

# YHA Cambridge

# 221 City and Colleges


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**Distance:** 4.2 miles (6.7 km)  
**Ascent:** 12m (39ft)  
**Time:** Allow 1h 30m to 2h 30m


**Start/Finish:** OS Locate TL 460 575  
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## Facilities

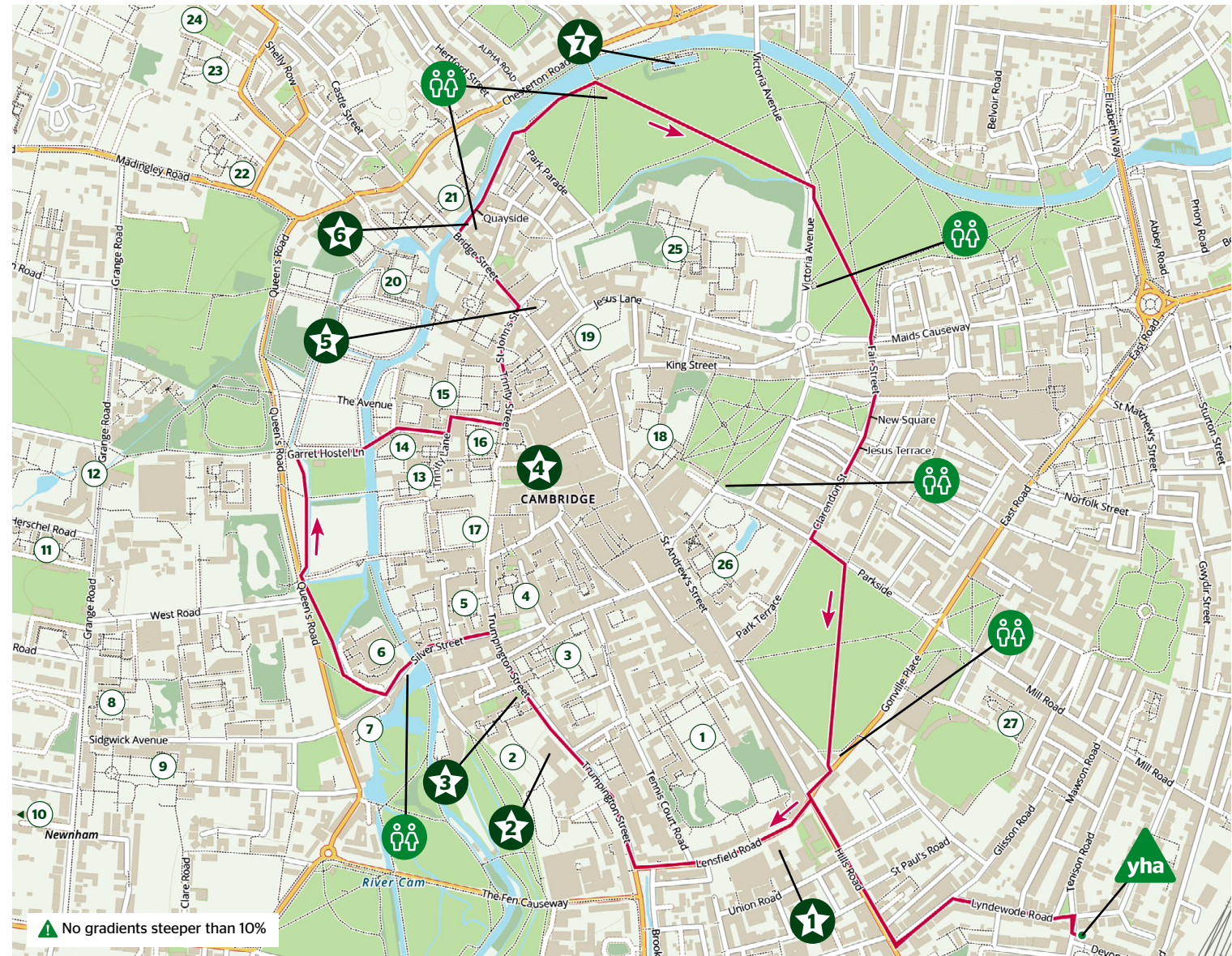
 Toilets on the route and some museums allow public access to toilets. Plenty of shops and food and drink options on Hills Road, between Trinity Street and Quayside, fewer elsewhere on the route.

