4. Sunday Moors Circular Tour

Helmsley, Rievaulx Abbey, Bilsdale, Chop Gate, Stokesley, Great Ayton, Guisborough, Danby, and back to Kirkbymoorside

09:01 depart from Kirkbymoorside Market Place, outside Waind's Butchers, on service 28 arriving at Helmsley at 09.21.

You have a good hour in Helmsley before the next stage. (Cafes, toilets, shops, Helmsley Castle, Walled Garden, and a lovely place to have a wander.)

10:27 catch Moorsbus M4 from Helmsley Market Place (Monument) for the run up lovely Bilsdale.

The bus passes Rievaulx Abbey, the historic Spout House and the village of Chop Gate, before climbing to the crest of the Cleveland Hills and the Cleveland Way at Clay Bank.

Alight at **Stokesley High Street (11.14),** or **Great Ayton, High Green (11.27)**, or **Guisborough Market Place**, Stand D (11.41), where you have a further hour's break. *(Toilets, shops and cafes at each location.)*

Resume your journey (in the same direction, from the same stop), catching the next **Moorsbus M4** at **Stokesley (12.17), Great Ayton (12.27),** or **Moorsbus M3** at **Guisborough (12.44)**, to Danby Lodge National Park Centre, arriving at 13.10. (The **M4** changes to **M3** at Guisborough).

Danby Lodge National Park Centre features exhibitions, displays, art gallery, shop, tea rooms, trails, play areas and toilets. Free admission.

You then have a choice of returning to Kirkbymoorside:

(a) by the **13:43 Moorsbus M6** via Rosedale to Pickering (arr 14:37), followed by **bus 28 from Pickering Ropery** (Library) at 15:40 to Kirkbymoorside (arrive 16:01).

(b) You can have more time at Danby Lodge, catching the **15:43 Moorsbus M3**, travelling over the moors and via Hutton le Hole getting back to Kirkbymoorside at 16:25.

About Moorsbus

Moorsbus is a network of friendly local bus services designed and operated by a not-for-profit Community Interest Company, run entirely by volunteers and led by its passengers.

Using modern, wheelchair-friendly, low-emission vehicles with professional drivers from local bus operators, we help both locals and visitors get around the area without needing a car. We're helping society, the local economy and our environment - now and for future generations. *Fairer, greener and better.*

Finding out more

Pick up a copy of our timetable booklet - it includes all our services as well as maps and information about attractions and things to do. You'll find them in libraries, information centres and many shops. All the information is also available on our website **www.moorsbus.org**

We're supported by a number of bodies including North Yorkshire Council, York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Hull City Council, Howardian Hills National Landscape, the North York Moors Association and several town and parish councils.

But we still need to raise funds to ensure the services operate and so we've created the **'Donate Ticket'**. Many passengers (including those who benefit from 'free' travel through a concessionary pass) like to make an on-bus donation. Our special Donate Tickets can be bought from the driver and contribute to Moorsbus services for the future.

Just tell the driver you'd like to buy a Donate Ticket when you pay your normal fare, or when you show your pass. They're £2, £5 or £10. Although not valid for travel, they create more journeys next year because 100% of the money raised from Donate Tickets goes straight to Moorsbus.

We look forward to seeing you on a Moorsbus soon. You'll find a very warm welcome awaits you.

4 GREAT DAYS OUT

MOORSBUS

From Kirkbymoorside

Every Saturday, Sunday & Public Holiday
from 3 April to 27 September 2026

Catch the friendly Moorsbus for a great day out in the North York Moors and Howardian Hills. There are lots of choices but here we've chosen just four straight-forward trips for you to enjoy.

Maximum fare £3 for a single journey
where the service number changes, or you change bus, a new fare has to be paid.

£1 single journey for children & young people (5 to 18)

All-day Moors Rover tickets £10
(£3 child; £15 family). Single fares start at £1.

Cash or contactless payment
English National Concessionary Passes accepted

Just turn up and go!

Full timetables are available on the bus, on the website and from libraries, information centres and other outlets

www.moorsbus.org

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1. Saturday afternoon High Moors trip to Hutton le Hole, Blakey, Castleton or Danby

12:00 depart Kirkbymoorside Market Place, outside Chemist, on **Moorsbus M3** to Danby Lodge National Park Centre.

You have options to get off at:

Hutton-le-Hole Folk Museum (arrive 12.08, return Moorsbus M3 to Kirkbymoorside at 13.15 or 16.15),

Blakey Lion Inn (arr 12.20, return Moorsbus M3 at 13.03 or 16.03),

Castleton Downe Arms (arr 12.31, return Moorsbus M3 at 12.52 or 15.52) or

Danby Lodge National Park Centre (arr 12.40).

