

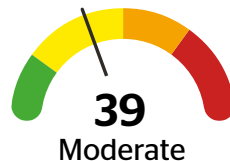
097 YHA Cheddar Cheddar Gorge

Woodland, gorge and village walk

Distance: 4.7 miles (7.5km)

Ascent: 357m (1,171ft)

Time: Allow 2h 30m to 4h



Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (141) Cheddar Gorge & Mendip Hills West

Start/Finish: OS Locate ST 455 534 [what3words ///ferried.fetches.science](https://www.what3words.com/ferried.fetches.science)

A stunning route around Cheddar Gorge and back through the village. From the hostel turn right onto Hillfield, left onto The Hayes and right onto Norville Lane. Turn right onto Lower North Street, left onto Venns Close and take the footpath to the left across the park and take the path between houses to Gadd's Lane. Turn right, turn right onto Tweentown and bear left onto Cliff Street, signposted Gorge and caves. Cross the river and follow the road ahead which becomes The Cliffs. Pass the entrance to Jacobs Ladder and after the pond turn left at the finger post onto Cufic Lane. Take the permissive footpath on the right by the National Trust sign and up a flight of steps. Continue uphill and as you emerge from the trees bear right and alongside a stone wall to a viewpoint. Turn left to cross the wall and continue uphill, keeping the wall along the top of the gorge to your right. Re-join the main gorge path, pass Bone Hole and turn right down to Cliff Road. Cross the road onto the path ahead and uphill. Bear right to head back along the gorge. After passing the top of Jacob's

Ladder bear right to the Lookout Tower then continue downhill to emerge onto Lynch Lane. Turn right, then right onto Lippiatt Lane and turn left onto St Andrew's Road. Turn right onto Redcliffe Street, bear left onto Union Street and right onto Bath Street which becomes Station Road. Turn right onto Wideatts Road, right onto The Hayes and left onto Hillfield back to the hostel.

Hazards

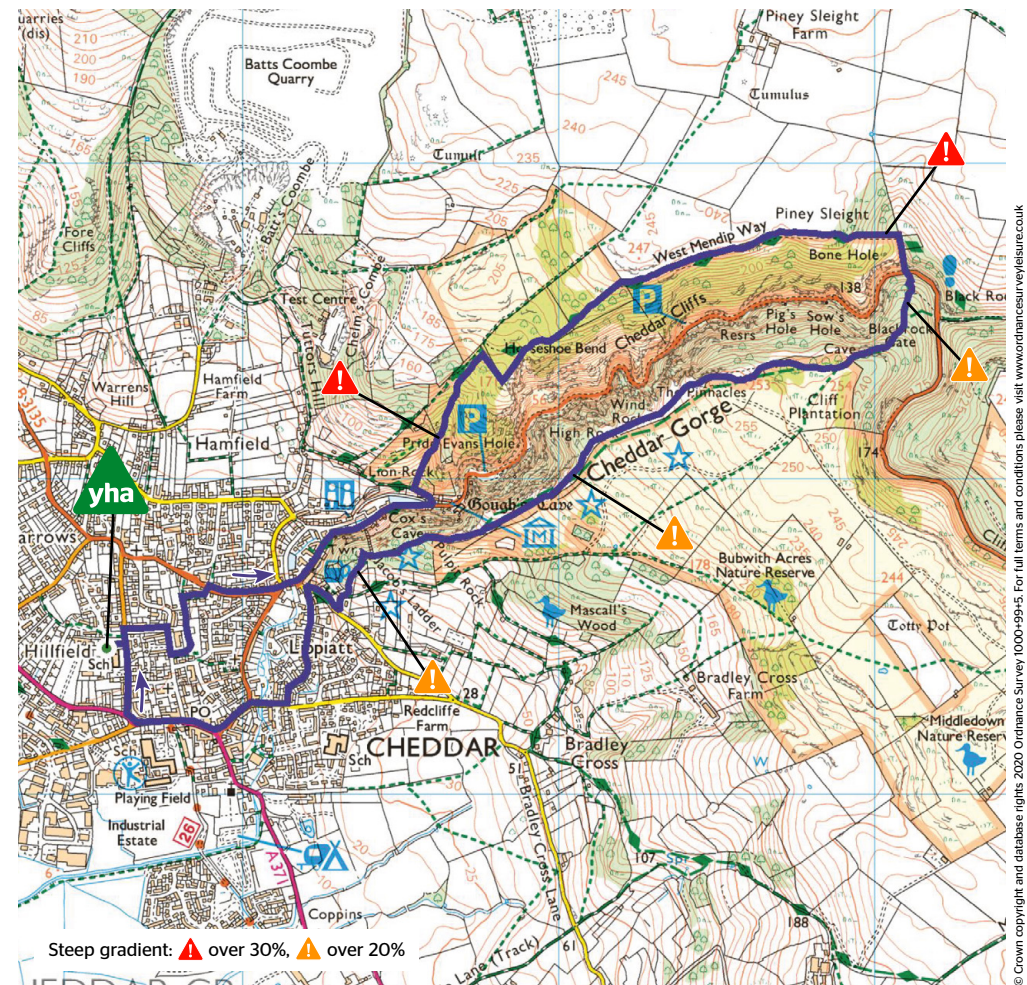
Watch out for traffic on the road sections. The road crossing between Bone Hole and Blackrock Gate has fast traffic and restricted views. The gorge path is steep and rocky in places with many exposed tree roots. Sections of the route will become slippery after rain.

Accessibility

There are stiles and steps on the route and gates and paths less than one metre wide. There are long sections of rough uneven ground, steep inclines, loose stones, tree roots, grass and mud.

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.

Scan or click to view this route on the OS Maps App – also a route profile and GPX



Points of interest

Lots to see and do in Cheddar Gorge and in the village. Stunning views of the gorge, the village and reservoir from the cliff tops. Great rock structures and caves.

Facilities

Toilets on Cliff Road and lots of pubs, shops and cafés on the approach to the gorge path and in the village. No facilities on the forest/cliff route.



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.