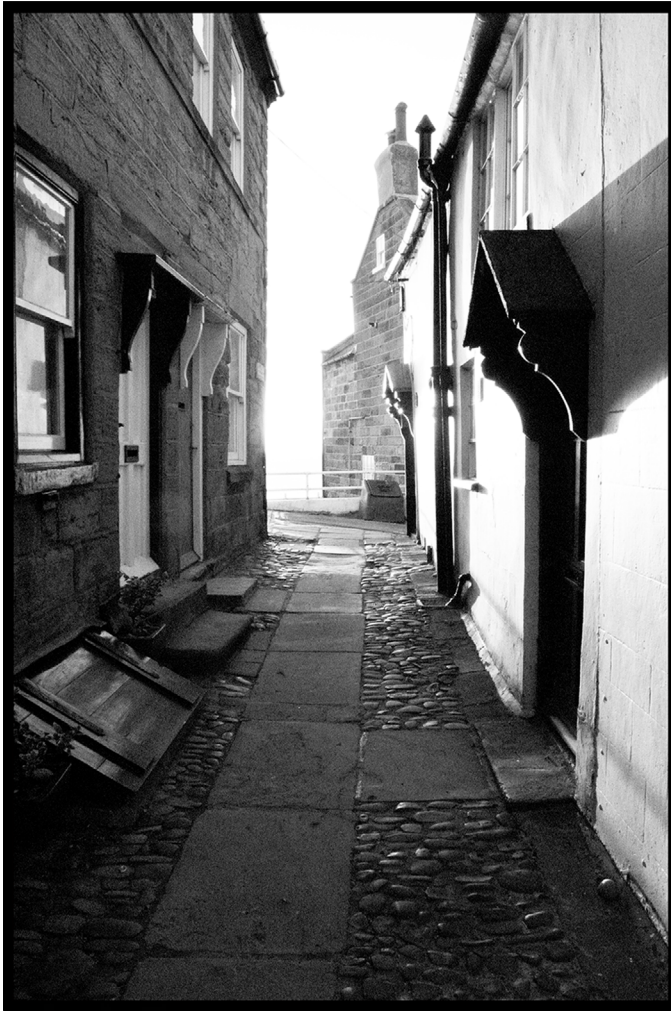


Robin Hood's Bay Guide

Short Guide



*A local yokel's simple visitors guide to
the basics you need to know. (2023)*

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Notes

I work as a simple 'one man band' to create informative guides for the Robin Hood's Bay area as a 'local on the ground'. The advantage of this approach, as I see it, is a much greater level of detail than many standard, churned out leaflets from larger organisation outside of the area, bringing more particular and relevant details. Additionally, some of my 'work' is presented 'free' such as this basic guide, and any products that are to be paid for, will be priced for the budget-sensitive pocket. I only have one mouth to feed, so to speak. The disadvantage is more work and learning curves for me to get under my belt and the simple limits of time available. This free pdf should work as **"interactive"** on laptops but there is so much variety in mobile systems that it is mostly likely to lose that feature for the "Contents" page on your mobiles. "Links" appear to be working ok including on mobile. Let me know of any particular problems by email to glitches@rhwalks.co.uk

2023 Update:

At the moment, The Dolphin pub has closed for refurbishment - this may take quite some while. The other 5 pubs in Bay and Fylingthorpe are open and keen to serve. Repair work on the 'Sea Wall' this year means that section and the back path down to the Rocky Foreshore is closed,

ROCK FALLS:

These have been increasing number of rock falls over the past few years and there have been a few, quite dramatic ones of late. For your own safety, when you are on the beach, **avoid 'setting up camp' at the base of cliffs or digging into the cliffs in search of fossils.** Last year some people were digging into the cliff and advised by a local not to do so. They ignored the advice initially but after a few of minutes moved away from the cliff. About 5 or so minutes later the very section of cliff where they had been digging experienced a sudden rock fall. A lucky and fortunate escape. It could easily have gone the other way.

THE CLEVELAND WAY (Robin Hood's Bay to Whitby):

A cliff fall near the start of the path from Robin Hood's Bay towards Whitby has meant an alternative route has had to put in place. Access to the Cleveland Way cliff path is now found by going to the end Mount Pleasant North, turning left and then, a few yards ahead, turning right on to the Cinder Track. Shortly ahead, on the right, a new access path has been created, with signpost, to lead you onto the Cleveland Way. It's only a short detour but needed for safety.

