

100 YHA Cheddar Axbridge and Reservoir

Countryside and town walk

Distance: 4.6 miles (7.3km) **Ascent:** 27m (89ft)

Time: Allow 1h 45m to 3h

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

Start/Finish: OS Locate ST 455 534 **what3words** ///ferried.fetches.science



A lovely route along an old railway line to a picturesque town and back along quiet country lanes. From the hostel turn right onto Hillfield, left onto The Hayes and left onto Southfield. Turn left onto Comer Road and take the footpath on the right to Barrows Road. Turn left, right onto Upper New Road, turn left and cross the bridge. Immediately turn right, right into the car park and bear left to the Strawberry Line (former railway line). Head away from the bridge and continue on this track to Cheddar Road. Turn left, continue into Axbridge and at The Square turn left onto Moorland Street. Cross the stream and turn left to follow alongside it on Portmeade Drive. At the path junction follow Portmeade Drive around to the right. Continue around the edge of the reservoir bank and across a field to Middle Moor Lane. At the entrance to Cheddar Reservoir car park bear right onto Sharpham Road. Turn left to cross back over the bridge and retrace the route to the hostel.

Hazards

Watch out for traffic on the road sections. Take care crossing the bridge on Lower New Road, it has no footpath. No footpaths on the quiet and narrow lanes on the return from Axbridge to Cheddar. May be livestock in fields near Portmeade Drive. Deep water in the reservoir.

Accessibility

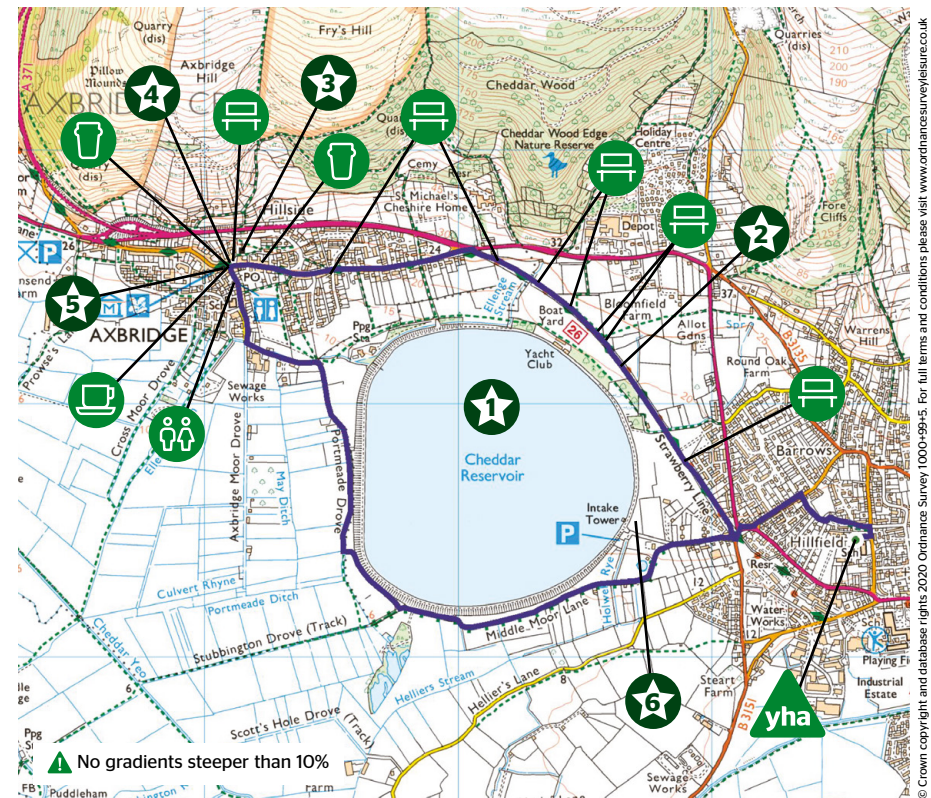
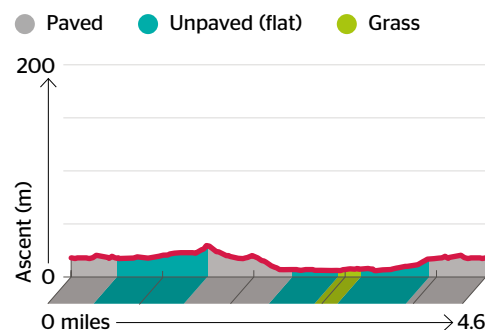
There are stiles on the route and gates and paths less than one metre wide. Much of the route is on tarmac and good tracks with a short section of grass.

Navigation

An easy route to follow using roads and obvious paths. Keep the reservoir to your left.

Terrain

Mostly unpaved flat small stoned paths, roads or pavement. Small area of grass. May be muddy in places and puddles after rain.



★ Points of interest (see map)

1 Cheddar Reservoir, 2 Nice views of the reservoir along the Strawberry Line, 3 St John's Church, 4 The Square, 5 King John's Hunting Lodge, Tudor timber-framed wool merchant's house (circa 1500), 6 Skate park.

🚻🍷🏠 Facilities (see map)

Public toilets, pubs, cafés and shops in Axbridge. None elsewhere on the route.

🛋 Seats on route (see map)

~~♿~~ **Not wheelchair accessible**

~~👉~~ **Not a touch free route**

~~🚼~~ **Not pushchair accessible**

~~🚶~~ **Not 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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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).
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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.