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Whitby and 199 steps

Coast and town walk

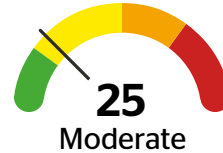
Distance: 5.3 miles (8.6km) **Ascent:** 170m (558ft)

Time: Allow 2h 15m to 3h 45m

Map: OS Explorer (OL27) North York Moors – Eastern area

Start/Finish: OS Locate NZ 902 111 **what3words** ///love.custodial.dimes

A great route with coast views and many of Whitby's attractions. From the hostel turn right and head around the building to the courtyard. Pass through the gatehouse archway and cross the car park. Turn right onto Abbey Lane, then left at the fingerpost onto the Cleveland Way/Coast Path. Towards the end of the caravan site leave the Coast Path and bear right to head inland. Continue to Hawsker Lane, turn right and take the footpath on the left alongside a field. Pass some houses and as the track bends to the right continue ahead on the footpath to Green Lane. Turn left, left onto Spital Bridge and right onto the A171 to cross the bridge over the River Esk. Immediately after the bridge fencing take the path on the right downhill and bear right onto Waterstead Lane. Continue onto Windsor Terrace, pass the railway station, turn left onto Victoria Square and right onto Brunswick Street. Turn left onto Flowergate, right onto Skinner Street, which becomes Belle Vue Terrace. Turn left onto Hudson Street, right onto Crescent Avenue, cross the gardens, cross North Terrace and turn right. At the whale bone arch turn right onto East Terrace, then turn left and down the steps to Khyber Pass. Turn left, after the car park bear right to the bandstand. Head along the pier and back then continue along Pier Road, which becomes Haggarsgate, then St Ann's Staith. Cross the bridge, turn right onto Grape Lane and left onto Church Street. Bear left onto Henrietta Street and turn right and take the 199 steps up to the Abbey headland and to the hostel.



Hazards

Take care crossing roads. Fenced drops from the coast path. May be windy, along cliff top. Take care along Green Lane as the footway narrows – traffic approaching uphill.

Accessibility

This route ends with a steep climb up 199 steps back to the Abbey headland. There are also steps in other places and paths less than one metre wide in places.

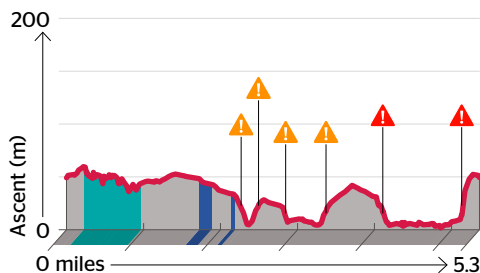
Navigation

Follow footpath signs on the coast and countryside. Follow streets and obvious footpaths in the town.

Terrain

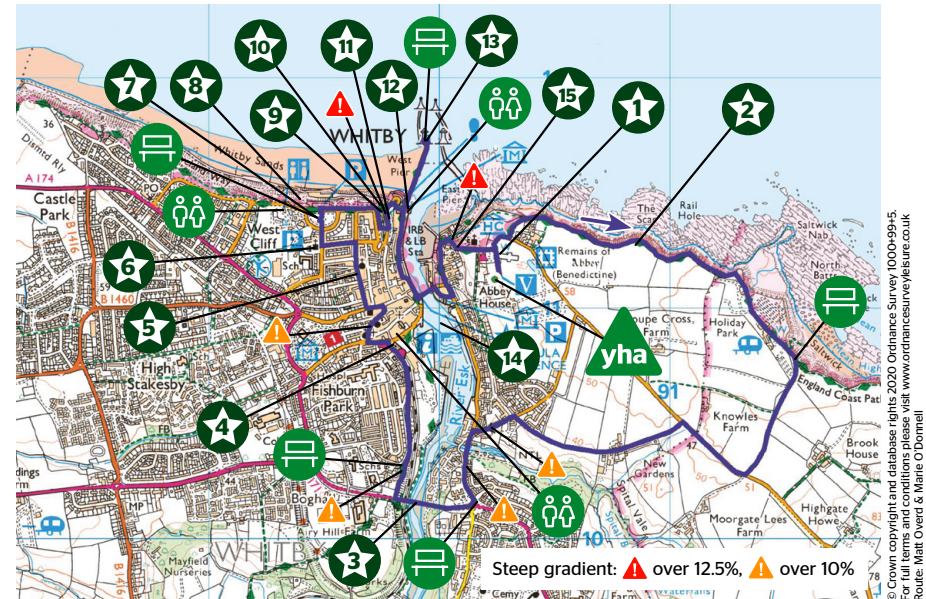
Mostly paved level paths, some narrow pavements and short sections grass and compacted mud. May be puddles in places.

● Paved ● Unpaved (flat) ● Unpaved (uneven)



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



★ Points of interest (see map)

So much to see and do, with attractions and lovely old shopping streets this route could take you all day, including:

- Whitby Abbey, 2 Coastal views
- Views along the Esk Valley, 4 Esk Valley and North Yorkshire Moors Railways, 5 Heritage Trail sculptures,
- Church of St Hilda, 7 Royal Crescent,
- Crazy golf, 9 Whalebone Arch,
- Captain Cook Memorial, 11 The Screaming Tunnel, 12 Bandstand,
- Lighthouse on the pier, 14 Harbour,
- 199 steps. Plus further sculptures down by the harbour illustrating the history of fishing. Whale bones arch on North Terrace with stunning view across to the Abbey headland. Harbour and cobbled streets in middle of Whitby.

Facilities (too many to map)

Takeaway food and drinks near the Abbey entrance. Brewery tap room on Abbey Lane. Toilets near the railway station, on North Terrace, near the pier and near Church Street. Plenty of food and drink options in Whitby.

🪑 Seats on route (too many to map)

Not wheelchair accessible

Not a touch free route

Not pushchair accessible

Stile free



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

Walking in the national landscapes of England and Wales is part of YHA's heritage. With hostels on National Trails, in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, YHA plays a unique role in the nation's walking community.

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).
- Check the tide times for coastal routes (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/emergencysms).
- For further information on how to stay safe visit 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

If you encounter problems with this route contact 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.