

YHA York 234 City Walls

Distance: 5.1 miles (8.2km)

Ascent: 54m (177ft)

Time: Allow 2h to 3h 30m

Start/Finish: OS Locate SE 589 528
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Facilities



Toilets on Nunnery Lane (come off the Walls at Micklegate Bar), St George's Field car park and by Bootham Bar. Plenty of food and drink options throughout the route.



Seats along the river, in the gardens and some on the city walls. Fewer on the street sections.

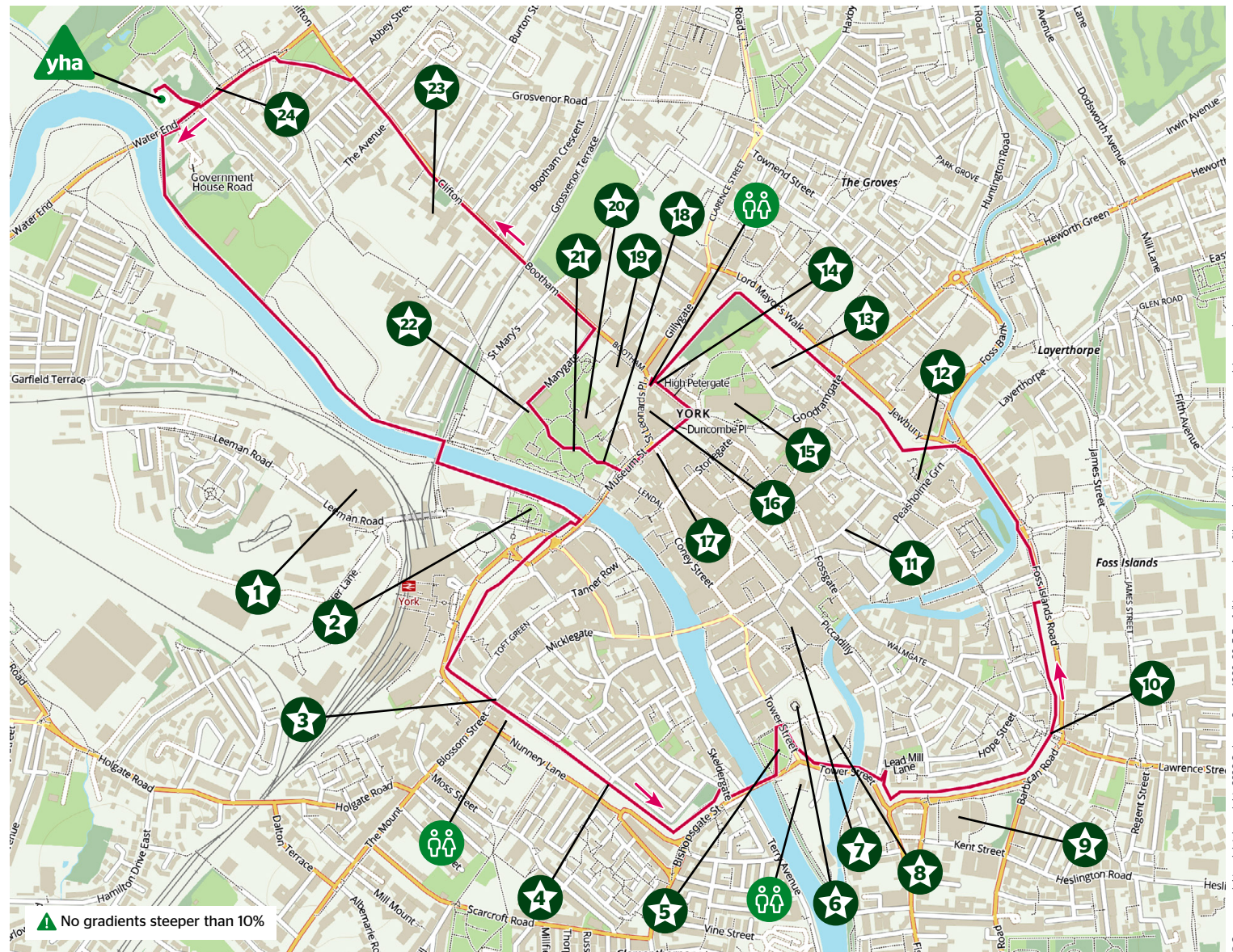


Not wheelchair accessible (steps)



Not pushchair accessible (steps)

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.

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Route Summary

A fascinating walk through York, including the city walls. From the hostel driveway turn right and cross the road at the pedestrian crossing. Turn onto Government House Road and head downhill, beside the bridge, to the river. Turn left to walk alongside the river towards the city centre. Watch out for cyclists and take care next to the water. Do not walk this route if the river is flooded. At the first bridge (Scarborough Bridge, railway) cross using the footbridge and continue along the river. Just before the next bridge (Lendal Bridge) take the steps on the right to join the city walls. Take care on the walls, some sections are open on one side. Remain on the city walls all the way around to Skeldergate, bear right and cross Skeldergate Bridge. After the bridge take the steps on the left down to Tower Gardens and head diagonally to emerge onto Tower Street. Cross the road at the pedestrian crossing and turn right. Cross the river and turn left onto Piccadilly, then right onto Lead Mill Lane and immediately right to take the steps to re-join the city walls. Continue along the walls as far as Red Tower. Turn right to Foss Islands Road and turn left. Follow alongside the river, turn left over the river onto Jewbury and take the steps on the left to re-join the city walls. Continue on the walls to street level at St Leonards Place, turn around and head through Botham Bar onto High Petergate. Turn right onto Duncombe Place, which becomes Museum Street. Turn right into Museum Gardens, pass the observatory and St Mary's Abbey to emerge onto Marygate. Turn right, then left onto Bootham which becomes Clifton, bear left beside Clifton Green onto Water End and continue to the hostel.

Accessibility

The route is entirely paved, block paved (bumpy in places) or tarmac. There are many steps on the route as much of it is on top of the city walls. From the hostel along the river to the city centre is step free with dropped kerbs, as is the return route along Bootham and Clifton. All bridges over the Ouse on the route have step free access. The riverside path may be intimidating after dark, it is best to return along Bootham and Clifton.



Points of interest (see map)

York is an ancient city shaped by the Vikings and Romans, there is lots to see and do including:

- 1 National Railway Museum
- 2 Memorial Gardens
- 3 Micklegate Bar
- 4 Victoria Bar
- 5 Tower Gardens
- 6 Clifford's Tower
- 7 Jorvick Viking Centre
- 8 York Castle Museum
- 9 York Barbican
- 10 Walmgate Bar
- 11 DIG Archaeological adventure for kids
- 12 St Anthonys Garden
- 13 Treasurer's House, National Trust
- 14 Bootham Bar
- 15 York Minster
- 16 York Theatre Royal
- 17 Tourist Information Centre
- 18 Museum Gardens
- 19 York Art Gallery
- 20 Yorkshire Museum
- 21 Observatory
- 22 St Mary's Abbey
- 23 St Peter's School – fourth oldest school in the world founded in 627 AD
- 24 Homestead Park – park and play area.