

## The Pennine way, a long-distance walking route through the most beautiful landscapes in England

The Pennine way, which is 463 kilometers of walking through the most beautiful high-altitude landscapes of England. You start in Edale, in the Peak District, cross the Yorkshire Dales, the North Pennines, step over Hadrian's Wall, enjoy the beautiful Northumberland National Park and end in the Cheviot Hills. Close to the border with Scotland, in Kirk Yetholm. And then you can say of yourself that you have seen a lot of fantastic nature and culture.



**Cheviot Hills**

### Three National Parks

**The Peak District.** Possibly the most beautiful National Park in England. The inhabitants here have given the landscape a unique shape over the past 10,000 years. Just as the great cities have developed [Tuscany](#), with the necessary respect for history, human hands have created a landscape that has captivated millions of people. The views, the variety in the landscape, the rocky heathlands with the many sheep, the limestone hills, the limestone plateaus, the greener than green meadows, with in the valleys the classic market towns and the many, sometimes exuberant, country houses.

### The Yorkshire Dales.

Just north of Gargrave you gradually ascend into the Yorkshire Dales. Who knows, after first scoring a *cream tea* in the Dalesman Cafe Tearooms of Gargrave. Or a few pieces of licorice? Or a bar of *Cadbury milk chocolate* in the *sweet shop*? Made with fresh milk from the British Isles. Also take a look at *Gertrude's Vintage Gardenalia*, behind the shop and café. A garden gnome, perhaps? Or a handmade wicker basket with petunias?

The Dales are largely qualified as AONB areas: Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Green meadows, deep valleys, white cliffs, the walls, and mountains with phenomenal views. And rest, lots of peace. Also a landscape that can be seen in various films and TV series, such as in James Herriot's *"All Creatures Great and Small"* or in *"Robin Hood - Prince of Thieves"* from 1991 (in which Kevin Costner played the lead role).



**Yorkshire Dales**

### **The North Pennines.**

It doesn't stop! *Wide open fields*, fast-flowing rivers, waterfalls (including the *High Force*, a waterfall on the River Tees) and - indeed - a unique flora. And the grouse! Or the Helmet Wind, a strong northeasterly wind that blows down the southwestern slope of the Cross Fell slope. For us the reason to leave the Cross Fell (893m) out of necessity. As many hikers before us have done before. So much wind and so much rain: you can't keep that up! But the next day you don't know what you're seeing. We're not going to describe it here either. See for yourself. Provide waterproof shoes.



**Hadrian Wall Walk, a milecastle with new residents**



For example, you pass the Hadrian Wall during the stage from Greenhead to the youth hostel of Once Brewed. The Pennine Way runs from south to east, the Hadrian Wall from east to west. Over the remains of this Roman wall from 122 AD there is also a beautiful walking path. From mile castle to mile castle. The English love it, so many antiquities. Although the idea of having been conquered by a foreign people is less appealing. If you ever need a multi-day walking tour in which the combination of culture, history, nature and walking is prominent: go for the [Hadrian Wall Walk](#). The wall is 132 kilometers long.

The Northumberland National Park presents itself. You will not easily find more peace than here. Leave. Lonely. Alone. With a very clear starry sky. Fantastic. And, as the English say: the dramatic valleys. *The famous grouse?* What on the Sallandse Heuvelrug does not want to succeed with the hoen - unfortunately - is *business as usual here*. "A bubbling call which travels a long way in the still air early in the morning. To wake up in your B&B like that? How's that? We are aware that the next term is a bit worn, but the landscape here is truly *iconic*. In such a landscape of the Cheviot Hills, the Pennine way ends in the town of Kirk Yetholm. You are almost in Scotland. Congratulations on this great achievement! Ask a local what the best way is to get to your destination by public transport. To plan the terminus of such a route at a train station is very continental. Find them here, apparently.

## General route tips

- The Pennine Way is 463 kilometers long. The path largely follows the well-known public footpaths or bridleways.
- The average hiker takes 23 day stages.
- Take into account bad weather conditions for hikers, including especially rain showers with strong gusty winds.
- There is plenty of accommodation on the way. Varying from the well-known B&B's to the more expensive hotels. Or the youth hostel or a bunk-house. We liked the youth hostels. To taste something of the Britishness, a B&B is recommended. It may just happen to you that the B&B owner proudly shows you his new oil-burning central heating stove with the message that "you probably don't have anything so modern on the mainland yet."
- The stages go from village to village, from city to city, where there are plenty of opportunities for food and drinks. But along the way, it can happen that there is none of this. Bring plenty of provisions.
- Keep in mind that not all *cash machines* have foreign types of money. This is England and often the message on the screen is "*invalid card*". Or: *Only £*. As with the Channel crossing in the port of Dover, in case of fog, there may also be a sign with the text: "*Continent closed*".
- Excellent hiking maps are the *Harvey strong durable waterproof* maps from the National Trail series. Scale 1:40,000.
- A good condition is required. There are no Alpine peaks on the way, but the constant ascent and descent, valley in, valley out, takes the necessary energy and endurance. The wild terrain and the changing weather conditions also require a good condition.
- To get there you can use a flight to Manchester, Leeds-Bradford, Newcastle or London. And then continue by train and/or bus to your start of the Way.
- Do you still have time for a nice city: Manchester! And see how old factory buildings can be transformed into cultural hotspots.
- Enjoy your walk!



**the fields....**



**Peak District**





**Encounters along the way**