Robin Hood's Bay Guide

(Short Guide: 2023)

By Brian Allanson.

A simple guide to what's on offer
in and around Robin Hood's Bay.



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Introduction

It all began with walkers regularly stopping outside my house, a little lost and looking for a particular stile. I looked at their 'walking guide', its maps & instructions... and pondered...

"What if... you could have a walking guide with photographs & guide notes of all the various key points along the way so you would always know that you were 'on track'?"

Of course, the walking guide would be improved with a guide to the village. And so, I disappeared down that rabbit hole too.

The walking photo-guides, are to be published soon and will be available as a printed version in local shops.

I hope this booklet brings you a useful introduction to Robin Hood's Bay and the immediate, surrounding area. You may find some bits of information repeated from another page in some form or other. I made a decision to let this happen as it does no harm and can also act as a reminder.

My area of concern, when it came to the local maps, was that it is one of those wonderful, awkward shapes that does not lend itself easily to being all contained in one simple map.

And so the village of Robin Hood's Bay itself will be divided into: **Upper Bay** (*the mainly Victorian part ending near the bank top*) & **Lower Bay** (*the mainly pre-Victorian part below the bank top*).

'Lower Bay' is shown in 2 maps. The first for the places to eat and drink and the second for all the other shops and facilities.

At the start of the village guide section are a few pages on safety tips and the location of life-saving equipment – the 4 defibrillators and the 4 lifebuoys. Making yourself familiar with the tips and

the equipment locations will help to ensure your stay in Bay is both thoroughly enjoyable and hopefully without 'unwanted incidents' caused by incoming tides, rip currents or rockfalls.

Overall, as guide books go, though this one is quite simple, I still see this guide as simply being an introductory gateway of connections to help you find your way around the area, become aware of what possible attractions await and to provide a means of accessing further information where wanted.

Additional material can be found on the Facebook page under the title of "***Robin Hood's Bay Walks***" where I will be building up further insights to the area with photos and videos.

Details of intended updates, free downloads, forthcoming publications and other useful information, along with photos and videos of the area can also be found on: www.rhbwalks.co.uk

I've made every effort to ensure the information is correct but if you spot any errors or discover something has changed, do please contact me at info@rhwalks.co.uk.

I'll be able to work on it and update the pdf accordingly. Additionally, if you feel there is a topic of information you judge would be useful to have in the guide... just drop me a line.

Happy wandering... and may you become lost & beguiled in the magic.

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A Very Brief Introduction to Robin Hood's Bay

If you have been to Robin Hood's Bay before, it needs no introduction. For those of you who are 'strangers to these parts'... there is a simple, heart-warming 'something' about the place which I feel is somewhat different in little ways for each person. Born & raised a little further up the coast & having now lived in Bay for over 18 years, that 'something', for me, is the blend of the landscape, its scenery, its people & the bay's 'semi-disconnect' from the outside world. Together, they help to create a relaxing place of escape, nature and nurture.

People have lived in this area on and off for thousands of years but the village is primarily known for its sea-faring and fishing history, particularly in the great 'Smuggling' period of the 17 & early 1800s. The later 1800s brought the steam railway to Bay, helping to open up the scenic area to the outside world. The village's popularity as a holiday destination & weekend escape grew in the 2nd half of the 1900s & continues to this day.

Robin Hood's Bay & Fylingthorpe host 6 pubs along with cafes, tea shops, bistros, eateries, gift shops, a museum & more. A list of the various books about Robin Hood's Bay and surrounding area can be found towards the end of this book.

When it comes to walking the many lanes, footpaths & byways, you can easily find yourself on a majestic cliff top path, an ever-changing beach, moorland edge, in woodland valley, by stream and brook, on tracks once travelled by steam trains or getting lost in the 'rabbit warren' of the old village pathways.

Enjoy your stay in Bay and I'm sure, as you explore the village and area, you too will find your own special 'something' about the place that earns it an affectionate little corner in your heart.

