

129 YHA Hathersage Derwent Valley

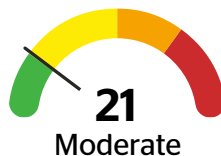
Riverside walk

Distance: 2.9 miles (4.6km) **Ascent:** 39m (128ft)

Time: Allow 1h 15m to 2h

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (OL01) Peak District – Dark Peak area

Start/Finish: OS Locate SK 227 814 **what3words** ///dame.boil.reflector



A lovely walk along the River Derwent. From the hostel's rear car park turn left onto Jagger's Lane and after the houses take the footpath on the left. Cross the railway line and A6187. Follow the walked line across the field and turn right along the river. Cross at the stepping stones, turn left and follow the river to Leadmill Bridge. Turn left to cross back over the river and then left to take the well made path back towards Hathersage. At the road go straight ahead to Mill Lane, under the railway bridge and cross the stream using the narrow footbridge on the left to Barnfields. Turn left onto Castleton Road and back to the hostel.

Hazards

Caution on the road sections, some without footpaths. Take care crossing the busy main road and railway line. Do not walk this route if the river is flooded. Riverside path is narrow with drops to the river in places.

Accessibility

There are stiles and steps on the route. There are gates and paths less than one metre wide. Some areas of steep and rough path with ruts or stones exceeding 10cm.

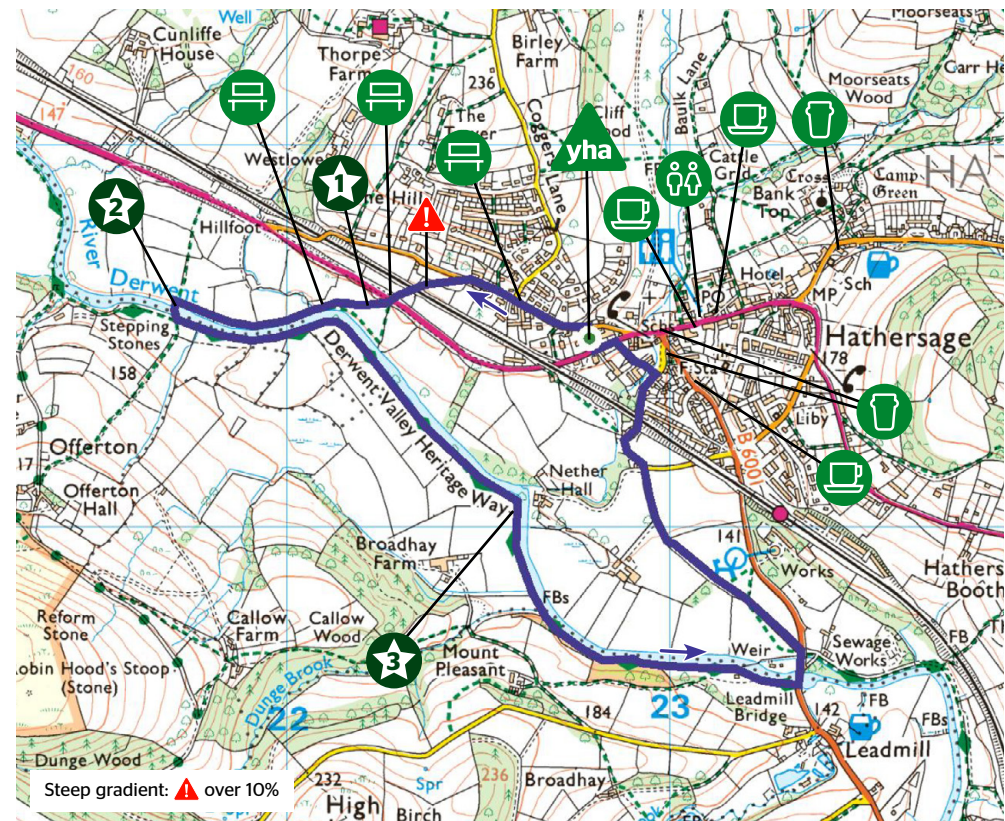
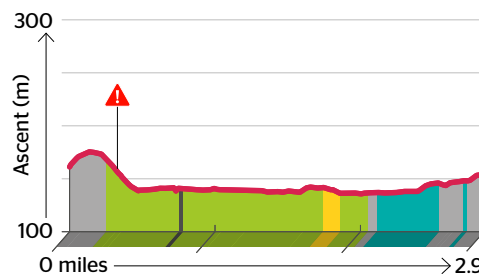
Navigation

Mostly obvious or signed paths. A sign shows the location of the stepping stones.

Terrain

Mostly reasonable paths including well worn grass tracks through meadows and sheep fields. Steep ground with tree roots approaching the stepping stones. Stepping stones to cross the river, one or two of the steps are a bit of a stretch. Narrow path in places alongside the river. Good path back from Leadmill Bridge to Hathersage.

- Paved
- Grass
- Stepping stones
- Rocky
- Unpaved (flat)



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Points of interest (see map)

This is a peaceful route with **1** flowery meadows, **2** stepping stone river crossing, **3** wildlife rich river and many inviting picnic spots.

Facilities

No facilities on the route. Toilets and a choice food and drink options available in Hathersage.

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.



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).
- 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.

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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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.