

YHA Bristol

220 Old City

Distance: 1.4 miles (2.2km)

Ascent: 8m (26ft)

Time: Allow 30m to 1h

Start/Finish: OS Locate ST 585 724

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Facilities

Lots of shops, places to eat and pubs on the route.
Toilets near the markets.



Lots of seats alongside the harbour and in Queen Square. Fewer public seats in the old city, but plenty of cafés with seating throughout.



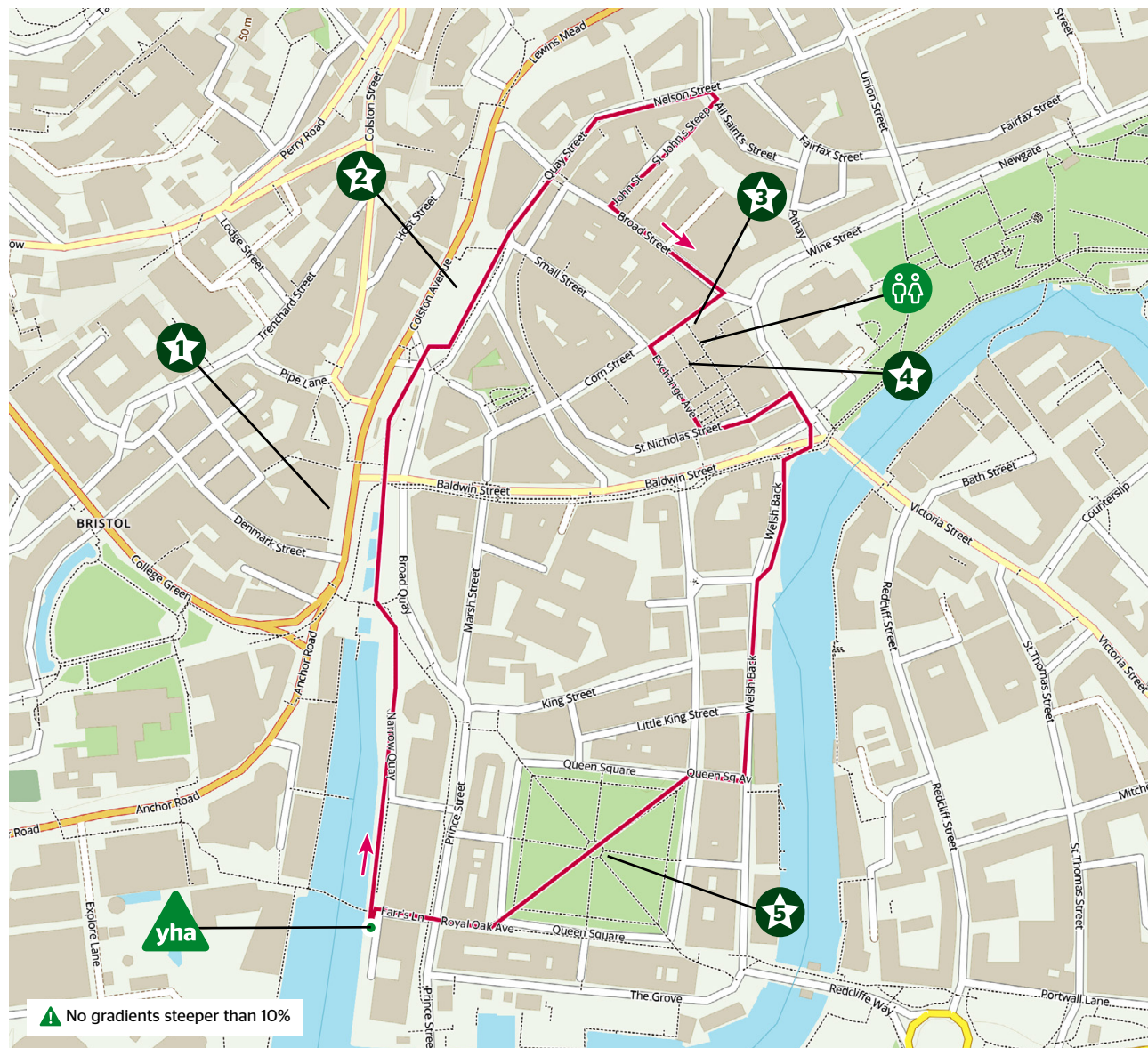
Wheelchair accessible



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.

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





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

If you encounter problems with this route contact walking@yha.org.uk

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Route Summary

A short and pleasant wander through the streets of Bristol. From the hostel turn right and head along Narrow Quay, take care near the water. At the end of the harbour continue onto the pedestrianised area alongside Broad Quay and Colston Avenue. Bear right at the Electricity House, the building with a rounded frontage, onto Quay Street and continue onto Nelson Street. Turn right onto All Saint's Street, then immediately right onto St John's Steep and through the tunnel under the building to John Street. Turn left onto Broad Street then right onto the pedestrianised Corn Street. Continue through the markets, past the Corn Exchange, left onto Exchange Avenue and left onto St Nicholas Street. Turn right after the church and carefully cross the roads onto Welsh Back, the pedestrianised lane on the right hand side of the water ahead. Turn right onto Queen Square Avenue and diagonally cross Queen Square onto Royal Oak Avenue. Cross over Prince Street onto Farr's Lane, turn left onto Narrow Quay and back to the hostel.

Accessibility

The route follows roads with pavements and pedestrianised streets. No steps and flat surfaces throughout – mostly tarmac, paved or small block paving with small gravel paths in Queen Square. All main road crossings have traffic lights and dropped kerbs. Most of the smaller roads have dropped kerbs. Turning from Exchange Street onto St Nicholas Street will require crossing the road with no dropped kerb. No direct dropped kerb onto Queen Square Avenue, but there are other access points to the pavement. The second part of St John Street has narrow pavements so wheelchairs and pushchairs may need to use the road, but it is a short, quiet, no through access lane.



Points of interest (see map)

The route takes in newer developments near the harbour and some of the older parts of the city. Look up in the old city to see sculptures and signs showing what the buildings were originally used for.

- 1 Hippodrome Theatre
- 2 Cenotaph war memorial
- 3 Markets
- 4 Corn Exchange
- 5 Queen Square.