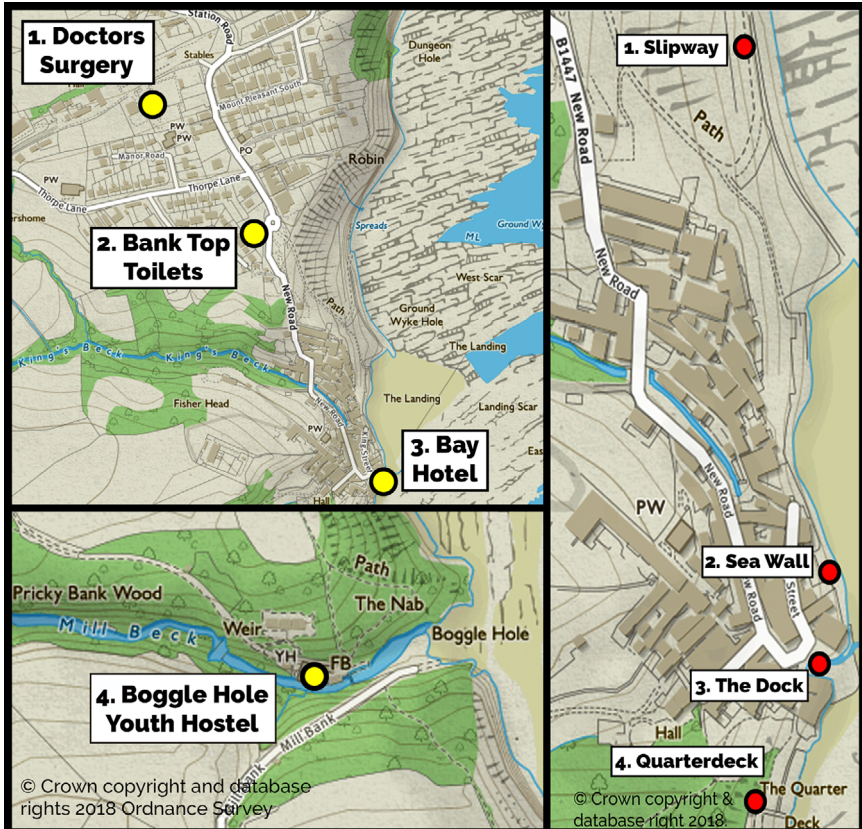
Safety



Tides, Currents & Rock Falls: Each year people get caught out by the incoming tide and have to be rescued by the RNLI or the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Make sure you **check the tide times** (also a locally sold booklet). The tide moves quickly. At Boggle Hole and Stoupe Beck there is access to the Cleveland Way (cliff path). If trapped further on towards Ravenscar, call the Coastguard on '999'. Rip currents occur in the bay so keep an eye out, especially if using inflatables. The cliff path (Cleveland Way) runs close to the **cliff edge & is subject to erosion, especially in this last year**. Keep children **aware of the dangers** of getting too close to the edge and take care if setting up on the beach not to sit at the very base of the cliffs where rockfalls may occur.

Tide Times Link: <https://www.tideschart.com/United-Kingdom/England/Redcar-and-Cleveland/Robin-Hoods-Bay-Beach/>

Life Saving Devices



Doctors, Defibrillators and Lifebuoys.

The Doctor's Surgery is located near the Village Hall by the main car park opposite the Grosvenor Hotel.

There are 4 defibrillators (yellow circles) in the Robin Hood's Bay area & 4 lifebuoys (red circles).

The following 4 pages give more detail and photographs of their location. Hopefully, you will never need them but it is always useful to be aware of their existence and location.

St John's Ambulance First Aid
<https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/>

RHB Doctors Surgery: 01947 880230.

Upper Bay

Upper Robin Hood's Bay



D Defibrillator

1 Baytown Stores & Post Office

2 The Grosvenor Hotel

3 The Victoria

4 Public Toilets - FREE

5 Public Toilets - 40p



Bus Stop

6 Doctors & Dentist

7 Village Hall

8 Pirate Ship Playground

9 North Ings Tea Room

Defibrillators: Located on the outside walls of the Bank Top Toilets.

All Car Parks: 2-7 day parking tickets can be obtained from Baytown Stores (**1**).

Public Toilets: (**4**) at the Main Car Park, are free, with 'Disabled' facility. (**5**) Run by the Parish Council. A charge of 40p (2022) is made towards upkeep - the only way to save these public toilets.

Pirate Ship Play Area: (**8**) Also has a donations box to help towards upkeep.

Picnic Area: Picnic tables & standing units for bbq. Please clear rubbish to nearest bin.

