

232 YHA Whitby Robin Hood's Bay

Coast and countryside walk

Distance: 14.1 miles (22.6km) **Ascent:** 527m (1,729ft)

Time: Allow 6h 30m to 10h 30m

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

Start/Finish: OS Locate NZ 901 112 **what3words** ///love.custodial.dimes

An invigorating, easy to follow long route with stunning views. Leave the hostel past the Abbey entrance and continue ahead across the carpark. Turn right onto Abbey Lane, then left at the fingerpost onto the Cleveland Way/Coast Path and continue to Mount Pleasant North at Robin Hood's Bay. The return leg leaves to the right along Elm Grove, then right onto the Cinder Track, but first visit Robin Hood's Bay. Continue along Mount Pleasant North and turn left onto Station Road. Head downhill for 500m distance and 45m descent to the picturesque area around the slipway. Return uphill to the Cinder Track and follow this for just over five miles to cross Larpool Viaduct. Turn right to leave the Cinder Track, cross playing fields and pass the college. Bear right onto a footpath and follow it to the right and then left under the A171. Bear right onto Waterstead Lane, then onto Windsor Terrace and turn right after the station. Follow New Quay Road and cross the bridge onto Bridge Street. Turn left onto Church Street, then right onto Church lane and, with one final push after a long walk, take the 199 steps towards the Abbey and back to the hostel.

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.

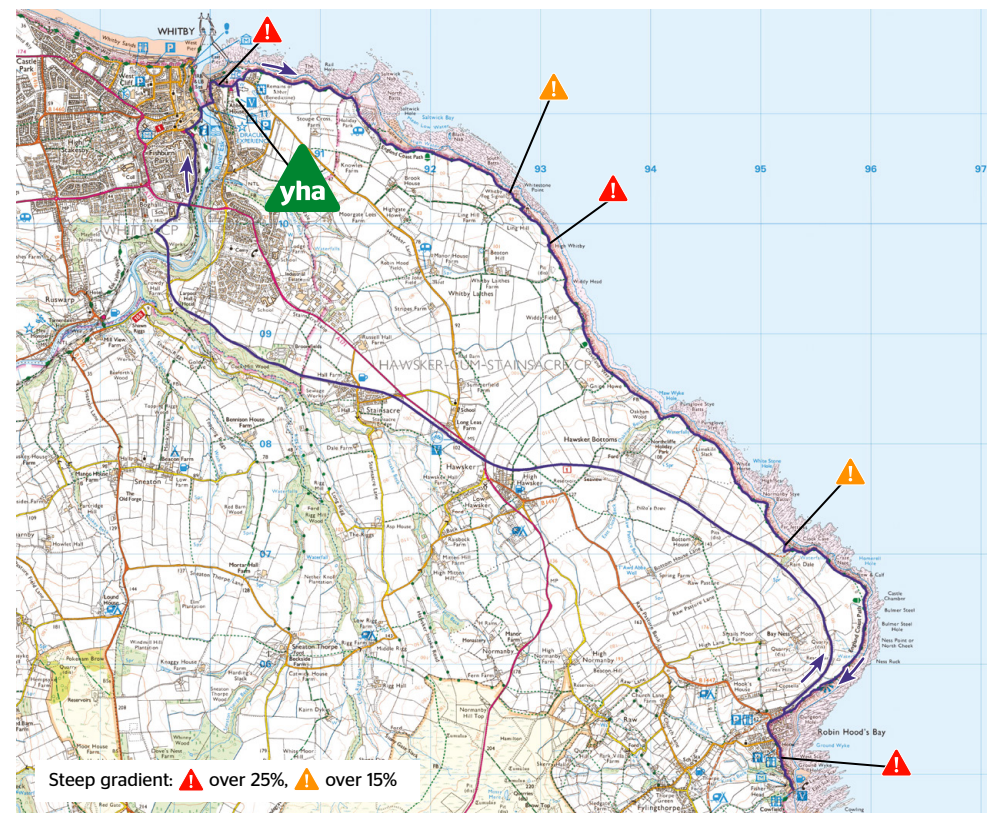


Hazards

Watch out for traffic on the short road sections – some with no pavements, and when crossing minor roads on the Cinder Track. Sections of the clifftop are not fenced or have eroded, the path is close to steep drops in places. Further erosion may occur, keep back from the cliff edge. Short muddy and slippery patches especially near stream crossings. Long flights of uneven steps. Uneven and loose surface before Robin Hood's Bay above Clock Case Nab. Watch out for cyclists on the Cinder Track. Exposed in places so prepare for the weather.

Accessibility

There are steep paths and uneven and tall flights of steps, mostly without handrails. The paths are well walked, obvious to follow and generally in good condition with patches of steep and rough ground and sections that will be muddy and slippery after rain. Bus runs between Robin Hood's Bay and Whitby, check times before leaving.



Points of interest

This route includes stunning coastline, beautiful inland scenery and so much to see, including: Saltwick Bay beach, shipwrecks in Saltwick Bay, former Victorian fog horn station, Old Whitby Lighthouse, Bronze-Age tumulus at Gnipe Howe, nesting seabirds, disused Coastguard lookout and Rocket Post. The Cinder Track, the former railway line which ran between Scarborough and Whitby, crosses Larpool Viaduct and has many bridges and visible remnants of the area's industrial past.

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

Also Whitby Abbey, St Mary's Church (associated with Dracula), Caedman's Cross, the iconic 199 steps, museums, an art gallery, a small sandy beach and boat trips in Whitby.

Facilities

Café and toilets at Whitby hostel. Cafe and shop at Saltwick Bay Caravan Park. Toilets, shops and food and drink options in Robin Hood's Bay. Pub in Stainsacre. Toilets near the station and lots of shops and food and drink options in Whitby.



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).
- Plan your walk by completing the YHA route notification card it helps Emergency Services if you get into difficulties or fail to return from your walk when anticipated (yha.org.uk/route-card).
- Ensure your entire group have the fitness and skills to complete the route.
- For further information on how to stay safe visit adventuresmart.uk

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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What to wear

- Base layer and mid layer.
- Walking trousers.
- Warm jacket(s).
- Take extra layer(s).
- Hat, gloves and neck gaiter.
- Sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses.
- Waterproof jacket and trousers.
- Cushioning walking socks.
- Walking shoes or boots.

Kit

- Map, compass and GPS device or OS Map app on your phone.
- Water, lunch and high energy snacks.
- Charged mobile phone and portable charger.
- First aid kit.
- Head torch, spare batteries.
- Watch.
- Whistle and survival bag.
- 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

- Spare socks, hat, gloves.
- Balaclava.
- Leg gaiters.
- Waterproof baseball cap (handy if you wear glasses).
- Walking poles.

- Bivi bag or group shelter.
- Spare food and hot drink.
- Duct tape (handy for fixing things).
- Penknife or multitool.
- Tissues and hand sanitiser.
- Plastic bags to take away your rubbish or dog poo.

In case of emergency

- Call 999 (or text 999 if pre-registered) and ask for the Police.
- Use OS Locate or what3words to provide a detailed description of your location.
- If you need to attract attention shout or give six blasts on a whistle at regular intervals. In low light flash your torch six times at regular intervals.
- If you can send someone for help, they need to know your location (grid reference), number of people in the group and the nature of the emergency.
- Help could be some time coming so whilst waiting make the casualty comfortable.
- Keep the casualty warm and dry using spare clothing. Use coats or rucksacks to insulate them from the ground.
- Remember the rest of the group could be getting cold whilst waiting. Use an emergency shelter or find a sheltered location.