

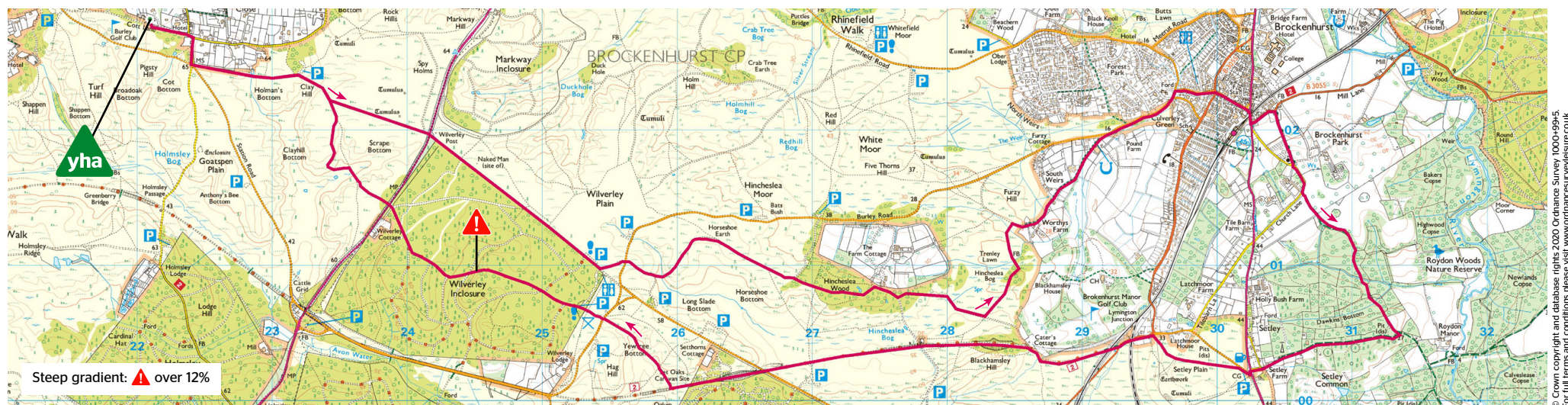
024 YHA New Forest Brockenhurst

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Heathland, woodland and village walk

Distance: 14.8 miles (23.9km) **Ascent:** 172m (564ft) **Time:** Allow 6h 15m to 10h 30m

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (OL22) New Forest **Start/Finish:** OS Locate SU 221 028 **what3words** ///pavilions.gladiator.abolish



A long walk across the scenic New Forest. From the hostel turn left onto Cott Lane, bear right, then turn right, turn left onto the track at the crossroads. Just before Clay Hill car park turn right, bear left, cross heathland, cross the A35 and walk alongside Wilverley Inclosure. Bear left after Wilverley Plain car park, cross the road and continue past Horseshoe Earth, through Hincheslea Wood, past South Weirs and turn right onto Burley Road. Turn right onto Brookley Road, right onto Lymington Road, left onto Mill Lane, then right onto the track by Mulberry Cottage. Turn left onto Church Lane, left onto a track, head through the woods and turn right to pass Setley Farm. Cross the A337 onto Setley Road, take the path on the left behind the bus stop. At the road turn left, pass under the railway bridge and take the track on the right. Pass under another bridge and along the old railway line. After the campsite take the second path on the right across Yewtree Bottom. Cross Wilverley Inclosure, cross the A35, follow the path to Clay Hill and retrace your steps to the hostel.

Hazards

Caution required on road sections without pavements and when crossing main roads. Exposed heathland, prepare for the weather. Narrow paths close to streams and muddy marshland in places. Keep away from wild horses.

Accessibility

There are stiles and single steps on route. There are paths, bridges and gates less than one metre wide. The surface includes crushed stone track, some uneven tracks and sections of rough grass. Shortcuts available, turning at Blackhamsley Hill reduces the route to 9.5 miles and at Wilverley Plain to 5.6 miles.

Points of interest

This is a beautiful route with open heathland, wooded areas and a disused railway path. On route is the naked man tree, pretty churches, the historic village of Brockenhurst and wild horses.

Facilities

Toilets, pubs and food available in Brockenhurst. May be an ice-cream van at Wilverley Plain. Pub at Setley.

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

For more walks or information on route grading and timings go to yha.org.uk/walks

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.