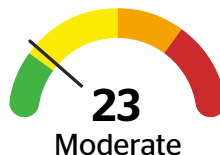


# 209 YHA The Sill at Hadrian's Wall Winshield Craggs

## Hill top walk

**Distance:** 2.3 miles (3.7km) **Ascent:** 125m (410ft)

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



**Map:** OS Explorer 1:25k (OL43) Hadrian's Wall

**Start/Finish:** OS Locate NY 752 668 **what3words** ///streak.mysteries.warmers

A short walk to the highest point of Hadrian's Wall providing fantastic views across Northumberland. Follow left around the hostel to the main road. Cross the road and pass through the flagstone paved section. Follow the lane uphill and pass through a gate on the right just before the lefthand bend. Pass through another gate, follow around to the left and to the road. Cross the road. The top of Winshield Craggs is just beyond the crest you can see from the gate. Follow the wall to the trig point. Retrace your steps back to the road and then to the hostel.

the car park (towards the top of the map) and through gates which are wider than one metre.

## Navigation

Navigation is straightforward following a road, obvious paths and then alongside the wall from the road to the trig point.

## Terrain

A mixture of paved roads and good unpaved paths from the hostel to Peel. From here the route to Winshield Craggs is mostly grassy path with occasional rocks and muddy puddles.

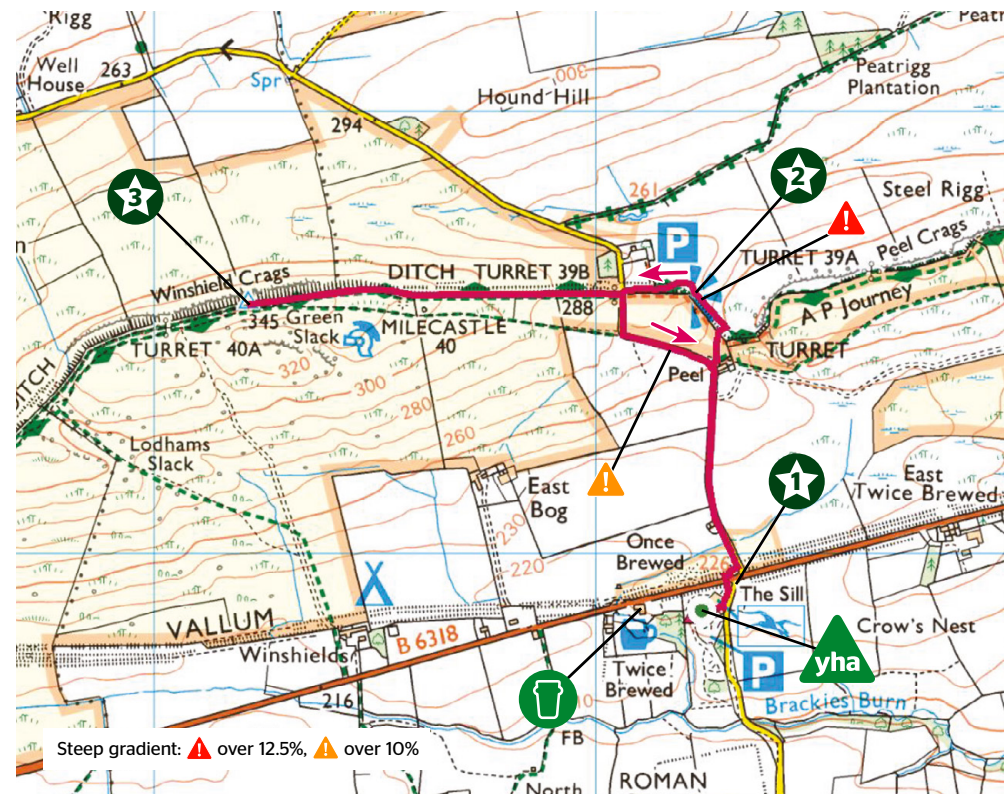
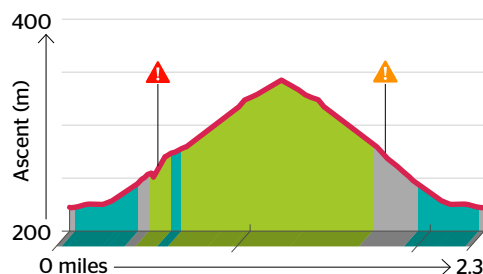
## Hazards

Take care crossing the B6318. Watch out for cars on the road up to the wall. Do not return via Lodhams Slack as this requires walking along the busy B6318 with no footpath and limited verge.

## Accessibility

The road sections of the route are reasonably steep but have good paths. Many of the gates are narrow and there are stiles on the route. No seats or benches. The viewpoint at Peel is accessible along a well laid path from

● Paved ● Unpaved (flat) ● Grass



## ★ Points of interest (see map)

The route visits parts of Hadrian's Wall which are visible in places. **1** The Sill landscape discovery centre provides a good starting point for exploring the local area. Great views across Northumberland from **2** Peel and **3** Winshield Craggs.

~~🚽~~ ~~🚻~~ ~~🪑~~ **No facilities on the route**

Food, drink and toilets available at the YHA and The Sill. Pub next to YHA.

~~🪑~~ **No seats on route**

~~♿~~ **Not fully wheelchair accessible**

~~👉~~ **Not a touch free route**

~~🛴~~ **Not fully pushchair accessible**

~~🚧~~ **Not stile free**

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.

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Route: Matt Overton



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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](http://metoffice.gov.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/emercysms](http://relayuk.bt.com/emercysms)).
- For further information on how to stay safe visit [adventuresmart.uk](http://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](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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## 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.