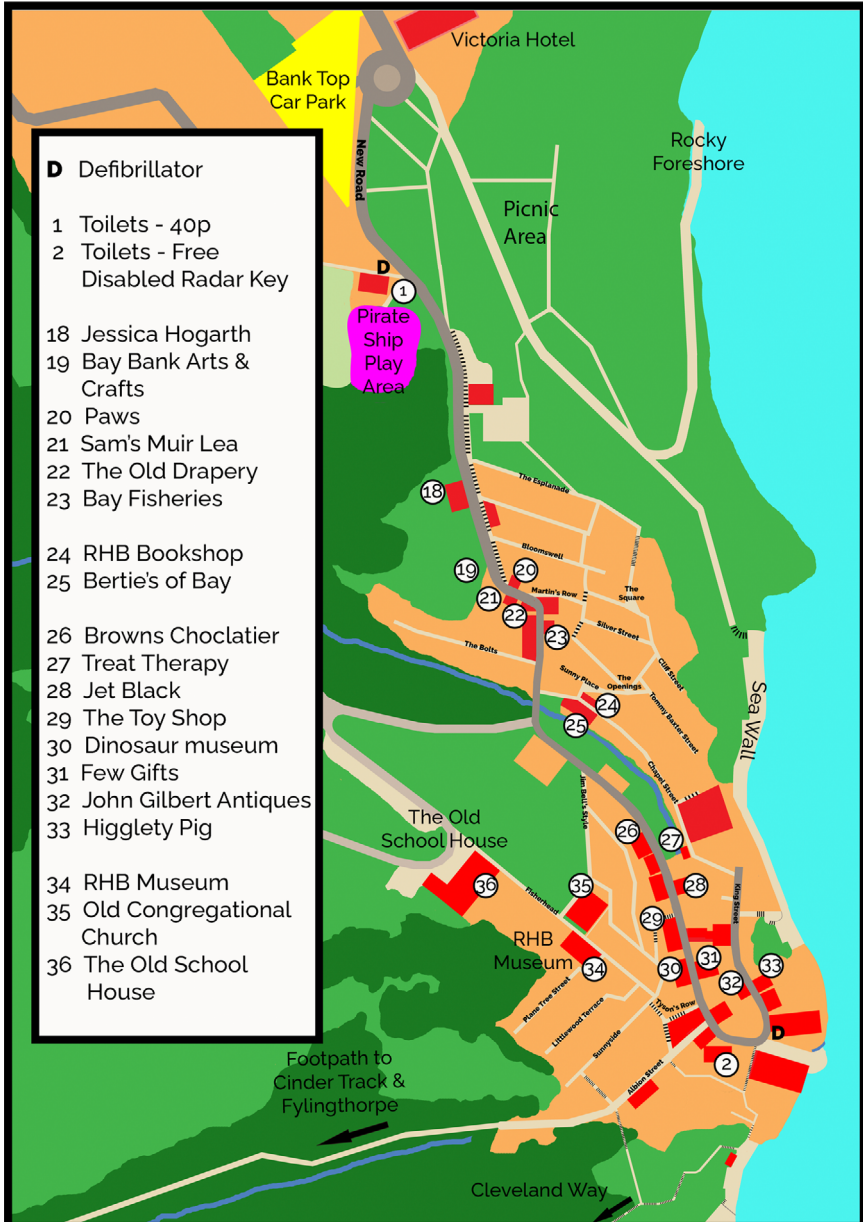
Post Office: (**1**) Closes for lunch 12.30pm - 1.30pm. Cash withdrawals for most banks.

