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YHA Berwick-upon-Tweed

Berwick walls and castles

Historic town walk

Distance: 3.3 miles (5.4km) **Ascent:** 104m (341ft)

Time: Allow 1h 30m to 2h 15m

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (346) Berwick-upon-Tweed

Start/Finish: OS Locate NT 998 527 **what3words** ///rates.rocky.glitz



The route passes many of Berwick-upon-Tweed's historical attractions and gives an excellent overview of the town's complex past. Leave the hostel directly onto the walls. Turn left and follow the walls, cross Pier Road, pass the ruins at Kings Mount. Turn right through the arch, then left and follow the path to the road by Cowport Gate. Turn right, follow around the bend and take the path straight ahead alongside the golf course. Turn left at Lord's Mount and pass the Bell Tower to follow the road to Castlegate. Go straight over onto Railway Street, fork left at the bend, take the lane immediately on the right and turn left to the river. Head under the Border Bridge and turn right around the castle to Castlegate. Turn right, then right into Tweed Street and left to pass Meg's Mount. Turn left onto Bank Hill, straight over and to the left at Marygate to pass Cumberland Bastion, turn right to pass Berwick Church to Parade. Turn left onto Church Street, over Marygate to Hide Hill, right onto Bridge Street and back to the hostel.

Hazards

Take care on the ramparts, many are unfenced and have long drops. Steps and steep gradients near the riverbank.

Accessibility

The route includes many steps and some steep tarmac slopes towards the river.

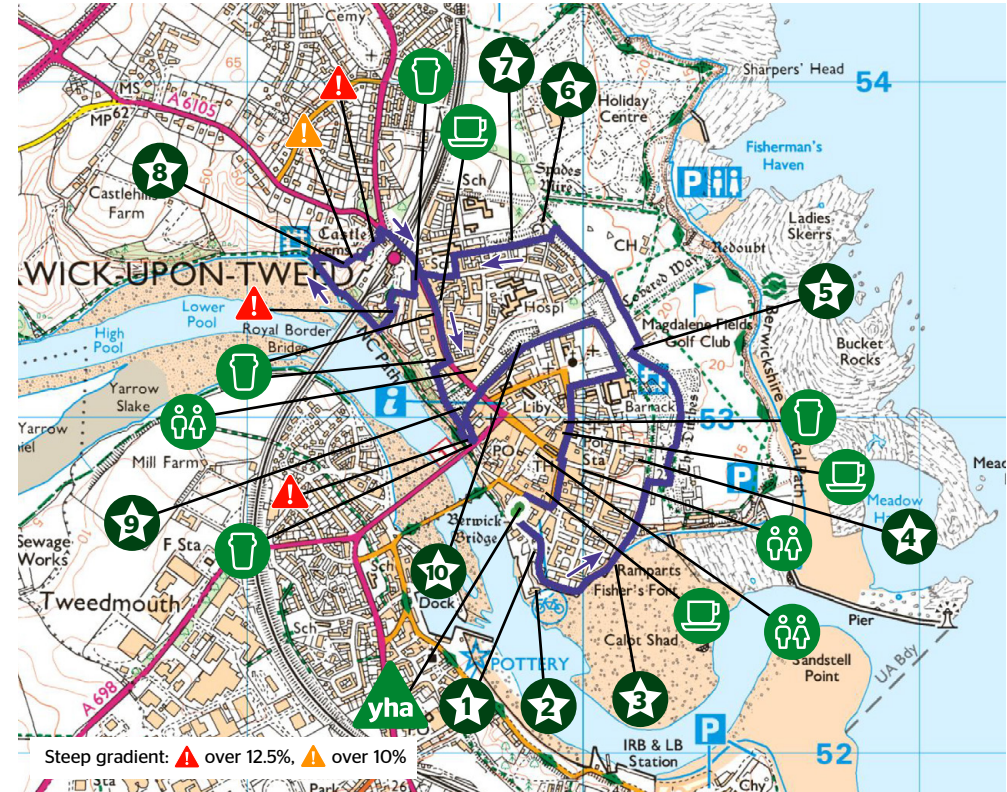
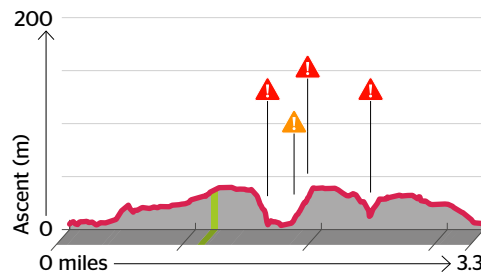
Navigation

The route is easy to follow, but careful navigation is required not to miss turns in a few places.

Terrain

The walk is paved apart from a short section of flat, well cut grass near the Bell Tower.

● Paved ● Grass



★ Points of interest (see map)

Berwick-upon-Tweed is a heavily fortified town, the walk is rich in historical interest which reflects the town's turbulent past. Art lovers will enjoy the links to LS Lowry. **1** Customs House, **2** old lifeboat house, **3** a cannon, **4** Gunpowder Magazine, **5** Cowport Gate, **6** Lord's Mount, **7** Bell Tower, **8** Castle remains, **9** Meg's Mount, **10** Cumberland Bastion.

🚻🍽️🗑️ Facilities (see map)

Toilets and many food and drink options in Berwick.

🛋️ Seats throughout the route (too many to map)

Not wheelchair accessible

Not a touch free route

Not pushchair accessible

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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: Discovering Britain, Matt Overd & Andy Bammer



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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).
- 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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If you encounter problems with this route contact walking@yha.org.uk



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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.