

120 YHA Hawkshead Hawkshead village

Country and village walk

Distance: 3.2 miles (5.2km) **Ascent:** 85m (279ft)

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

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (OL07) English Lakes – South-eastern area

Start/Finish: OS Locate SD 354 966 **what3words** ///frantic.handrail.indulgent

Explore the historic village of Hawkshead. From the hostel turn left along the road, left to Howe Farm then take the footpath on the right across a field. At the road bear right, then left onto a track. At the track junction turn left and pass the vicarage. At the end of the track turn left, then right before Walker Ground. Cross fields to a track and turn left onto the B5285. Turn right at Hawkshead Hall campsite and follow the footpath alongside the beck to the village and onto Black Beck Road. Cross the main road, take the footpath ahead and bear right onto Red Lion Yard. Turn left onto Main Street, right onto The Square and bear left after the Market Hall. Pass the church and follow the path to a familiar junction then retrace the route back to the hostel.

Hazards

Caution required on the road sections. No pavements alongside the road between the hostel and Howe Farm (400m) and for the short section to Hall Bridge (150m).

Accessibility

There is one stile and single steps on the route and gates and paths less than one

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.



metre wide. The terrain is mostly paved or good track but includes a section of sloping grass with a deeply rutted and narrow path.

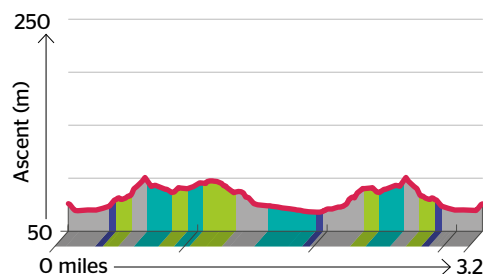
Navigation

Straightforward mostly following roads and obvious well marked paths.

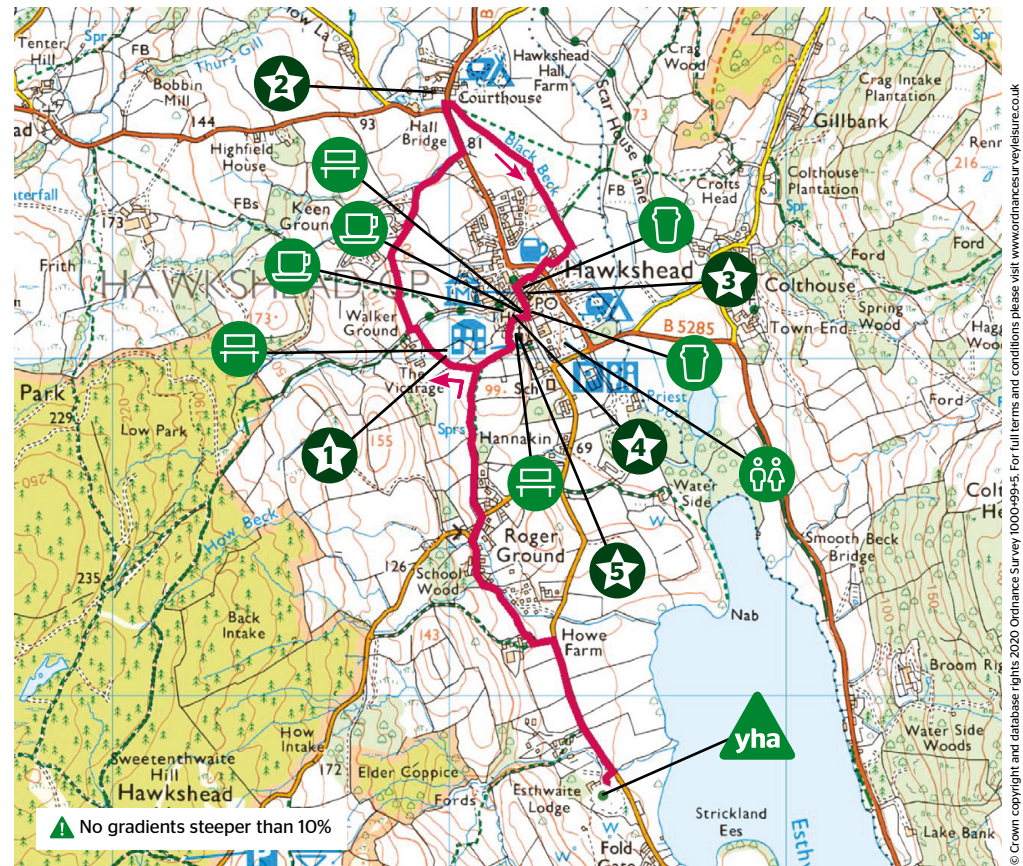
Terrain

Some tarmac, mostly good flat path and some fields. Small section of sloping field with a deeply rutted narrow path.

- Paved
- Grass
- Unpaved (uneven)
- Unpaved (flat)



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



★ Points of interest (see map)

- 1 Dolly's community orchard with benches, 2 Hawkshead courthouse, 3 Beatrix Potter Gallery, 4 Market Hall, 5 Hawkshead Church.

🚻🚰🚽 Facilities (see map)

Pubs, cafés, shops and toilets in Hawkshead.

🪑 Seats on route (see map)

~~♿~~ Not wheelchair accessible

~~🚫~~ Not a touch free route

~~🚸~~ Not pushchair accessible

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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/emercysms).
- For further information on how to stay safe visit adventuresmart.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.