Lower Bay: Eat & Drink

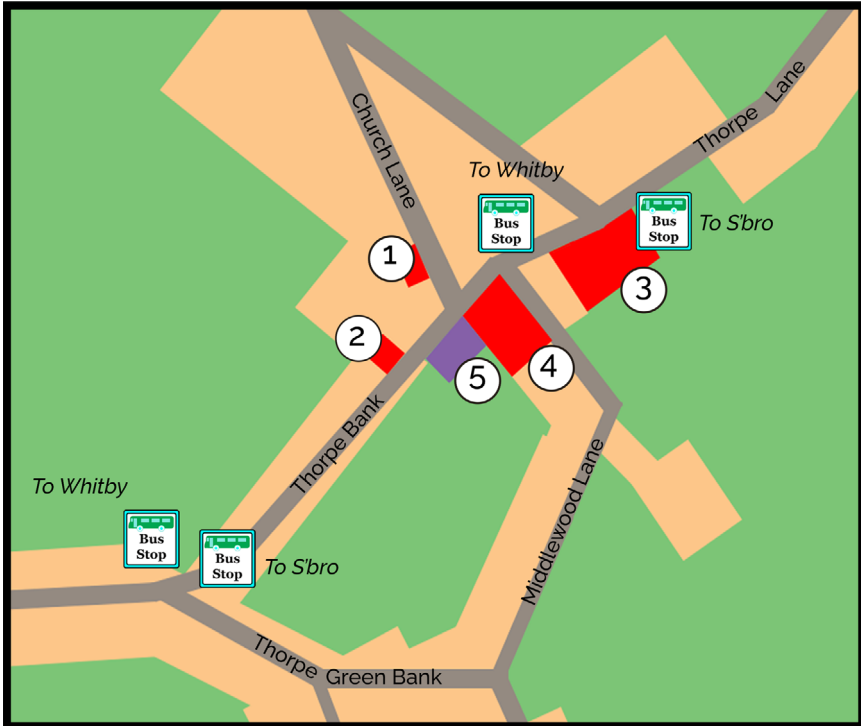
Lower Bay - Eat n Drink



Lower Bay: Shops



Fylingthorpe



- 1** Thorpe Stores (Post Box) **3** The Fylingdales Inn **5** Children's Play Area
2 Barnard's Butchers **4** Methodist Church

Buses: The service is run by Arriva under the number X93. To check the timetable, which can vary depending on the time of year, simply google "Arriva X93". The Arriva Bus App is available on Google Play and The App Store.

Post Box: Collections are made... Monday-Friday 4pm, Saturday 10.45am

Play Area: Open to the general public. There is also a children's play area for patrons next to the beer garden at The Fylingdales Inn.

Thorpe Stores: Opening hours: Normally 8am - 7pm, 7 days a week.

Barnard's Butchers: Opening hours: Normally Monday-Thursday 8am-6pm, Friday & Saturday 8am-8pm. They also operate a pizza takeaway & delivery service Friday and Saturday evenings til 8pm. Tel 01947 880322.

Post Office Services



The Post Office is located inside:

"Baytown Stores",
Station Road,
Robin Hood's Bay,
YO22 4RA.

Telephone 01947 880202.

The Post Office usually closes 12.30pm-1.30pm for lunch.

Stamps are also available at Muire Lea Stores in lower Bay.

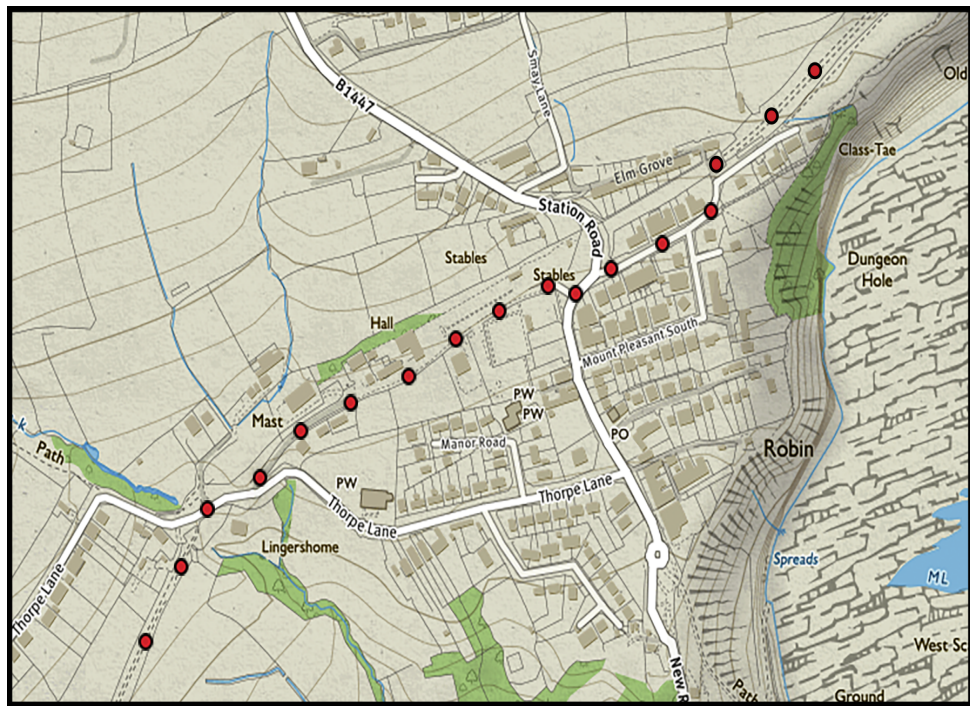
Services include:

Free Cash withdrawals from most banks.
Mobile Phone Top-ups.

Other store services include:

Discounted Long Stay car park tickets.
Cash back on debit cards.
Maps & local books.
National Lottery.

