Beach and clifftop walk

Distance: 1.3 miles (2.1km) Ascent: 50m (164ft)

Time: Allow 30m to 1h

Map: OS Explorer (OL27) North York Moors — Eastern area

Start/Finish: OS Locate NZ 954 040 what3words ///purist.funky.singers

Explore the beach to Robin Hood's Bay and enjoy stunning views on the way back along the clifftop. From the hostel head onto the stoney beach beside Mill Beck and follow the cliff around to the left. Walk along the beach to Robin Hoods Bay and head up the slipway. Take the road on the left, then turn left onto Albion Road. Go up the steps on the left to the clifftop. As the sea comes into view turn right and continue up the steps. Eventually the steps end and the path levels out. Continue along the clifftop path above the beach. Shortly after a wooded section follow the path down steep and uneven steps back to the hostel.

Hazards

It is essential to check the tide times before setting off, especially if aiming to return via the beach — you will be cut off at high tide. Whilst on the beach do not play on or near the cliffs as rock falls can occur. Watch out for traffic in Robin Hood's Bay. Sections of the clifftop are not fenced or have eroded, the path is close to steep drops in places. Further erosion may occur, keep back from the cliff edge.

Accessibility

The beach is uneven with rocks covered in slippery seaweed, streams and deep rockpools. The steps to the clifftop are steep, mostly with handrails.

The clifftop path is narrow and uneven in places. The steps down from the clifftop to the hostel are uneven and mostly without handrails. Some individual steps are deep. Returning from Robin Hood's Bay along the beach is the same distance and removes the steep climb up to the clifftop.

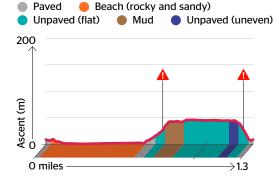
Easy

Navigation

Straightforward navigation along the beach. The clifftop path is signposted and easily identifiable.

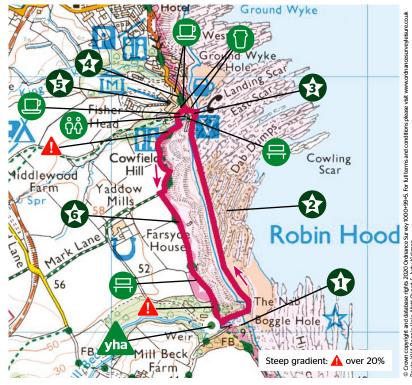
Terrain

The beach is a mixture of sand, stones, rocks and seaweed. The clifftop footpath is generally good. but uneven and may be muddy in places.



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



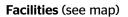


Points of interest (see map)

1 The Boggle's Hole, 2 Fossils and rockpools on beach. 3 Visitor Centre. 4 Fossil Museum. 5 Robin Hood's Bay Museum, 6 Wide seascape views.







Café and toilets at the hostel. Public toilets in Robin Hoods Bay. Selection of shops, pubs and places to eat and drink in Robin Hood's Bay.



Seats on route (see map)



Not wheelchair accessible



Not a touch \ \ free route



Not pushchair accessible



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 (tideschart.com).
- 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.