



YHA Jordans

Burnham Beeches National Nature Reserve

Countryside and nature reserve walk

Distance: 14.9 miles (24km) **Ascent:** 289m (948ft)

Time: Allow 6h to 10h

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (172) Chiltern Hills East

Start/Finish: OS Locate SU 975 910 **what3words** ///form.wants.stem



A long walk through country lanes and footpaths to the nature reserve. From the hostel driveway turn left and then right onto the path next to Welders House. Cross the minor road and the railway line, left onto Mumfords Lane, right to cross the A40, then the motorway. Left at Hedgerley Green and right to Hedgerley. Head around Hanging Wood and take the path through the trees alongside Collum Green Road. Head around Stoke Wood and Brockhurst Wood to Farnham Common. At Beaconsfield Road turn right, then left to Burnham Beeches car park. Pass through the nature reserve to Park Lane, take the track on the right at Abbey Park Farm to Andrew Hill Lane. Turn left, cut through Cave Wood and cross the motorway. Take the footpath on the left immediately after the motorway bridge. Right onto Pyebush Lane, cross the A40, through Pitlands Wood – do not take a shortcut along Potkilm Lane – cross the train line and re-join the path back to the hostel.

Hazards

Take care crossing fast and busy roads. Watch out for cars on country lanes. Be aware of brambles, overhanging branches and fallen trees. Do not shortcut along Potkilm Road, it is busy with no footpath.

Accessibility

There are stiles on the route, gates and paths less than one metre wide and steps exceeding 10cm. The surface is mostly tarmac, smooth or crushed stone, with small sections of beaten earth, rough grass or stones up to 4cm in diameter. Paths are narrow in places and may be overgrown. Public transport from Farnham Common to Seer Green requires two buses or a bus and a train, check times before leaving.

Points of interest

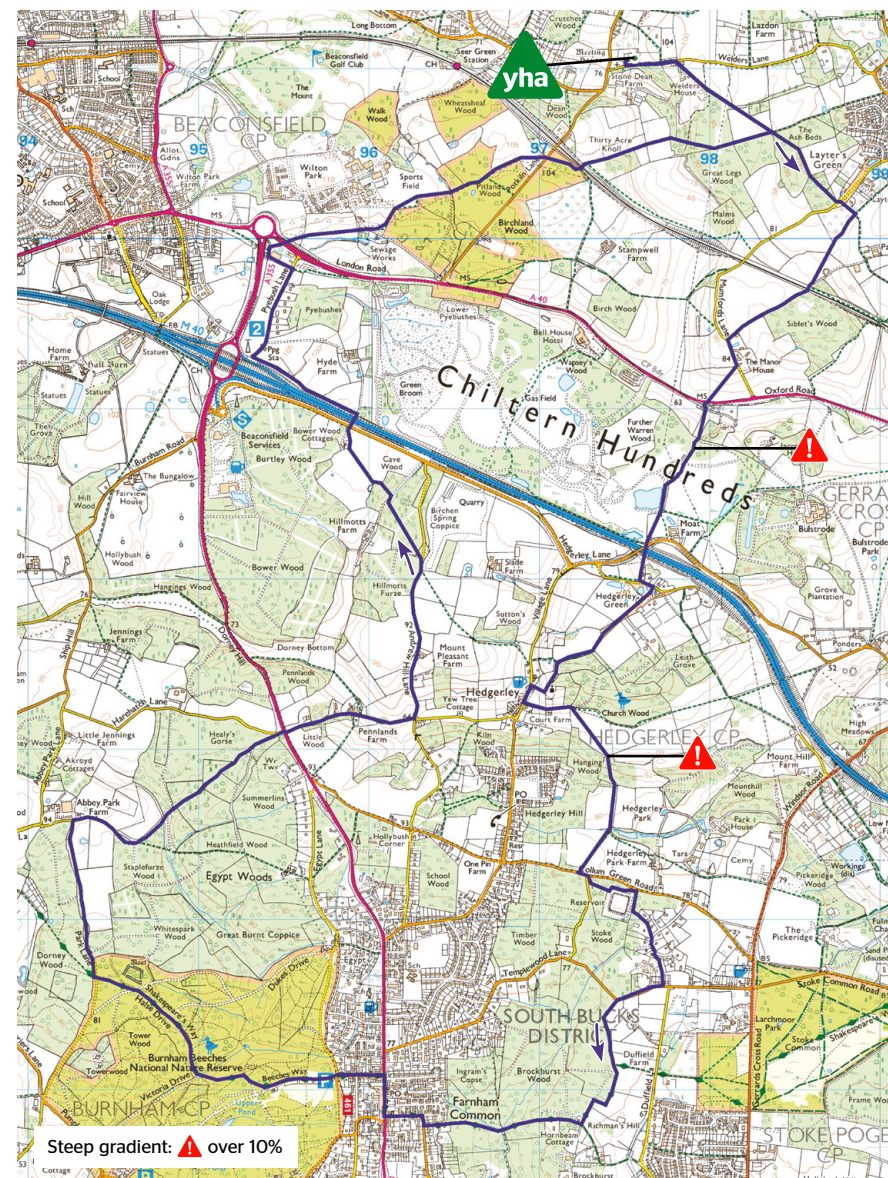
The route is a scenic wander through woods and countryside, the nature reserve is the main attraction.

Facilities

Pub at Hedgerley. Pubs, food, drink, shops and toilets available in Farnham Common. Café, toilets and picnic tables at Burnham Beeches.

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.

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.