

	<p align="center">WHITBY ABBEY AND WHALEBONES WALK</p> <p align="center">PT 328 – 10km</p>		
<p>START VENUE</p>	<p>Whitby Railway Station, 11 Station Square, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO21 1YN. The Railway Station, which is adjacent to the bus station, is situated in the town centre, close to the harbour and marina. It is well signposted along the major routes into Whitby. The walk is a figure of eight and can be started at other points, i.e. Ruswarp, West Cliff, Whitby Abbey or Park and Ride bus stops. **The Permanent Trail is open but please adhere to current restrictions and guidance**</p>		
<p>CAR PARKING</p>	<p>Long stay pay & display parking is available adjacent to the railway station and on Langborne Road (Endeavour Wharf/Marina Front/Marina Back). Parking is also available on Church Street (near Grape Lane) and West Cliff near the Whale Bones. Pay & display parking is also available at Whitby Abbey. Whitby Park and Ride, situated on the A171 Guisborough Road, Whitby, YO21 1TL is generally open from Easter to October.</p>		
<p>PUBLIC TRANSPORT</p>	<p>Whitby is well served by public transport. There are regular train services from Middlesbrough and regular seasonal train services via the North York Moors Railway from Pickering. Regular bus services from Middlesbrough, Scarborough and Malton also serve the town.</p>		
<p>GEOCACHING</p>	<p>There is at least one known geo-cache location close to the route of the walk.</p>		
<p>DISTANCE/GRADE</p>	<p>10km Grade 2+</p>		
<p>TERRAIN</p>	<p>The route is along well-made paths through the town centre, through a short area of farmland (paved), alongside a river, on the old Scarborough to Whitby Railway line (Cinder track) and around the seafront. The route contains several sections of steep uphill and downhill gradients, lots of steps and uneven paved/cobbled surfaces and is not suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs.</p>		
<p>GENERAL INFORMATION</p>	<p>The town of Whitby is situated on the North Sea coast of North Yorkshire, England. Historically part of the North Riding of Yorkshire, the town sits on the mouth of the River Esk and has a rich maritime and mineral connection. The oldest part of the town lies around the harbour and is protected by two imposing piers jutting out into the North Sea. Looking out over the sea and town below is St. Mary's Church and Whitby Abbey (Gothic Benedictine Monastery) to the south and by the statue of James Cook and the Whale bones to the north. The beach in the outer harbour is associated with Bram Stoker's Dracula. Tate Hill Sands is where the Demeter was said to run aground.</p> <p>Steeped in a rich history, the most striking feature of the town is the imposing Whitby Abbey. The site of the first monastery dates back to 657AD when the Anglian Princess Hild became the first Abbess. Whitby Abbey is managed by English Heritage and is open to the public. Members of English Heritage will generally be eligible for free entry.</p> <p>James Cook lived in Whitby at a house in Grape Lane, now the site of the Captain Cook Memorial Museum. After joining the Navy, he became a gifted Cartographer and Topographer and these skills brought him to the attention of the Admiralty and led him to become one of the greatest maritime explorers of all time.</p> <p>The town has a wonderful green area – Pannett Park which also boasts a museum.</p>		
<p>REFRESHMENTS</p>	<p>There are several places to buy food and drink along the route.</p>		
<p>TOILETS</p>	<p>Public toilets are available close to the start and around the route.</p>		
<p>BWF / IVV</p>	<p>This trail is registered until 31st December 2022. BWF declaration on next page.</p>		
<p>ROUTE DESCRIPTION CHECK / UPDATED</p>	<p>26th October 2021 (Please make sure you are using the most up to date version, particularly if you printed this off a while ago).</p>		

DATA PROTECTION	The data provided on his form will be retained until <i>1st February 2023</i> for statistical analysis and will then be securely destroyed.		
ENTRY FEE	£1.50 per walker Cheques payable to: Region 3 IPA		
AWARD	At the present time there is no award available for this trail. If you wish to be notified if an award (cloth badge) is produced please indicate YES/NO and include your email address in the space below.		
SOUVENIER LOG BOOK	A logbook souvenir sticker is available on request - YES/NO		
CONTACT / ADDRESS FOR STAMPING OF BOOKS	Judith Smith (BWF), 13 Chantry Road, East Ayton, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO13 9EP. Email: judith.a.smith@btinternet.com Please use this form (page 1 & 2) to submit your entry and claim IVV stamps		
NAMES OF THOSE COMPLETING THE WALK			
DATE WALK COMPLETED		PAYMENT ENCLOSED	£
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PT POSTAL CARDS	Will be stamped if you do not wish to send your IVV books – YES / NO		
QUESTION 1		QUESTION 6	
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QUESTION 4		QUESTION 9	
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BWF DECLARATION	The organisers are not liable for accidents, thefts and/or damage to property. Every effort will be made by the organisers to make this a safe, enjoyable and memorable event.
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ROUTE DESCRIPTION

TL = TURN LEFT TR = TURN RIGHT SO = STRAIGHT ON

Start at the Railway Station entrance on Station Square opposite Wellington Road. From the main steps TR and follow the path to the roundabout. TR onto Langborne Road. Use the signal-controlled crossing near the entrance to the Station Car Park to cross Langborne Road. After crossing, TL towards the War Memorial and the entrance to the replica of the HM Bark Endeavour (Photo opportunity).

