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YHA Keswick Book your stay now Friar's Crag

Town and lakeside walk

Distance: 2.8 miles (4.5km) **Ascent:** 56m (184ft)

Time: Allow 1h 15m to 1h 45m

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (OL04) English Lakes – North-western area

Start/Finish: OS Locate NY 267 235 **what3words** ///thankful.square.bloggng



A pleasant route through the town, parks and along the shores of Derwent Water. From the hostel head up the steps and turn right onto Station Street. Cross Victoria Street at the lights, continue along Station Street and follow the road around to the left onto St John's Street. Turn right onto Derwent Street and bear to the right of the George Fisher shop onto Lake Road. Bear left to head through the subway and left across the park. Pass through the gardens and emerge onto Lake Road near the car park. Turn right and continue alongside the lake to Friar's Crag. Retrace the route to the main path, turn right to cross the beach, pass behind The Ings and towards Borrowdale Road. Just before the road turn left and follow the footpath adjacent to Borrowdale Road. When the path ends cross the road and turn left to follow the pavement. Keep right at the mini roundabout and take the footpath on the right opposite Vendace Court. Pass the church and along Church Street. Turn left onto Southey Street, right onto Station Street and back to the hostel.

Hazards

Caution crossing roads and whilst walking alongside Borrowdale Road. Take care next to the lake.

Accessibility

There are no stiles on the route and gates and paths

are wider than one metre. There are 18 steps to and from the hostel. The route from Station Road to Lake Road is on pavements and paved footpaths. From the theatre car park to Friar's Crag and back is described by Miles Without Stiles as 'for all', with a 'for some' circular route which includes some of the path alongside Borrowdale Road. The path alongside Borrowdale Road may be overgrown in places.

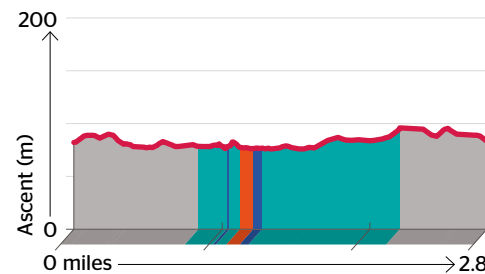
Navigation

Following streets and obvious well laid paths.

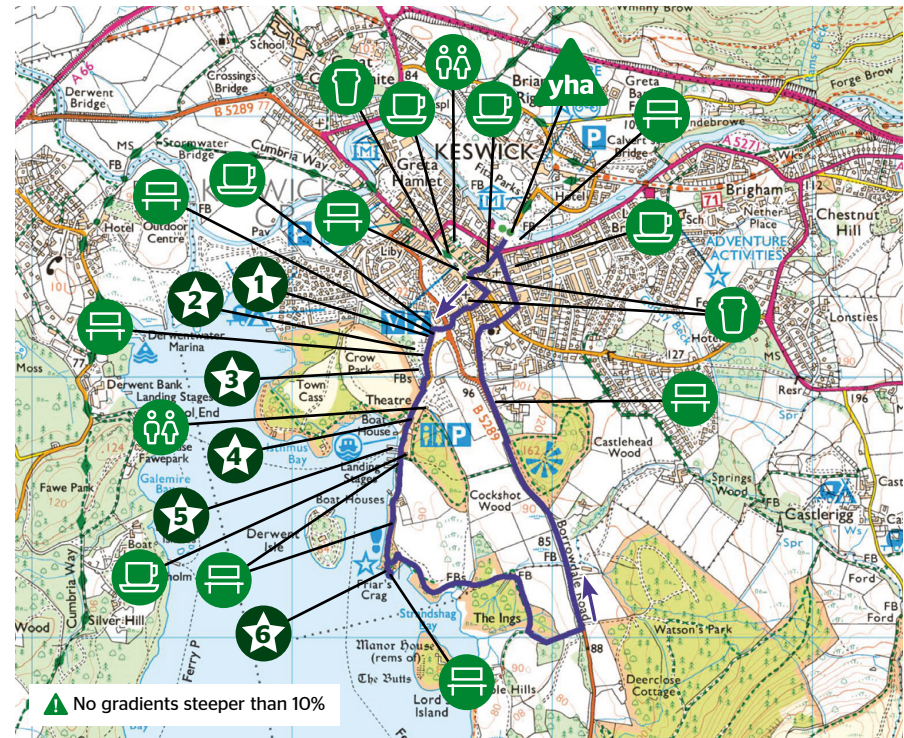
Terrain

Mostly paved streets and crushed stone paths. Occasional larger stones and some exposed tree roots near Friar's Crag.

- Paved
- Unpaved (flat)
- Unpaved (uneven)
- Beach



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



★ Points of interest (see map)


Lots to see and do in Keswick town, including outdoor gear shops. **1** model boats, **2** crazy golf, **3** Hope Park and gardens, **4** Theatre By The Lake and **5** boats trips with eight stops around lake and **6** Friar's Crag, which is a great viewpoint across Derwent Water.

🚻🚺🚽 Facilities (see map)

Toilets in Bell Close and car park near the theatre. Lots of pubs, cafés and shops in the town (too many to map). Café just past the subway and on Lake Road near the theatre.

🪑 Seats on route (too many to map)

 **Not fully wheelchair accessible**

 **Not a touch free route**

 **Not fully pushchair accessible**

 **Stile free**

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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

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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.