

Yorkshire Tea Decaf: Making It Taste Like the Original

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Yorkshire Tea Decaf: Making It Taste Like the Original, in summary: Yorkshire Tea Decaf is the everyday blend with most of the caffeine taken out, not all of it. Brew it four minutes instead of three, use a touch less milk, and it comes very close to the original mug.

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Decaffeinated is not the same as [caffeine](#) free: the process removes most of the caffeine, and a small amount remains. What makes this box worth buying is the starting point, because a brisk, robust everyday blend survives decaffeination far better than a delicate one.

Decaffeinated, not caffeine free

The label reads decaffeinated [black tea](#), and that wording is precise. Decaffeination strips out most of the caffeine rather than every trace of it, so a little remains in each mug. If you need none at all, a herbal infusion is the straightforward choice; no [decaf](#) black tea, this one included, can promise zero.

No method yet takes caffeine out without carrying some flavour away with it, and the lighter aromatic compounds go first. That is why the starting blend matters. Everyday Yorkshire is robust enough to lose a little and still taste like itself: the briskness softens, while the malty depth holds up well, so the cup comes across as rounded instead of thin.

Four minutes, not three

The single most useful adjustment is time. Decaffeination changes the structure of the leaf, and what remains comes out more slowly, so four minutes on the decaf does roughly the job that three does on the caffeinated blend. Use freshly boiled water and resist pulling the bag early; in our view short brews are where decaf earns its thin reputation.

Milk needs a lighter hand too. The bags carry just over three grams each, the same fill as the eighty-bag box, so there is proper body, but a touch less milk than you would pour into the caffeinated version keeps the malt in charge. Add it with the bag already out, and watch the colour rather than pouring on autopilot.

The box for the one who had to stop

Plenty of homes have one tea drinker who has had to cut out caffeine and would simply like to keep drinking what everyone else drinks. That is the job this box does. Brewed with an extra minute, it sits alongside the ordinary Yorkshire mugs without anyone needing a different teapot, a different ritual or an apology.

Forty is the right size for a single decaf drinker in a family of four, where an eighty-bag box would still be half full months later. If more of the household switches, the Decaffeinated Yorkshire 160 box is the larger decaf option on our shelves. Keep the small box closed and dry so the last bags taste like the first.

The packs we stock

- [Taylors of Harrogate Yorkshire Tea Decaf 40, 125g](#) (barcode 615357252240)

What the label says

The published ingredient list for Taylors of Harrogate Yorkshire Tea Decaf 40, 125g (barcode 615357252240) 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), ODbL. The pack in your hands is the final word.

What to eat with it

- [McVitie's Gluten Free Original Hobnobs Biscuits, 150g](#): a gluten-free Hobnob for an evening decaf mug when someone at the table also avoids gluten.
- [McVitie's Rich Tea The Classic One Twin Pack, 2 x 300g 600g](#): a plain biscuit that suits the softer, rounded decaf cup without overpowering it.
- [Border Classic Biscuit Sharing Pack, 400g](#): a sharing box for the evening pot, when the decaf mug joins the others.

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 Decaffeinated Yorkshire, 160 Tea Bags 500g](#)

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

FAQ

Is Yorkshire Tea Decaf caffeine free? No. It is decaffeinated, which removes most of the caffeine but not every trace. For none at all, choose a herbal infusion.

Why does my decaf taste weak? It probably needs longer. Give it four minutes rather than three, because the remaining flavour comes out of decaffeinated leaf more slowly.

Does it taste different from normal Yorkshire Tea? Slightly softer. The briskness is the first thing to fade, but the malt holds up, so it stays recognisably Yorkshire.

Are the bags lighter than in the caffeinated box? No. Forty bags in 125g is just over three grams each, the same fill as the eighty-bag box.

How is the caffeine removed? Producers use different methods and they are not equal in flavour terms. If it matters to you, the current pack or the brand is the place to check.

Curator's note: Give it the extra minute and ease off the milk. Do those two things and whoever is drinking the decaf gets a mug that looks and tastes like everyone else's. Lee, teas.co.uk, Tunbridge Wells.

In short: Yorkshire Tea Decaf: Making It Taste Like the Original

Field	Detail
Brand	Taylors of Harrogate
Packs we stock	125g
Category	Everyday Tea Bags
Allergens (as published)	The published ingredient list for this barcode names none of the 14 major allergens.
Caffeine	decaffeinated
Caffeine	Decaffeinated, not caffeine free
Brew	Four minutes
Milk	A little less than usual

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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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