

Taylors of Harrogate Decaffeinated Yorkshire: Keeping the Body in a Decaf

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summary: A decaffeinated black tea from Taylors of Harrogate, 160 bags in a 500g box. About 3.1g of leaf per bag keeps the malt and milk tolerance of a Yorkshire cup, provided you give it four minutes or more.

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Body is the hard part of any [decaf](#), because taking the [caffeine](#) out also takes weight out of the leaf.

Taylors answers with dose rather than cleverness, and that full bag is what lets this box pass for a proper Yorkshire mug at nine in the evening.

Why the leaf dose matters in a decaf

The caffeine is drawn out of the leaf physically, before blending and bagging, and the process never takes caffeine alone. Some aroma and some structure go too, and a poorly made decaf shows it as an empty patch mid-sip. The answer here is plain arithmetic: 500g shared across 160 bags puts roughly 3.1g of leaf in each, matching the fill of the caffeinated boxes.

Taylors, the family tea and coffee business in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, blends to a fixed cup specification rather than buying from one named garden, and its blenders taste each batch against that target. With a decaf the discipline counts twice, since the extraction step is one more variable to hold steady. The result colours up properly, carries milk without turning pale and finishes warm rather than dry.

What changes from the caffeinated blend

Set it beside the standard Yorkshire and the family likeness is plain: rounded malt, a sturdy body, a mug that stays brown under milk. The difference sits on the swallow. Most of the dry, brisk edge has gone, replaced by a very smooth finish with almost no rasp. That is what decaffeination costs, and it is not a flaw in the blending.

Decaffeinated does not mean caffeine free. Some caffeine remains, a small amount, and the current pack is where to read the method used and the residual level. Anyone who needs none at all should choose a herbal infusion instead. For a coffee drinker who wants the same kind of late cup, the Taylors Decaffé roasts are the natural counterpart.

Brewing for a full evening mug

Give it time. Pour on freshly boiled water and leave the bag for four minutes, or five if you take plenty of milk, and it stays smooth even at six. A quick two-minute dip is the surest way to be disappointed, because a decaf has less in reserve and needs the whole steep to fill the mug with colour and malt.

The 160-bag box suits a household that drinks it every evening, and a single big carton also means half the packaging for each cup compared with buying two 80-bag boxes. Keep it closed and away from the kettle's steam. For [biscuits](#), a milk [chocolate](#) digestive or a Rich Tea is the obvious partner, while a Ginger Nut gives the gentle malt something firm to push against.

The packs we stock

- [Taylors of Harrogate Decaffeinated Yorkshire, 160 Tea Bags 500g](#) (barcode 615357120747)

What the label says

The published ingredient list for Taylors of Harrogate Decaffeinated Yorkshire, 160 Tea Bags 500g (barcode 615357120747) names none of the 14 major allergens. Check the current UK pack before purchase; formulations and allergen advice can change.

Ingredients, as published: Decaffeinated black tea.

Ingredient and nutrition data for this barcode: [Open Food Facts \(openfoodfacts.org\)](https://openfoodfacts.org), ODbL. The pack in your hands is the final word.

What to eat with it

- [McVitie's Milk Chocolate Digestives Biscuits, 266g](#): a malty, milky evening mug and a chocolate digestive is the classic combination, and this decaf has the body to hold up its end.
- [McVitie's Rich Tea Biscuits, 300g](#): a plain, quick dunker that lets the soft malt of the blend come through.
- [McVitie's Ginger Nuts Biscuits, 250g](#): ginger warmth gives a very smooth, gentle cup a little contrast at the end of the day.
- [Border Butterscotch Crunch Organic Biscuits, 135g](#): buttery sweetness that matches the warm, rounded finish of the blend.

Elsewhere in the Taylors of Harrogate range

- [Taylors of Harrogate After Dark Roast Ground Coffee, 200g](#)
- [Taylors of Harrogate Brasilia Ground Coffee, 200g](#)

- [Taylors of Harrogate Decaffe Beans Roast Coffee, 200g](#)
- [Taylors of Harrogate Decaffe Ground, 10 Coffee Bags](#)
- [Taylors of Harrogate Decaffé Roast Ground Coffee, 200g](#)
- [Taylors of Harrogate Flying Start 5 Roast Coffee Beans, 700g](#)

The full range is on the [Taylors of Harrogate brand page](#).

FAQ

Is Taylors Decaffeinated Yorkshire caffeine free? No. Most of the caffeine is removed but a little remains in the leaf, so anyone who needs none at all should pick a herbal infusion.

How long should I brew decaf Yorkshire tea? Four minutes with freshly boiled water, five if you like plenty of milk. It stays smooth even at six.

Will it turn grey when the milk goes in? It should not. The fill of roughly 3.1g in each bag is there to hold colour and body under a generous splash.

How does it compare with the standard Yorkshire blend? The malt, body and milk tolerance carry over; most of the dry, brisk edge on the finish is lost to decaffeination.

What does the published label list? The ingredient list reads simply decaffeinated [black tea](#) and names none of the 14 major allergens. Check the current UK pack, as formulations can change.

Curator's note: For anyone who misses a proper mug after supper, this is the box I point to. Four minutes, milk after, and a digestive on the saucer. Lee, teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

In short: Taylors of Harrogate Decaffeinated Yorkshire: Keeping the Body in a Decaf

Field	Detail
Brand	Taylors of Harrogate
Packs we stock	160 Tea Bags 500g
Category	Everyday Tea Bags
Allergens (as published)	The published ingredient list for this barcode names none of the 14 major allergens.
Caffeine	decaffeinated
Best time	Evenings and after meals
Brew	Four to five minutes, milk welcome
Best with	Milk chocolate digestives or Rich Tea

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- [Yorkshire Tea: Range and Buying Guide](#)
- [How to Make Tea Properly: The Eight Step Method](#)
- [Caffeine in Tea](#)
- [Tea Pairing Principles: Reason, Don't Memorise](#)

- [Decaf Tea](#)
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