 Seats mostly in parks, greens and at bus stops. Some on streets elsewhere, but fewer.

 Accessible for many

 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.





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](http://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](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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### Route Summary

A great walk with historic buildings, academic institutions, museums, waterways and shopping. From the hostel turn right onto Tenison Road, left onto Lyndewode Road, left onto Glisson Road, right onto Hills Road and head towards the tall spire. Turn left onto Lensfield Road, right onto Trumpington Street and left at the Pitt Building onto Silver Street. Cross the river pass Queens' College (the large brick building) and turn right into Queens' Green. Follow the path alongside the water and across the green. Join Queen's Road to pass the King's College gates and follow the path running parallel to the water. Turn right onto Garret Hostel Lane and cross the river. Turn left onto Trinity Lane and follow it around to the right. Turn left onto Trinity Street which becomes St John's Street and turn left onto Bridge Street. Immediately before the bridge turn right onto Quayside, follow along the river to Jesus Green and at the footbridge take the path ahead and to the right (to the left of the toilets) across the green. Cross over Victoria Avenue, turn right, then take the path diagonally and to the right across Midsummer Common. Cross Maids Causeway to Fair Street and continue onto New Square, Jesus Terrace and Clarendon Street. Turn left onto Parkside, take the path diagonally across the park and turn right onto Gonville Place. Turn left onto Hills Road and retrace your steps back to the hostel. Watch out for cyclists throughout the route, take care near water and be aware that some areas are busy tourist hot spots.

### Accessibility

The route follows roads with pavements and through parks. No steps, flat surfaces throughout – mostly tarmac or paved with small gravel paths in the park after Queen's College. Most main road crossings have traffic lights and dropped kerbs. Many of the smaller roads have dropped kerbs, but not all. Some narrow pavements in places. No path on Garret Hostel Lane, but it is a quiet access road. Path restriction at the entrance to Jesus Green from Quayside, larger mobility scooters may find it difficult to get through, to avoid cross the river from Bridge Street, turn right onto Chesterton Lane and turn right back across the river using the footbridge.



### Points of interest (see map)

The city is full of history to explore and has been largely shaped its waterways and the University. A few highlights include:

- 1 The Polar Museum
- 2 The Fitzwilliam Museum
- 3 Little St Mary's Medieval church
- 4 Market
- 5 The Round Church, unique Medieval church
- 6 Punting
- 7 Lido, outdoor swimming pool.

The University of Cambridge is made up of 31 semi-autonomous colleges which are self-governing and have their own internal structures, activities and memberships. The colleges were founded between the 13th and 20th centuries, but none between 1596 and 1800. College buildings and grounds are spread throughout the city. This route passes many of them.

- ① Downing College (founded 1800)
- ② Peterhouse (founded 1284)
- ③ Pembroke College (founded 1347)
- ④ Corpus Christi College (founded 1352)
- ⑤ St Catherine's College (founded 1473)
- ⑥ Queens College (founded 1448)
- ⑦ Darwin College (founded 1964)
- ⑧ Selwyn College (founded 1882)
- ⑨ Newnham College (founded 1871)
- ⑩ Wolfson College (founded 1965)
- ⑪ Clare Hall (founded 1965)
- ⑫ Robinson College (founded 1979)
- ⑬ Clare College (founded 1326)
- ⑭ Trinity Hall (founded 1350)
- ⑮ Trinity College (founded 1546)
- ⑯ Gonville & Caius College (founded 1348)
- ⑰ Kings College (founded 1441)
- ⑱ Christ's College (founded 1505)
- ⑲ Sidney Sussex college (founded 1596)
- ⑳ St John's College (founded 1511)
- ㉑ Magdalene College (founded 1428)
- ㉒ Lady Cavendish College (founded 1965)
- ㉓ St Edmund's College (founded 1896)
- ㉔ Murray Edwards College (founded 1954)
- ㉕ Jesus College (founded 1496)
- ㉖ Emmanuel College (founded 1584)
- ㉗ Hughes Hall (founded 1885).