Cinder Track Link Map

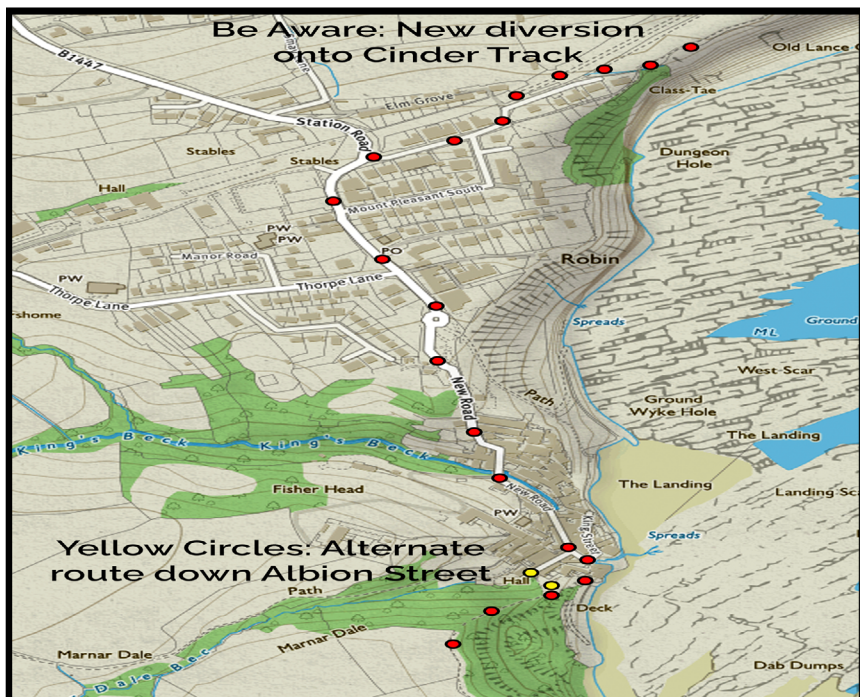


The Cinder Track runs from Whitby, through the edges of Robin Hood's Bay, and on to Scarborough. The track now forms part of Route 1 of The National Cycle Network and is 34.4km (21.5 miles) long.

The Bay to Whitby section is 10.5km (6.5 miles) long and takes about 2.5 - 3 hours on a gentle walk.

The Bay to Ravenscar section is 7.2km (4.5 miles) & takes about 2 hours 20 minutes to walk. People sometimes get a little lost where the track enters Robin Hood's Bay.

