

Countryside and village walk

Distance: 3.2 miles (5.1km) Ascent: 83m (272ft)

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

Moderate

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (OL41) Forest of Bowland & Ribblesdale

Start/Finish: OS Locate SD 711 523 what3words ///remove.middle.scorpions

A lovely route with views over Slaidburn and surrounding fells. From the hostel turn right onto Chapel Street and follow signs towards Settle. Cross the bridge and turn left onto the footpath at the second finger post. Carefully navigate across fields to meet the road and turn right. Leave the road at the finger post on the left and navigate uphill to a minor road. Turn right along the road to Easington and turn right at the finger post opposite farm buildings. Navigate to a bridge over the River Hodder and continue along the track to the sewage works. Turn right after the sewage works, then turn left alongside the river back to Slaidburn. At the road turn left back to the hostel.

#### Hazards

Caution required on the road sections, no pavements. Parts of the route are not well walked, signage is poor and there is little or no path to follow in places. Limited mobile signal. Do not take this route if the river is flooded. May be livestock in fields.

# **Accessibility**

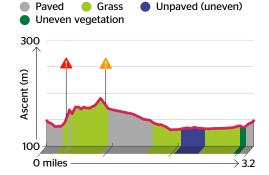
There are stiles on the route and gates and paths less than one metre wide. Sections of rough ground and undefined paths.

#### **Navigation**

Straightforward along the road sections with finger posts showing where paths leave roads. Careful navigation is required off road as paths are not obvious and onward directions are not sign posted in places. Map and compass or mobile app would be useful. Poor mobile network coverage, download the digital route map onto your phone or gpx tracker before setting out.

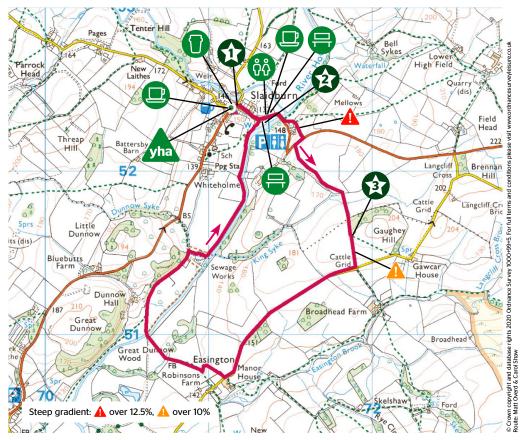
#### Terrain

A mixture of paved roads, tracks and rough pasture with no discernible path to follow.



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.

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





## Points of interest (see map)

A quiet route in the countryside around the village with 1 a war memorial, 2 play park and 3 views over the surrounding area.







Facilities (see map)

Toilets, shops, food and drink are available in Slaidburn.



Seats only in Slaidburn (see map)



Not wheelchair accessible



Not a touch free route



Not pushchair accessible



Not stile free



# 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.