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YHA Brighton Madeira Drive

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Distance: 2.6 miles (4.2km)
Ascent: 17m (56ft)
Time: Allow 1h to 1h 30m



Start/Finish: OS Locate TQ 312 039
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Facilities



Toilets on route, including a Changing Places toilet. Lots of food and drink options on Madeira Drive, none on Marine Parade.



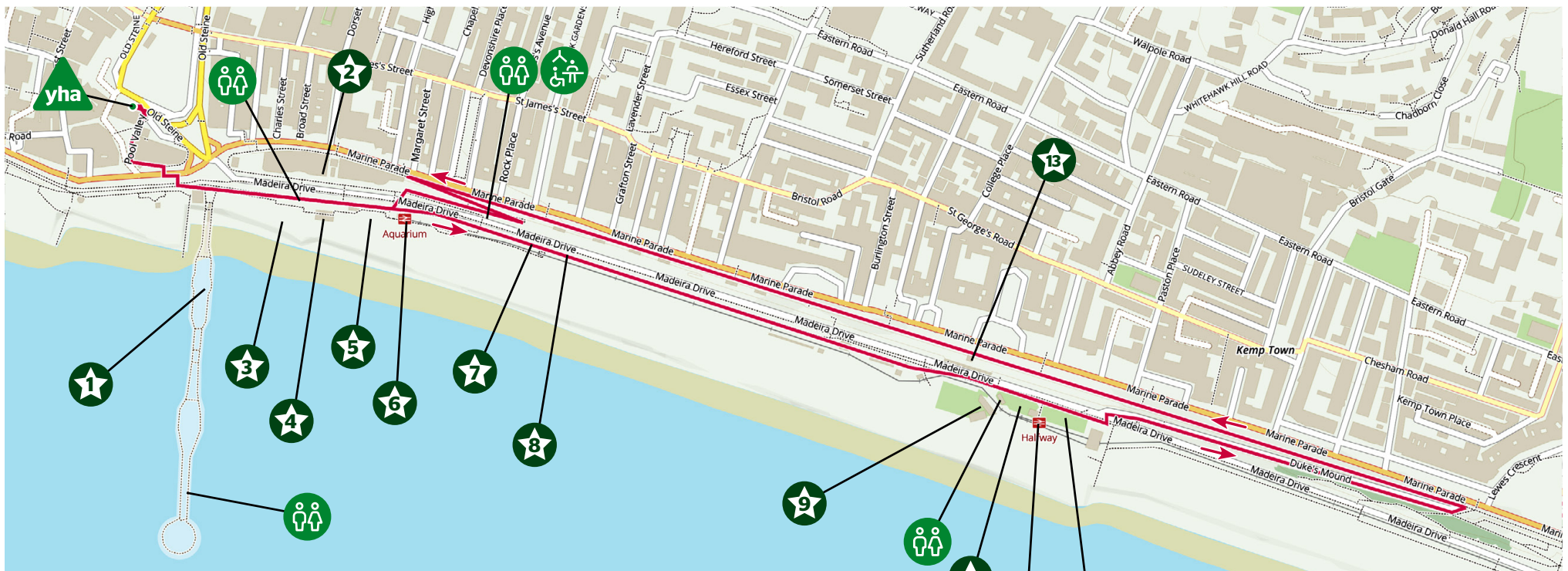
Lots of seats throughout the route.



Wheelchair accessible



Pushchair accessible



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.

No gradients steeper than 10%



Thank you for choosing to walk from our hostel.
We hope you have a great time.

Exploring the cities and towns of England and Wales is part of YHA's heritage. Our city hostels provide a base to wander through parks and streets and discover history, culture, sights and attractions.

To make it easy for everyone to enjoy walking from YHA hostels, we have curated three walks – of differing levels of difficulty. They have all been graded – the higher the grade, the more challenging the route.

Remember:


- Check the local weather forecast (metoffice.gov.uk).
- Wear the right clothing for the route and weather and shoes that you can easily walk in.
- Download the OS Locate and what3words apps to your phone.
- Be considerate in residential areas or places of work.
- Take care when crossing busy roads and look out for cyclists.
- Dispose of litter properly in bins.
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do
- Plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do.

In case of emergency call 999 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

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Route Summary

A gentle walk along the vibrant Brighton seafront. From the hostel turn right, follow the path around to the back of the hostel and alongside the small road to the main seafront road. Turn left to cross the road at the lights, turn left, pass the pier and continue along Madeira Drive. Watch out for cyclists. This area can be very busy at times. Continue along Madeira Drive and enjoy the art, cafés, shops and attractions. After the play park and Halfway station bear left onto Dukes Mound, take the road uphill or the steps to reach Marine Parade and head back in the direction of the pier. The higher road provides an elevated view of the sea and attractive buildings. Head back down to Madeira Drive using the steps opposite Rock Place or the ramp opposite Margaret Street and retrace the route to the hostel. To avoid going uphill on Duke's Mound turn around and head back the way you came along Madeira Drive. Take care crossing the roads. If heading into the sea then check the tide times, be aware of underwater drops and keep away from the groynes.

Accessibility

The route is tarmac or paved and can be entirely step free with dropped kerbs. There is step free access to the pier and from Madeira Drive to the aquarium, though not all of the aquarium is step free. Various step free access points to the beach along the route. The incline on Duke's Mound between Madeira Drive and Marine Parade is approximately 500 metres long and rises by 15 metres (1:33). Changing Places toilet on the lower road.



Points of interest (see map)

The Youth Hostel is an example of Regency Architecture and there are many other fine examples in the area. There is lots to see and do including:

- 1 The Pier with amusement arcades, restaurant, takeaway food and fairground rides (to the end of the pier and back is about one kilometre)
- 2 Aquarium
- 3 Brighton Beach, can be accessed various points along Madeira Drive
- 4 Zip line
- 5 Crazy golf
- 6 Volks Electric Railway station
- 7 Anchor from Athina B stranded on the beach in 1980
- 8 Olympian Steve Ovett statue
- 9 Beach sports (volleyball)
- 10 Play park
- 11 Volks Electric Railway station, catch the train further along the beach or back to the aquarium
- 12 Crazy Golf
- 13 Victorian lift.