

What you can see

Look for the large white flowers on the tall hogweed plants, the bright white or pinkish clusters of tiny flowers on yarrow, and the purple thistle-like flowers of lesser knapweed in late summer.

Through the town, the route runs alongside the River Esk, which is relatively unpolluted and important as a salmon run. You may see wading birds here, including curlews and grey herons, especially if the tide is low.

The walk passes along the side of the remains of alum workings at Saltwick Nab and Black Nab, an industry that has made a big impact on the landscape. Alum, a material produced from shale, was used as a dye fixative, to soften leather in the tanning process and in paper-making.

Whitby is famous for jet, worked from small adits cut into limestone strata in cliffs and small valleys, then polished and carved in jewellery and buttons. First used in the Bronze Age, it was also popular with the Romans. In the 19th Century, jet working was done in workshops crammed into narrow yards beside the harbour.



At a glance

How far?	4.5 miles (7.5km)
How hard?	Easy
Which map?	OS Explorer OL27
Starting at?	Whitby, by the bridge
Buses?	traveline 0871 2002233
Parking?	Car parks in Whitby
Any facilities?	Plenty in Whitby

Enjoy wonderful views of Whitby Abbey and Harbour, and Saltwick Bay

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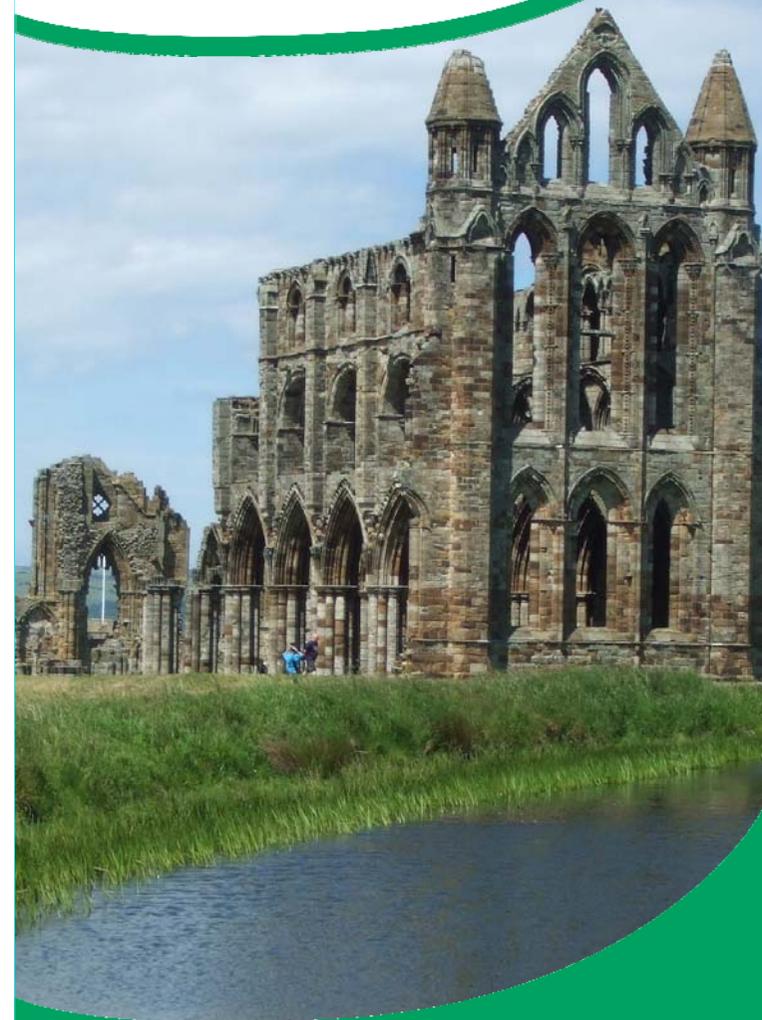
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Whitby and Saltwick Bay



1. The walk starts in the centre of Whitby by crossing the River Esk Bridge. Turn right after the Dolphin into Grape Lane and continue along the lane until reaching the road. Turn right and head along the main road. Pass the 17th century Merchant Seamen's Hospital and turn left just after onto Boulby Bank.

2. Climb up the steep stepped, cobbled path which winds between houses to a road at the top. Bear right and continue along the road, passing St Hilda's Computing Centre on the right until reaching a road junction. Go straight across to Folly Gardens and walk along an enclosed path for a short distance before joining a lane, towards a farm. Go through the farmyard to a kissing

gate at the far end. Continue by the wall along the field edge, finally reaching a lane. Turn right and follow the lane for approx 500m to a bridleway on the left leading to Brook House Farm and Whitby lighthouse.

3. Follow the bridleway towards the farmyard, passing a barn on the right, then bear right just after to continue along the track for about 800m to Ling Hill Farm. Turn left and continue along the path towards the lighthouse, passing Hornblower Lodge on the left.

4. On reaching the lighthouse, turn left before the gate, crossing a stone stile onto the Cleveland Way. Follow the cliff top path to Saltwick Bay. Part of the way along, the path leaves the cliff top to go through the caravan and camp site. Go through the park to rejoin the cliff top path. Carry on along the path, past the north end of the Coastguard Houses, then bear left across the Abbey plain to come out near Caedmon Cross. Head towards St Mary's Church to the top of the 199 steps. Go down the steps, turning left at the bottom into the narrow streets of the old town, eventually returning to the starting point.

