



YHA Stratford-upon-Avon Shakespeare's Town

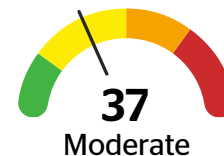
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River, town and country walk

Distance: 9.5 miles (15.2km) **Ascent:** 17m (56ft) **Time:** Allow 3h 45m to 6h 30m

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

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



A walk into Stratford-upon-Avon to enjoy the River Avon, Shakespeare attractions and the historic town. From the hostel turn right and then right onto Wellsbourne Road. Continue through Tiddington to Banbury Road. Go straight ahead onto Swan's Nest, pass the Big Wheel and turn left along the riverside. Cross the footbridge before Seven Meadows Road and turn left alongside the river. Leave the river to reach Stannells Close. Turn right onto Luddington Road and continue to Evesham Road. Take the footpath straight ahead, emerge on Hogarth Road and continue to a small footpath and then track to Hathaway Lane. Turn left, then left onto Shottery, left onto Cottage Lane to Anne Hathaway's Cottage. Retrace your steps and continue onto Bell Lane, bear left onto Tavern Lane and cross Shottery Fields to The Willows. Take the footpath ahead and to the left to emerge on Alcester Road. Turn right, continue onto Greenhill Street, then Rother Street, left onto Meer Street and left onto Henley Street for Shakespeare's Birth Place. Retrace your steps, continue along Henley Street then turn right onto High Street. Go straight ahead then turn left onto Old Town. Turn left through Avonbank Gardens to the river. Turn left, pass the theatre, go around the marina, cross Clopton Bridge and retrace your steps to the hostel.

Hazards

Caution on the road from the hostel to Stratford-upon-Avon, it is busy, but has a footpath. Take care near the river. Do not do this route if the river is flooded.

Accessibility

There are no stiles on the route. There are steps on the route and gates and paths that are less than one metre wide. Mostly tarmac with some grassy and uneven sections which may be muddy when wet. A footbridge over the Avon has steps on both sides. Bus runs between Wellesbourne Road and Stratford-upon-Avon, check times before leaving.

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.



Points of interest

A beautiful walk along the River Avon and around the historic town of Stratford, including: the Big Wheel, Butterfly Farm, the racecourse, Anne Hathaway's Cottage, Shakespeare's Birthplace, the Tudor old town, scenes from Shakespeare's plays in Avonbank Gardens, Royal Shakespeare Theatre and the canal basin.

Facilities

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

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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/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.