Cleveland Way Link Map

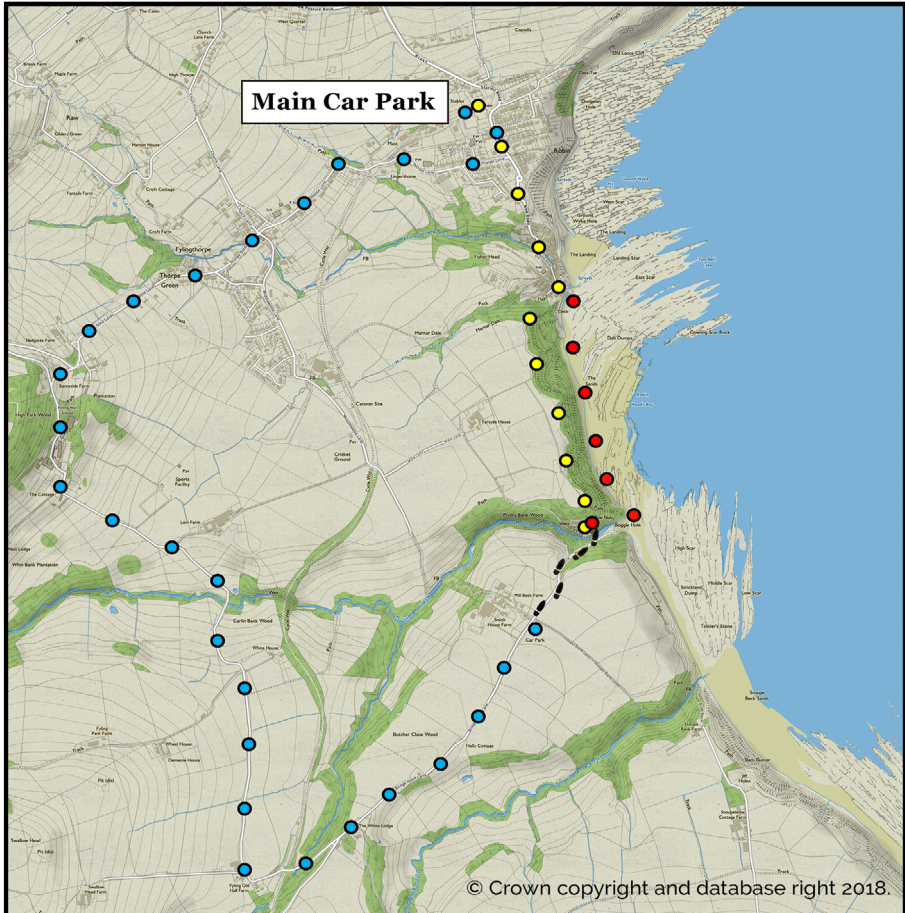


The Cleveland Way, or rather this section of it, runs from Whitby, through Robin Hood's Bay and on to Scarborough. Sections of the cliff path are subject to erosion so please **BE AWARE** as parts of the path are close to the cliff edge.

The Bay to Whitby section is 12km (7 miles) long and takes about 2.5 - 3 hours to walk at a fairly easy pace.

The Bay to Ravenscar section is 10km (6.25 miles) and takes about 2.5 hours to walk. People sometimes get a little lost as the trail enters Robin Hood's Bay. The insert map shows the easiest route to picking up The Cleveland Way again.

Getting To Boggle Hole



By Car: Take the blue circle road route through Fylingthorpe, past Fyling Hall School & Fyling Old Hall Farm on towards South Hall Farm and Mill Beck Farm, where the car park is on the right. Park up at the car park and then it's a short walk down to the Youth Hostel which has no parking.

By Foot: Take the yellow circle route to the bottom of Bay. Go up the steps at the side of the Old Coast Guard Station, down the other side to the Quarterdeck & take the signed pathway on the right up to the cliff path (Cleveland Way). If the tide is out far enough (**CHECK TIDE TIMES**) the red circle alternative route along the beach can be taken.

Robin Hood's Bay Museum



The museum is located on Fisherhead in lower Bay. After you cross over the small bridge below Muir Lea Stores, turn right up "Jim Bell's Style". Follow the pathway to Fisherhead & the museum is behind the old church down on the right.

Website: <http://museum.rhbay.co.uk>

Admission: Free - donations always welcome.

Opening Times: Usually School & Bank Holidays.
(see website for up to date details).

Notes: "A History of Robin Hood's Bay" by Barrie Farnill has been called the best book on Robin Hood's Bay that has ever been written. This has now been republished & is available at the museum and some local shops - please, just ask.

"Free Trading In Robin Hood's Bay 1600-1840's" by Dennis Crosby has also just been published in March, 2019.

Old St Stephen's Church



The church is located on the B1447 at the crossroads of Raw Lane, Raw Pasture Bank & High Lane. It's a 10 minute walk from the Station Car Park.

Website: <http://oldststephens.rhbay.co.uk>

Admission: Free - donations always welcome.

Opening Times: Daily throughout the year. (See website).

Notes: Rebuilt on an existing site in 1822 the church is still consecrated. Its unique layout is fascinating and includes a 3-deck pulpit. A leaflet guiding you on a churchyard walk is available in the church.

Special events are still held in the church from time to time. The X93 Arriva bus also stops at the church. There are no toilet facilities at this location.

The Old Lifeboat House



This old single fluke anchor was buried in the Dock and used as a "holdfast" during the launch and retrieval of Robin Hood's Bay's self-righting rowing lifeboats.

Ephraim and Hannah Fox (1881 - 1903)
 Mary Ann Lockwood (1903 - 1931)

The anchor was discovered in 1963 and it stands as a symbol of the ingenuity and bravery of generations of Robin Hood's Bay volunteer lifeboat crews.

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1928	Jan 27	WATER	THORNTON	of	WATER	75
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The Lifeboat House was run by the RNLI from 1881 to its closure in 1931. A board on the back wall of the shelter area lists the details of the rescues undertaken by the brave & dauntless lifeboatmen, saving a total of 91 lives. The building now serves as public toilets with a disabled toilet in the centre section available with a Radar Key.

The Fluke Anchor to the side played its part as a 'holdfast' during launching & retrieval of the lifeboats.

