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## YHA Honister House Fleetwith Pike

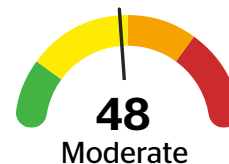
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### Mountain walk

**Distance:** 3.2 miles (5.1km) **Ascent:** 356m (1,168ft) **Time:** Allow 2h to 3h

**Map:** OS Explorer (OL04) English Lakes – North-western area

**Start/Finish:** OS Locate NY 225 135 **what3words** ///earmarked.decanter.cycles



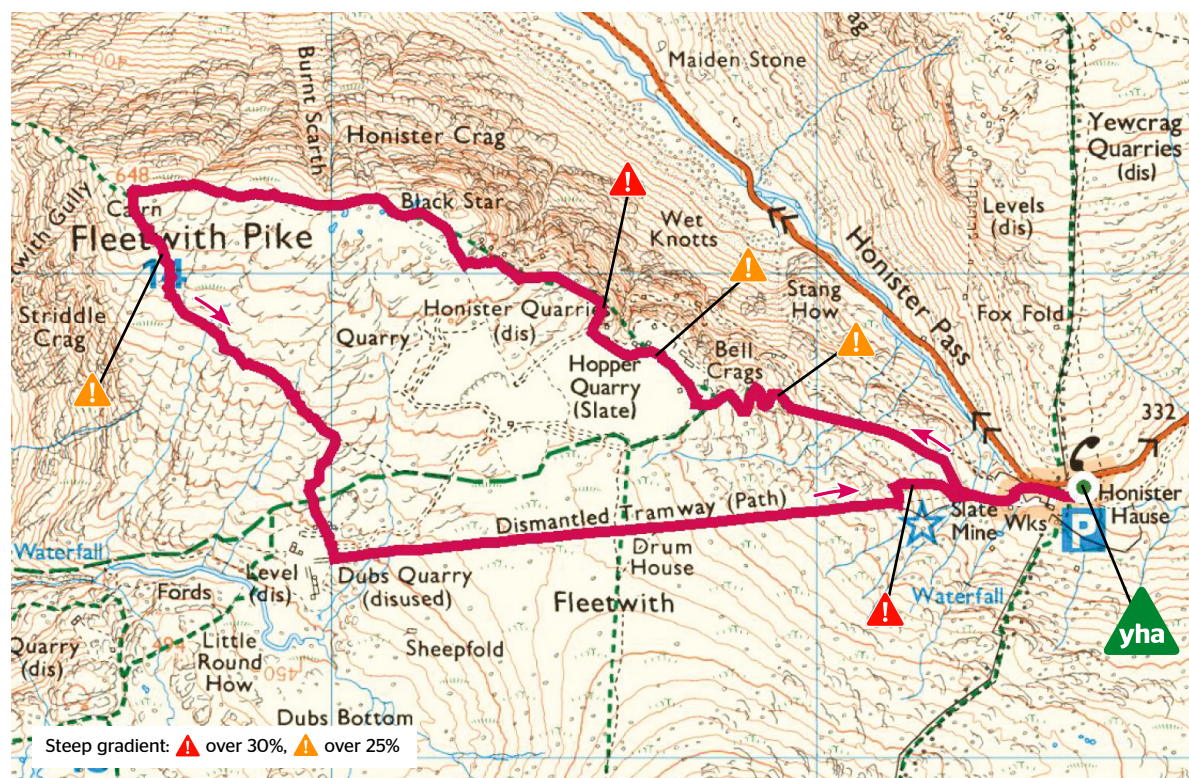
A single peak walk through mining heritage to an awesome viewpoint over Buttermere. From the hostel turn right across the carpark, through the gate, pass the Honister mine visitor centre and take the track to the right of the building. After some hairpin turns, pass the tracks on the right, then take a faint path on the right. Follow this path carefully to avoid the drops to the right. The path improves after Honister Quarries, continue along the edge of Honister crags and to the cairn on the summit of Fleetwith. Turn left to follow an evident path, after about 1km the roof of Dubs Hut (bothy) comes into view. Pick your way through the mine workings to the bothy and turn left onto the old tramway. Follow this path back to the mine visitor centre and to the hostel.

### Hazards

This is a high-level mountain route so proper preparation and equipment is necessary. The higher parts of the route regularly have low visibility, make sure you know where you are at all times and have a map and compass for navigation. In winter conditions the route will become slippery and dangerous, especially when covered in snow and ice – mountaineering skills and equipment may be required. Fleetwith Pike is very exposed to winds and storms with limited shelter. Steep cliffs and mine workings with steep drops near the path from Bells Crag to the summit of Fleetwith Pike. Watch out for occasional mine vehicles on the track near the mine.

### Accessibility

No stiles on route. Paths are narrow in places and contain sections of extremely rough and uneven ground. This walk is shorter than many other single peak routes and – as the hostel is located at over 350m above sea level – has less climb to reach the fantastic views at the summit.



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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.

### Points of interest

Historical mining area with workings and ruins. Honister mine visitor centre and outdoor adventure activities. Dubs Hut bothy. Spectacular views down the Buttermere valley and panoramas towards Great Gable and Borrowdale.

### Facilities

No facilities on the route. Toilets at YHA. Toilets, café and visitor centre at the Honister mine next to YHA.



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 ([mwis.org.uk](http://mwis.org.uk)).
- Check the tide times for coastal routes ([tidetimes.org.uk](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://adventuresmart.uk)

For more walks or information on route grading and timings go to [yha.org.uk/walks](http://yha.org.uk/walks)

If you encounter problems with this route contact [walking@yha.org.uk](mailto: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.