Yorkshire Loose Leaf

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> **Yorkshire Loose Leaf, in summary:** Yorkshire Tea Loose Leaf reviewed: same blend at larger leaf grade, pot brewing tips, per-cup economics, pack-size value comparison.

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Yorkshire Tea Loose Leaf is the brand's bulk tea format, the classic British loose leaf strong black tea for pot brewing. Same blend as bag form but designed for traditional teapot use. Pot brewed Yorkshire Tea is one of the great British tea moments.

The product

Yorkshire Tea blend in loose leaf form. Pack sizes 250g, 500g, 1kg typical.

How to brew (teapot method)

1. Warm the pot first with a little hot water, then tip it out.
2. 1 tsp per cup + 1 for the pot (traditional rule; modern guidance just 1 per cup).
3. Just boiled water.
4. Steep 4-5 minutes.
5. Strain into cups.
6. Add splash of milk + sugar to taste.

Why loose leaf

- Multiple cups from one pot.
- Slightly fuller extraction than bag form.
- Traditional British pot brewing.
- Better per cup value at scale.
- Tea cosy keeps pot hot for refills.

Equipment

- Teapot (600-1500ml).
- Built in or separate strainer.
- Tea cosy (optional but useful).
- Tea caddy for storage.

Per cup pricing

Loose leaf bulk works out at 5-7p per cup, comparable to bag form 240-bag pack. The 1kg pack drops it further to around 3-5p, the right buy for a high-consumption household.

Caffeine

40-50mg per cup.

Vegan

Yes.

FAQ

Better than bag form? Slightly, fuller extraction, more traditional.

Pot brewing? The flagship use.

Cheaper? Comparable per cup.

Where to buy? Yorkshire direct, premium supermarkets, online specialty.

The pot brew tradition

Pot brewed Yorkshire Tea is a slower ritual than mug and bag. Warm the pot. One spoonful per cup plus one for the pot. Just boiled water. Tea cosy on. Four to five minutes. Pour through the strainer into the cup. Splash of milk. Sip. The pot keeps three or four cups hot for an hour with the cosy on, which is why this is the format for breakfast tables and afternoon visits.

Pack sizes and shelf life

Yorkshire Loose Leaf is sold in 250g, 500g, and 1kg packs. A 250g pack yields roughly 100-125 cups. A 1kg pack lasts a 4-cup a day household around two months. Once opened, decant into an airtight tin within a week and use within 6-9 months for best character; the loose form fades faster than the foil sealed bag form.

Pairings

- Toast, Marmite, butter.
- Bacon and egg sandwich.
- Scone with jam and cream.
- Victoria sponge or fruit cake.
- Hobnobs, Digestives, ginger nuts.

Pot brewed Yorkshire Tea is breakfast and afternoon tea. The full body matches substantial British food.

In short: Yorkshire Tea Loose Leaf

Field	Detail
Brand	Yorkshire Tea (Bettys & Taylors of Harrogate; founded 1886)
Type	Yorkshire Tea Original blend in loose-leaf rather than bag format
Pack sizes	250g, 500g, 1kg, and catering-size 5kg+ tins available
Cup character	Same Yorkshire blend as the bags, but slightly fuller and more aromatic due to whole-leaf rather than CTC grade extraction
Caffeine	40-60mg per cup, standard black tea range
Best for	Pot drinkers, families serving multiple cups at once, drinkers who notice the cup-quality difference between leaf grades
UK availability	Specialty supermarket aisles, Bettys & Taylors direct, online tea retailers
UK price	Approximately £6 to £10 per 250g (3-5p per cup at one teaspoon per cup)

Curator's note: Yorkshire Tea Loose Leaf is the British pot brewing classic. Worth keeping for proper Yorkshire pot moments. Lee, teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

Reference noted

- EFSA Scientific Opinion on the Safety of Caffeine (2015)

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Tea reading

For brand context see the Yorkshire Tea brand wiki. For sister Yorkshire products see Yorkshire Gold vs Original and the Yorkshire Bedtime Brew. For category context see the black tea fundamentals, the English Breakfast guide, and the loose-leaf tea overview. For brewing technique see how to brew black tea and the teapot brewing guide.

The bottom line on Yorkshire Loose Leaf

The same Yorkshire blend you know from bags, but in larger leaf grade for pot brewing. Cup quality is meaningfully better than the bag equivalent; per-cup cost is comparable. Worth the switch for pot drinkers and multi-cup households. Worth buying the 500g or 1kg pack if your household drinks tea daily; per-cup cost drops to 3-5p at scale. Bag drinkers in single-cup households can stick with what they have; the convenience is real and the cup difference small.

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