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YHA Isle of Wight Totland

Totland and Widdick Chine

Village and coast walk

Distance: 2.6 miles (4.1km) **Ascent:** 77m (253ft)

Time: Allow 1h to 1h 45m

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (OL29) Isle of Wight

Start/Finish: OS Locate SZ 324 864 **what3words** ///sized.paraded.eyelash

From the hostel turn right onto Hurst Hill, right onto Weston Road and head into Totland village. At the war memorial roundabout go straight ahead onto The Broadway, then turn left onto Bowling Green Lane. Cross the recreation ground diagonally to a hole in hedge line (ahead and to the right staying close to the play equipment). Go through the hedge to a path and turn right. Follow the path, crossing a few roads, and turn left onto Colwell Chine Road to the coast. Turn left along the Coastal Path. After the old lifeboat station turn left and climb up Widdick Chine. Continue straight ahead on Cliff Road and take the footpath on the left just before Fern Bank Close. Turn left onto York Lane, cross over at the junction by the Church and continue along this road to the hostel.

Hazards

Caution required on the road sections, some do not have footpaths. Do not take this route in high winds or when there could be risk of high waves.

Accessibility

There are no stiles on the route and no gates or paths less than one metre wide.

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.



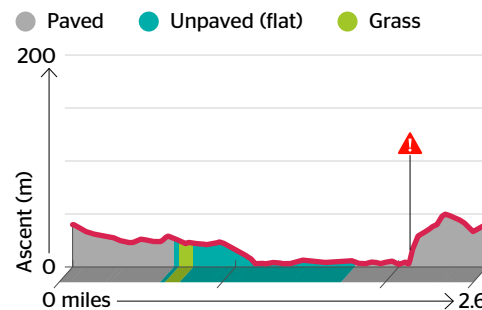
There are 59 steep steps up Widdick Chine, which can be avoided by turning left onto Madeira Road after Totland Pier and then right onto Cliff Road, there is no footpath on either road, but there is a grassy path running parallel to Cliff Road.

Navigation

Mostly easy to follow roads and well marked footpaths. Section of grass without a marked path across the recreation ground. The sign for the footpath from Cliff Road to York Road may be difficult to find.

Terrain

Mostly roads, paved paths or good paths. Small stretch of grass at recreation ground which could be muddy after rain.



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Points of interest (see map)

A short walk with plenty to see, **1** war memorial **2** colourful beach huts at Colwell Bay, **3** views across to Alum Bay and The Needles, **4** Totland Bay pier and **5** former RNLI lifeboat station.



Facilities (see map)

Toilets at Colwell Bay and Totland Bay. Food and drink in Totland village, Colwell Bay and Totland Bay.



Seats on route (see map)



Accessible for some, avoid steps at Widdick Chine



Touch free route



Pushchair accessible, avoid steps at Widdick Chine



Stile free route

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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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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.