

# 222 YHA Cambridge Gardens and Parks

**Distance:** 3.1 miles (5km)

**Ascent:** 19m (62ft)

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

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

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## Facilities



Toilets at Lammas Land and nearby on Silver Street and Gonville Place. Shops, food and drink options on Hills Road and a good selection of pubs and cafés near the mill pond and Granta Place. Fewer options elsewhere on the route.



Seats at the war memorial, in parks and at bus stops, fewer elsewhere.



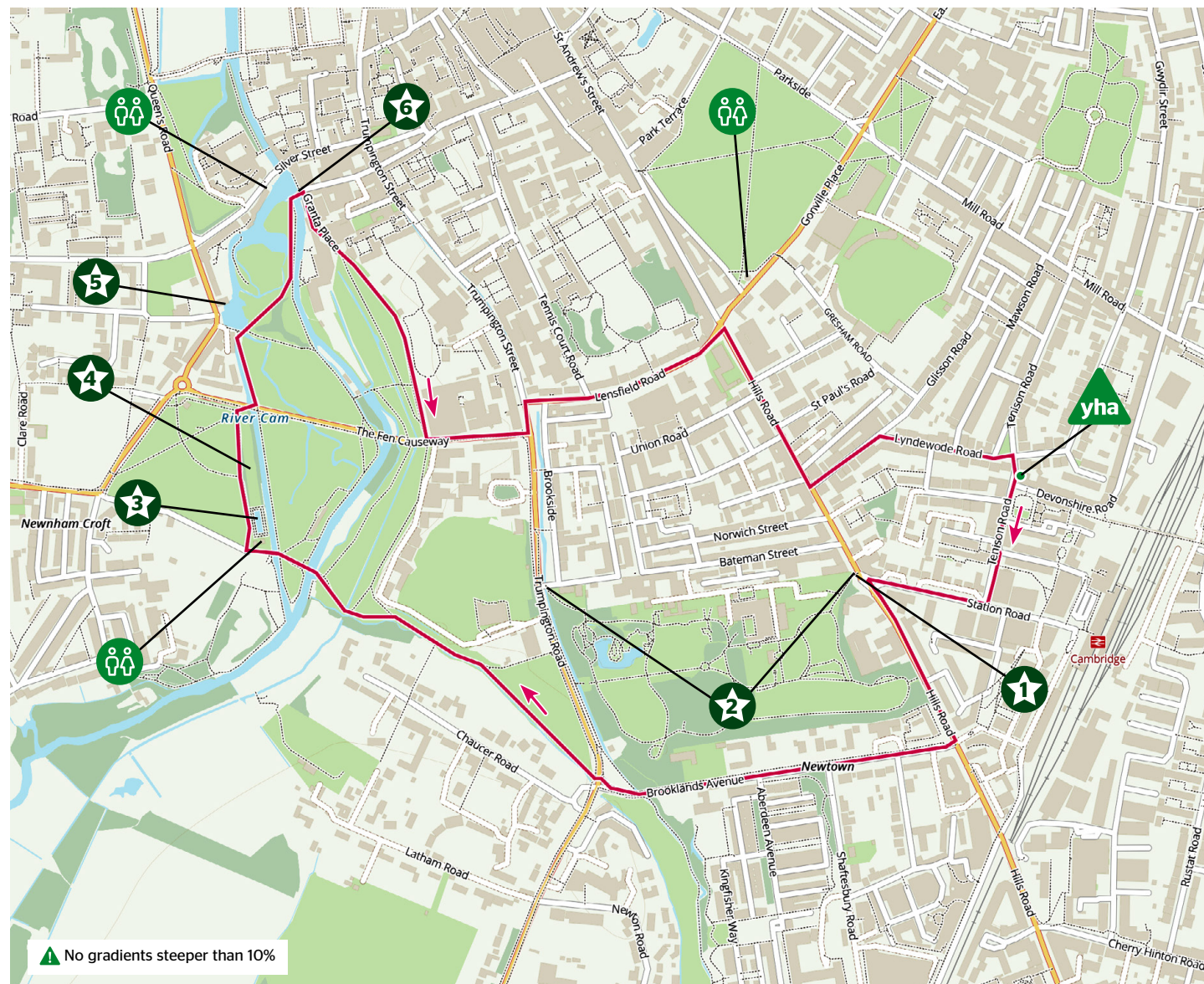
Wheelchair accessible (some gates too narrow for large chairs, diversion to avoid particularly narrow gates).



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



▲ 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](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 short walk, but with botanic gardens, a children's play park and pool, punting and excellent pubs on offer, it could be a whole a day out. From the hostel turn left onto Tenison Road. Turn right onto Station Road and continue to the junction with Hills Road. Ahead and to the right of the war memorial is the Cambridge University Botanical Garden entrance, if visiting (fee applies) you can re-join the route by exiting the gardens via Bateman Street and turning left onto Trumpington Road. If not visiting the gardens then turn left onto Hills Road and take the first right onto Brooklands Avenue. At the junction with Trumpington Road cross over and take the path ahead and to the right of Chaucer Road into the park. Follow the path which runs alongside the left-hand fence. Cross the River Cam, then cross another part of the river. Turn right to follow the path past the Lammas Pool and playground to The Fen Causeway. Turn right to cross the river then immediately turn left onto the path alongside the river. At the mill pond bear right to cross the footbridge and diagonally cross Sheep's Green to the river. Turn left and follow the river to another mill pond, turn right to cross the river and right onto Granta Place. Enter the park to the left of the hotel and follow the path ahead back to The Fen Causeway. Turn left, left onto Trumpington Street, right onto Lensfield Road and head towards the spire. At the church turn right onto Hills Road, left onto Glisson Road, right onto Lyndewode Road and right onto Tenison

Road back to the hostel. Watch out for cyclists throughout the route 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, paved or block paved. 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. Some narrow gates in the parks – large wheelchairs may struggle, there are cattlegrid alternatives for fixed wheel chairs. Particularly narrow gates onto, and from, Granta Place. To avoid retrace the route to The Fen Causeway.



### Points of interest (see map)

- 1 War memorial
- 2 Cambridge University Botanic Garden entrance
- 3 Lammas Land pool (summer only)
- 4 Play park
- 5 Boating and punting
- 6 Punting.