Turn round and walk back along Langborne Road (Do not cross the road) towards Endeavour Wharfe and the car parks keeping the Coop Supermarket to the right on the opposite side of the road. Walk past the Tourist Information shop on the left then immediately TL towards the rear of the building and follow the footpath as it meanders to the right alongside the Marina which is on the left. Stop and take note of the wooden sculpture on the left.

Continue SO along the footpath until you pass the slipway to the River Esk and cross the car park (CAUTION TRAFFIC) towards the entrance of Coates Marina. To the right of Coates Marina, TL at the railway pedestrian crossing (Do not cross the railway) and take the footpath sign posted "RAILWAY – RIVERSIDE WALK TO RUSWARP PERMITTED FOOTPATH".

Carry SO on this path for about 1.9km keeping the railway to your right and the River Esk to your left. Watch out for steam locomotives on the railway line which links Whitby with the North York Moors Railway (Heritage Railway). Walk under a high-level road bridge (Bridge 57A). The low stone building with curved corners on the left is a former railway waiting room that served the nearby gas works. It is reported to be one of the oldest buildings associated with a railway in the world. Walk under the brick railway viaduct (photo opportunity). Keep walking along the path keeping Ruswarp Church spire in front of you.

At Ruswarp, the Old Station House is on the right on the opposite side of the railway track. Walk through the gate and then TR (CAUTION TRAINS – COMPLY WITH CROSSING SIGNALS/BARRIERS) crossing the railway line.

QUESTION 1: What purpose did the old blue and white wooden building on the right serve?

Stay on the right side of the road and walk into the village. After passing the locally famous Jackson's Butchers Shop on the right (worth a stop for a Pork Pie!) TR along the Monks Trod path towards Whitby (the path looks like an alley between the butcher's shop and Ruswarp Hall). It is sign posted "RUSWARP FIELDS" and "PUBLIC FOOTPATH WHITBY 1 MILE" The path is paved and passes through two kissing gates and fields which may contain livestock. The paving stones may be slippery when wet! Stay on the path until you reach the steps that lead uphill through the trees.

Walk up the steps and continue along the paved path to a junction where there is a pedestrian gate on the left and a seat on the right. TR at this junction and follow the path through the trees up and down slight gradients. After a further set of upward steps, there should be an area of woodland on your right. On the left is a tall hedge with allotment gardens behind. Carry SO for about 300 metres until you reach some downward steps. Take the steps onto the cinder track (former railway track) and cross straight over, signposted Whitby, taking the steps up the other side of the embankment.

From the top of the steps, walk a few metres SO and pass through a gate. Then TR along the former Whitby to Scarborough railway line (now disused) and which has been paved over.

As you TR, look out for the answer to the next question.

QUESTION 2: What is the name of the junction?

Carry SO and head onto and begin to cross the viaduct. Whitby Abbey should be in full view to the left and behind and this presents a great photo opportunity.

QUESTION 3: What is THE Bridge Number of Larpool Viaduct?

Continue over the viaduct and then almost immediately TL along the first path/track you come to. Follow the road/track as it descends to the left and at the junction, TR and walk through a brick gateway (no gates) to a T junction.

You have reached Larpool Lane, a minor road. **CAUTION: NO FOOTPATH FOR ABOUT 300 METRES** When safe, cross Larpool Lane and TL keeping to the right-hand side of the road. You have 2 options here. (a) After about 100 metres, walk through a gap in the hedge and then walk along the edge of a grass playing field parallel to the road keeping the hedge and road to your left. When you reach a small car park, pass through the entrance/exit and turn right onto Larpool Lane and walk past the 30mph speed limit signs and past the entrance to Larpool Hall; (b) Keep walking along the right-hand side of the road. After about 300 metres, just after the 30mph speed limit signs, pass the entrance to Larpool Hall on the right. A footpath begins in a few metres on the right-hand side of the road.

Go SO past the entrance to Whitby Cemetery. The stone building with twin gables, and arch and a tower directly in front of you towards the centre of the cemetery is the former Police Mortuary.

