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YHA National Forest

Moira Furnace and Measham

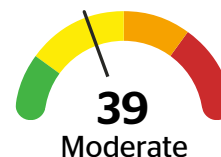
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Woodland, countryside and village walk

Distance: 9 miles (14.6km) **Ascent:** 180m (591ft) **Time:** Allow 3h 45m to 6h 30m

Map: OS Explorer 1:25k (245) The National Forest

Start/Finish: OS Locate SK 305 156 **what3words** ///activates.speaks.microchip



A lovely walk through woodlands and countryside with industrial remnants. From the hostel car park join the bridleway on the right. Turn right towards Moira and leave the bridleway via steps on the left to Park Road. Take the path adjacent to the track on the left to reach the canal and Moira furnace. After the furnace turn right to cross the canal, then turn left to Measham Road. Turn right, then left onto the footpath towards Hick's Lodge. Head to the visitor centre, then take the trail heading south to Ashby Road. Go straight ahead to Oakthorpe Colliery Picnic Site and turn left into Willesley Wood. Leave the woods on Willesley Wood Side, turn right and follow the lane to cross the A42. Turn right and cross fields to Ashby Road. Turn right and head into Measham, continue along High Street, pass the library and turn right onto the path along the old railway line. Continue on this path, through Donisthorpe, and retrace your steps to the hostel.

Hazards

Caution required on the road sections, some without footpaths. Take care near the canal. Watch out for cyclists, horses and dogs on the

old railway. There may be sheep or livestock in some fields.

Accessibility

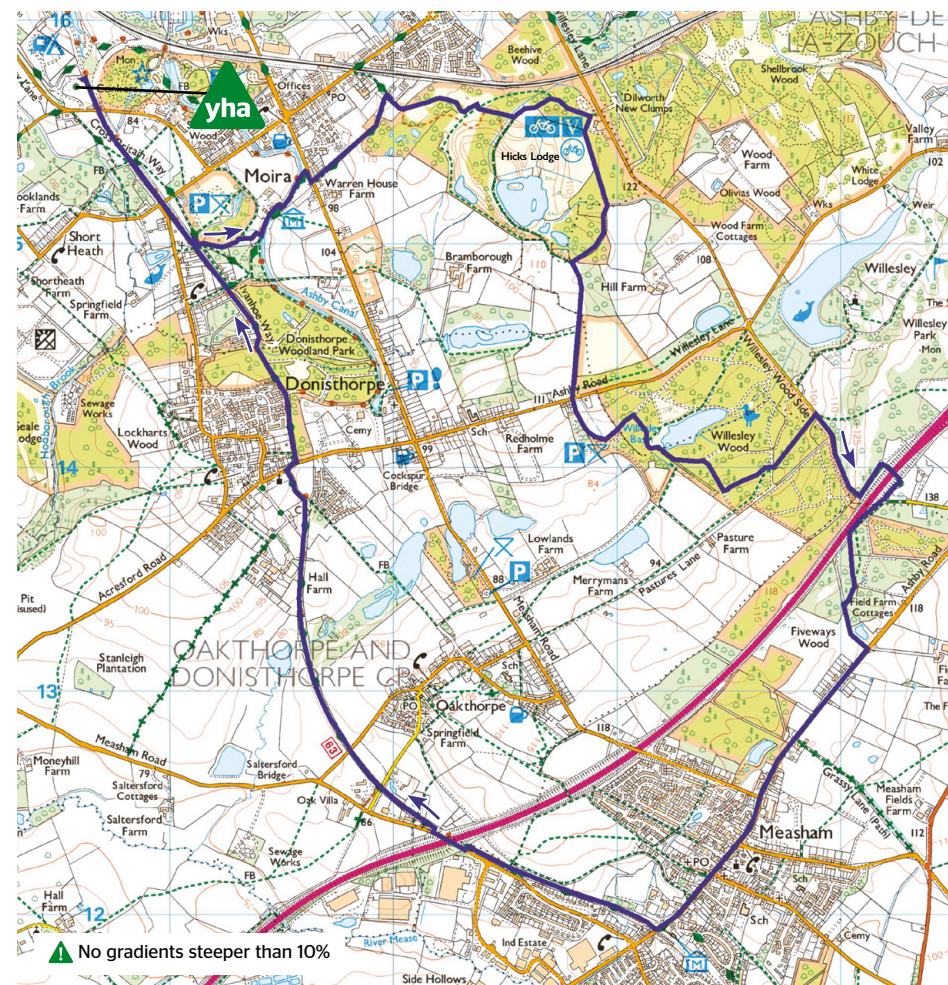
There are stiles and steps on the route and paths and gates less than one metre wide. There are stretches of rough ground with ruts or stones up to 10 cm.

Points of interest

Lots of wildlife and plants to see and pieces of old industrial machinery along the way. Moira Furnace is a beautiful building with a museum and seasonal canal boat trips. Bike hire centre and playground at Hick's Lodge. The old railway from Measham to Donisthorpe is dotted with lovely red brick viaducts. Measham and Donisthorpe have lovely churches and thatched houses.

Facilities

Snacks and drinks at Moira Furnace. Toilets and café at Hick's Lodge. Pubs, café, fish & chips and shops at Measham.



⚠ No gradients steeper than 10%

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.



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 (bbc.co.uk/weather).
- 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.