The 'Fish' in 'The Dock' has been used as an RNLI collecting box from before 1887.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Doctor:	near Village Hall, RHB.	01947 880230
Dentist:	near Village Hall, RHB.	01947 880328
Pharmacies:	Boots, 64-66 Baxtergate Whitby.	01947 602219
	Boots, 14 Skinner St, Whitby.	01947 602084
	Spring Vale Pharmacy, Rievaulx Rd, Whitby.	01947 600995
	Day Lewis, 4 The Parade, Whitby.	01947 602184
	Day Lewis, 9 Mount Farm Close.	01947 603087
Post Office:	Baytown Stores, Station Road, RHB. Closed 12.30pm-1.30pm for lunch.	01947 880202
Gen Stores:	Baytown Stores, Station Road, RHB.	01947 880202
	Thorpe Stores, Church Lane, Fylingthorpe.	01947 880213
	Muir Lea Stores, New Road, RHB.	01947 880316
Taxis:	Bay Cabs, RHB.	01947 880603
	Andy's Taxis, Whitby.	07916 071833
	Esk Taxis, Whitby.	01947 605705
	Harrisons Taxis, Whitby.	01947 600000
	Hansells Taxis, Whitby.	07825 221162
	Abbey Taxis, Whitby.	01947 606666
	White Rose Taxis, Whitby.	01947 604604
	Jim's Taxis, Whitby.	07490 007007
	KT Cars, Whitby.	01947 821181
Vets:	Clevedale Vets, 10 The Parade, Whitby, YO21 3JP	01947 825042
	The Beck Veterinary Practice, Whitby, YO21 1HL	01947 820333
	Whitby Wildlife Sanctuary, Broomsfield Farm, YO22 4NW	07342173724

Useful Web-Links

Transport:

Bus: Arriva X93 & Timetable

<https://www.arrivabus.co.uk/north-east/services/x93---middlesbrough-to-scarborough/>

NYMoors Railway:

<https://www.nymr.co.uk>

Train. Whitby-Middlesbrough, Eskdale Line Timetable

<https://www.thetrainline.com/train-times/whitby-to-middlesbrough>

Train. Scarborough – York Timetable

<https://www.thetrainline.com/train-times/scarborough-to-york>

Local Activities:

Croft Farm Trekking Centre

<https://www.facebook.com/croftfarmtrekkingcentre>

Farsyde Riding Centre

https://www.farsydefarmcottages.co.uk/horse_riding/

North Yorkshire Off Road Centre

<http://www.nyoffroad.co.uk/>

RHB Tourism Association See & Do page

<https://www.robin-hoods-bay.co.uk/directory/see-do/shops-businesses-amenities>

RHB Tourism Association Webcam page

<https://robin-hoods-bay.co.uk/webcam>

RHB Tourism Association What's On page

<https://robin-hoods-bay.co.uk/whats-on>

Endwords

Robin Hood's Bay makes a great base for exploring the wider area. Naturally, how much can be explored will depend on the length of your stay.

Check out the **RHB Walks website** for additional material both on Robin Hood's Bay and the surrounding area along with some free downloads to keep kids and adults alike happy and occupied, especially on rainy days.

Additional material can also be found on the Facebook page: "Robin Hood's Bay Walks"

The guide will be updated each year where needed and I'm happy to receive suggestions for additional topics etc at...
info@rhwalks.co.uk

Do please remember "Safety First" and check out the tide times whenever you go on to the beach. Knowing whether the tide is going out, on the turn, or coming in, can make a big difference to your plans and safety.

A simple internet search for "Tide Times Robin Hood's Bay" will get you the info and a local "Tide Times" booklet covering the whole year is also available at a number of local shops.

Help us keep the 2 villages in the best order we can by placing litter in the nearest bins and naturally always carry the 'poop bags' when out walking dogs.

The council & local volunteers do lots of work to keep the place tidy & a delight to visit but all additional efforts help immensely.

Have a wonderful time & explore away to your hearts content.

Publications on Robin Hood's Bay

Free-Trading in Robin Hood's Bay 1600-1840s

by Dennis Crosby

A History of Robin Hood's Bay

by Barrie Farnill

Bayfair - village monthly magazine

A Walk Round the Old Village - A Bayfair publication

Robin Hood's Bay As It Was

by J Robin Lidster

Robin Hood's Bay & Fylingthorpe Through Time

by Robin Lidster

Staites, Runswick and Robin Hood's Bay through the Magic Lantern

by Robin Lidster

Robin Hood's Bay - The Postcard Collection

by Robin Lidster

A Rum Do! Smuggling in and around Robin Hood's Bay

by Patricia Labistour