Danby Lodge National Park Centre (where the bus terminates) includes exhibitions and displays, an art gallery, children's play areas, the Crow Wood Trail, tea rooms, shop and toilets. This year the National Park Centre celebrates 50 years. ***Admission is free.***

If you've come all the way to Danby just for the ride, return almost immediately on **Moorsbus M3** at **12.43** (arrives in Kirkbymoorside at 13:25).

Or spend a leisurely 3 hours at Danby Lodge and catch **Moorsbus M3** at **15.43** (getting back to Kirkbymoorside at 16:25).

The return bus leaves from just outside the Danby Lodge gate, near the toilets).

Places you can visit by Moorsbus

Ampleforth Abbey
Byland Abbey
Castle Howard
Castleton
Coxwold
Cropton
Danby
Great Ayton
Great Broughton
Guisborough
Helmsley
Hovingham
Hutton le Hole
Ingleby Cross
Kirkbymoorside
Northallerton
Nunnington
Pickering
Rievaulx Abbey
Rosedale Abbey
Stokesley
Sutton Bank
Terrington
Thirsk

2. Saturday visit to Helmsley and Castle Howard

(or a shorter alternative to Nunnington)

09:57 depart Kirkbymoorside (outside Waind's butchers) on Service 28 to Helmsley, arriving 10.16.

10:42 depart Helmsley Market Place (Monument) on Moorsbus M8 to Castle Howard (arrive 11:22)

This part of the journey takes you via the thatched cottages of Harome, Nunnington Hall and the villages of Hovingham and Slingsby before arriving at Castle Howard.

The iconic ***Castle Howard*** *dates back to the early 1700s when John Vanbrugh designed the magnificent stately home. Brideshead Revisited and a number of other films have used Castle Howard as their centrepiece. In the Courtyard (free admission), you'll find a café, farm shop and garden centre.*

If you want to visit the ***Yorkshire Arboretum*** *it's best to get off the bus at the huge obelisk on the approach to Castle Howard.*

The Arboretum is signposted from there and is a 10 to 15 minute walk. Here you'll find more than 7,000 trees from around the world across a site of 128 acres. There's a café and toilets. Allow 2 – 3 hours. The bus will pick you up either at Castle Howard bus stop or at the Obelisk.

15:25 catch Moorsbus M8 from where you got off and arrive in Helmsley at 16:09.

Return to Kirkbymoorside on Service 28 at **16.30 from Helmsley**, arriving Kirkbymoorside at 16.47.

For a short Saturday morning version of this trip, take the **09.57 Service 28 from Kirkbymoorside** to Helmsley (arr 10.16), and the **10.42 Moorsbus M8**, *(both as above),* but get off at **Nunnington Hall at 10.57**.

You have almost an hour in Nunnington (Old Yard Coffee Shop, 5 minutes' walk) before catching **Moorsbus M8 at 11.54** back to Helmsley, arr 12.09. Return to Kirkbymoorside by the 12.30 Service 28, arriving Kirkbymoorside at 12.49.

3. Sunday afternoon trip to Rosedale Abbey

11:50 depart Kirkbymoorside (outside the Chemists) on Service 28 to Pickering Ropery (Co-op car park and toilets), arriving at 12.11.

12:45 depart Pickering Ropery (outside Library) on **Moorsbus M6** for Rosedale Abbey (Church), arriving at 13.09 for an hour's stop.

There are tea rooms and toilets in the village of Rosedale Abbey, as well as the award-winning studios of Gillies-Jones glassmakers.

Return by the same route:

14:13 M6 from Rosedale Abbey (Church – the same bus stop) to Pickering, arriving 14.37.

14:45 depart from Pickering (outside the library) on Moorsbus M3 to Kirkbymoorside (arrive at 15:00)

You could choose to spend an hour in Pickering, in which case depart **15.40** Pickering Ropery (outside Library) on Service 28 to Kirkbymoorside, arriving at 16.01.

NOTE: this trip involves one change of bus in each direction.

The all-day Moors Rover Ticket at £10 would represent a £2 saving. There are further concessionary fares, and the English National Concessionary Pass is accepted.

Moors Rover tickets are issued and accepted on every Moorsbus and (on Moorsbus operational days) :

East Yorkshire & Transdev 31X Kirkbymoorside - Helmsley - Easingwold - York;

East Yorkshire 28 Helmsley - Kirkbymoorside - Pickering - Scarborough;

Arriva 28 Middlesbrough - Guisborough;
63 Middlesbrough - Redcar; X4 / X4A Middlesbrough – Redcar - Whitby ; X93/X94 Middlesbrough - Whitby – Scarborough