Continue on Larpool Lane to the junction (staggered crossroads) with the A171 Whitby to Scarborough road, a major road where you will be crossing and walking straight on. As you approach the junction, keep to the left hand (lower) footpath. Use the signal-controlled pedestrian crossing on your right to cross the A171, TL and then follow the footpath around to the right and downhill onto Spital Bridge (name of road), crossing the junction with Abbots Road. Remain on the footpath on the right side of the road. You will find the sign for Spital Bridge on the left-hand side of the road several metres from the junction. Walk SO to the junction with Green Lane which is signposted 'Abbey Headland Car Park' and 'Whitby Abbey'.

TR on Green Lane and as soon as it is safe to do so, cross to left hand side of the road. Walk along Green Lane up the steep hill.

Continue SO past the junction sign posted for St Hilda's Business Centre to the Green Lane Centre.

QUESTION 4: At the Green Lane Centre on the left, who should beware of the protection from Smartwater.

Continue SO with allotment gardens on the right to the T Junction at the end of Green Lane.

TL at the T junction and walk past the entrance to the Abbey car park. Continue onto the paved path alongside Whitby Abbey keeping the Abbey on the left (Photo opportunity).

QUESTION 5: What do they make at the building on the opposite side of the road from the Abbey?

At the end of the road there is a turning circle/car park by the entrance to the Abbey. Keep to the left and walk round the turning circle/car park in a clockwise direction before entering the grounds of St. Mary's Church. Walk along the path through the church yard to the top of the 199 steps. Begin to walk down the steps.

QUESTION 6: Every ten steps you will find a small, circular disc attached to the face (riser) of the step. What symbols (in general terms) are engraved on the discs?

Go down the steps to the bottom and bear left at the bottom (taking care not to walk back up the very steep cobbled horse track).

At the Board Inn/Duke of York public house TL and follow Church Street (cobbled) past Whitby's famous Jet shops to the junction close to the Swing Bridge. Cross the road when safe to do so and go SO (also Church Street) keeping to the right-hand side of the road. Do not walk to the Swing Bridge.

TR before the small car park/turning area into Grape Lane. Directly in front and on the left is the James Cook Memorial Museum. This is where the famous explorer James Cook lived before joining the Royal Navy.

QUESTION 7: There is a plaque with MSD written thereon. What is the date on the plaque? (MSD is a reference to the builders of the property, Moses & Susannah Dring).

Continue along Grape Lane and then TL at the end of the street. Cross the Swing Bridge.

Having crossed the bridge TR onto St. Anne's Staith / Haggergate / Pier Road and continue along the footpath keeping the harbour to the right. Walk past the famous Magpie Café on the left and past the amusements and seafood stalls and continue to the bottom of Khyber Pass (unsigned). TL and walk along Khyber Pass up the hill. Part way up Khyber Pass, directly opposite a small car park and Coffee Hut, there is a set of steps cut into the rocks. Cross Khyber Pass when safe to do so and walk up the steps. The steps lead to Whitby's Whale Bone Arch.

QUESTION 8: The James Cook Memorial, a statue, is situated close to the Whale Bone Arch. What is the name of the sailing ship carved on the Memorial?

Cross the road when it is safe to do so and, keeping the side of the Royal Hotel to the left, walk SO along the left-hand footpath of North Terrace (no street name sign) but sign posted "Whitby Museum & Art Gallery; Town Centre and Pannett Park; Whitby Visitor Centre". TL at the first junction into West Terrace (no street name sign).

Stay on the left-hand footpath and continue SO along West Terrace which becomes Havelock Place, then Belle Vue Terrace and then Skinner Street.

At the end of Skinner Street (T junction), with Flowergate United Reform Church directly ahead on the opposite side of the street, TL onto Flowergate. When safe to do so, cross to the opposite side of the street and immediately after passing the Little Angel public house, TR onto Brunswick Street and follow the road downhill along the righthand footpath. Walk past St Hilda's Church which is on the right and at the T junction TR onto Victoria Square. Walk a few metres and at the Zebra Pedestrian Crossing, cross Victoria Square towards Bagdale Hall and then TL. Almost immediately TR onto Spring Hill keeping the side of Bagdale Hall on the right. Cross Spring Hill when it is safe to do so and walk uphill along the left-hand footpath around a left-hand bend in the road. Whitby Police Station should now be directly ahead. Immediately before the entrance to the Police Station car park, TL along a paved path leading to downhill steps and walk to the junction at the bottom of the steps.

QUESTION 9: What is the name of the path and steps?

TL at the bottom of the steps onto Windsor Terrace and cross the road when it is safe to do so. At the end of the road, TR onto Station Square back to the start point at the front of the Railway Station.

You should now be on familiar ground and recognise that you are close to the start or rather the finish.

Welcome Back. The Section UK IPA Walking Group hopes you enjoyed the Whitby Abbey and Whalebones Walk and that you have enjoyed exploring this fascinating town with its many interesting historical connections, only a few of which have been mentioned in this description.