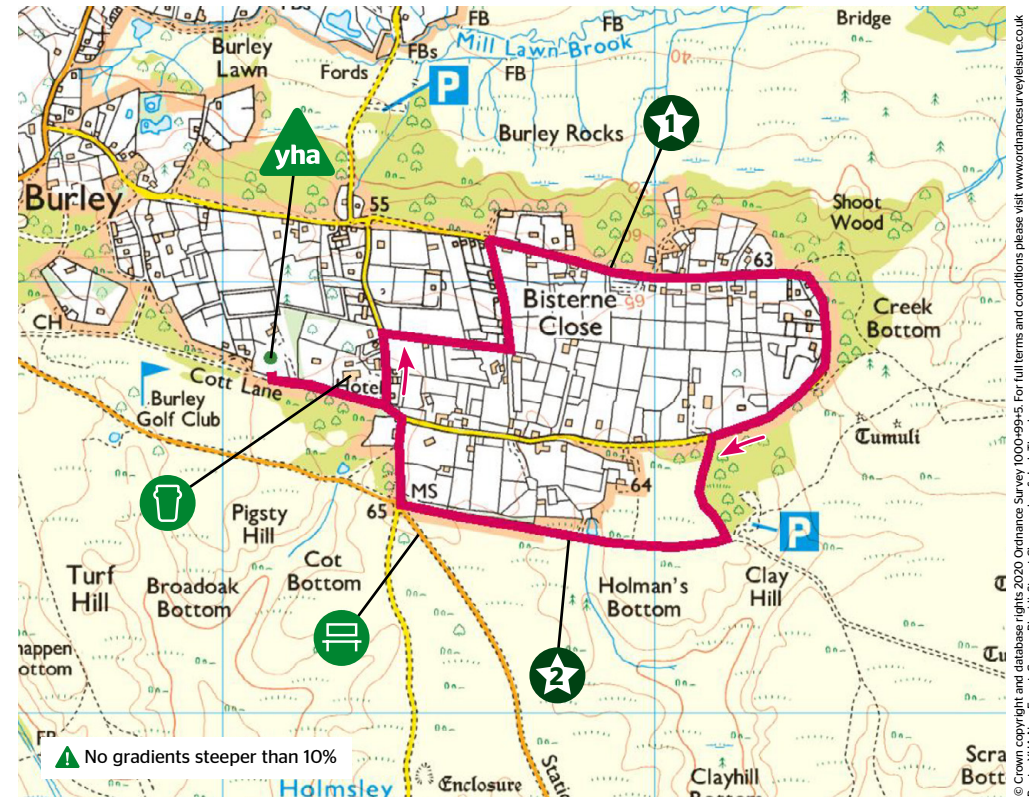
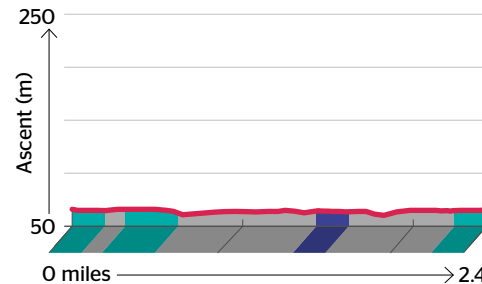
Navigation

Easy navigation following roads and obvious tracks. Some attention required to not miss the footpath from Bisterne Close to Clay Hill.

Terrain

Mostly tarmac road and gravel tracks with a short path across heathland.

- Unpaved (flat)
- Paved
- Unpaved (uneven)



Points of interest (see map)

A pleasant walk **1** along pretty lanes and tracks with **2** views across the heathland. Look out for wild horses.



Facilities (see map)

No facilities on the route apart from the pub at the end of Cott Lane.



Seat only at nearby bus stop (see map)



Accessible for some wheelchairs



Touch free route



Off-road pushchair accessible



Stile free

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.

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Route: YHA New Forest, George Placidi, Stuart Chappenden & Josh Thresh



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We hope you have a great time.

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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/emercysms).
- For further information on how to stay safe visit adventuresmart.uk

In case of emergency call 999 (or text 999 if pre-registered) and use OS Locate or what3words to provide a detailed description of your location.

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Countryside Code

Respect everyone

- Be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking.
- Be nice, say hello, share the space.
- Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.

Hazards

- Take extra care and stay alert where a right of way crosses a railway line.
- When walking on a road without a pavement keep to the right-hand side, so that you can see oncoming traffic. Keep close to the side of the road, and walk in single file if necessary. It may be safer to cross the road well before a sharp right-hand bend so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you. Cross back after the bend.
- Give wild animals, livestock and horses plenty of space.

Protect the environment

- Take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit.
- Do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can.
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight.
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do.
- Care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance.

Enjoy the outdoors

- Check your route and local conditions.
- Plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do.
- Enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory.

What to wear

- Comfortable clothing suitable for the conditions.
- Use several layers, so you can add and remove clothing to regulate your temperature.
- Extra warm clothes in case it gets colder.
- Hat, gloves and scarf.
- Sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses.
- Waterproof jacket and trousers.
- Cushioning comfy socks.
- Comfortable well fitting trainers, walking shoes or boots.

Kit

- Map and compass.
- Water, lunch and snacks.
- Charged mobile phone and portable charger.
- First aid kit.
- Torch and spare batteries.
- 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

- Picnic blanket.
- Waterproof baseball cap, if you wear glasses.
- Walking poles.
- Tissues and hand sanitiser.