

4. Sunday Grand Tour - Bilsdale, Helmsley, Pickering & Danby

(1 hour in Helmsley; 2¹/₂ hours in Pickering; 2¹/₂ hours at Danby Lodge)

09:14 depart Guisborough Market Place (Stand A) on Moorsbus M4 to Helmsley (arrive 10:27)

Spend an hour soaking up the charm of Helmsley or perhaps enjoy a coffee in one of the many cafes. Toilets are just off the Market Place in Borogate.

11:30 leave Helmsley Market Square (next to the Monument) on the 28 bus to Pickering (arrive 12:11)

The journey follows the edge of the Vale of Pickering through charming villages and the market town of Kirkbymoorside before arriving in Pickering. Toilets are by the bus stop.

There's a couple of hours in which to have a meal or snack, before enjoying Pickering's sights such as its castle, church with medieval wall paintings or see the activity at the North Yorkshire Moors Railway.

14:45 depart Pickering (outside the library) on Moorsbus M3 to Danby (arrive 15:40)

This part of the journey takes you through the pretty village of Hutton le Hole (with its Ryedale Folk Museum) and then climbs the high moorlands to the isolated Blakey Lion Inn. From here the bus passes Ralph Cross, the symbol of the North York Moors National Park, before descending into the Esk Valley and heading through Castleton to the Danby Lodge National Park Centre.

Here you'll find exhibitions, displays, an art gallery, shop, café, toilets, play areas and woodland walks - admission is free!

18:15 catch Moorsbus M3 from just outside the centre (by the toilets) to Guisborough (arrive 18:41)



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.

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GREAT DAYS OUT



From Guisborough

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 straightforward 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



1. Saturday afternoon trip to Danby (1½ hours at Danby Lodge)

12:44 depart Guisborough Market Place (Stand D) on Moorsbus M3 to Danby Lodge National Park Centre (arrive 13:10)

The journey takes you over the moors to Castleton and the Esk Valley before travelling through Ainthorpe and Danby. 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. Admission is free. This year the National Park Centre celebrates 50 years.

14:45 depart Danby Lodge (from just outside the gate, near the toilets) on Moorsbus M3 to Guisborough (arrive 15:11)

Places you can visit by Moorsbus

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

walk & ride

If you fancy a short stroll or a longer trek, Moorsbus will make

*the going easier. Check out **walk&ride** on the Moorsbus website, and also see lots of other walks we serve, including:*

- ◆ *Great Ayton to Stokesley (3 miles; 1.25 hours)*
- ◆ *Rievaulx to Helmsley (3 miles; 1.5 hours)*
- ◆ *Sutton Bank to Rievaulx (5 miles; 2 hours)*
- ◆ *Rosedale Abbey to Cropton 5.75 miles; 2.5hrs*

2. Saturday visit to Helmsley & Castle Howard

(4 hours at Castle Howard; 1 hour in Helmsley)

09:14 depart Guisborough Market Place (Stand A) on Moorsbus M4 to Helmsley (arrive 10:27)

The bus travels through Bilsdale, passing Rievaulx Abbey before arriving in Helmsley's Market Square. Get off here and cross the road to the Monument from where the next bus leaves 15 minutes later. (There are toilets nearby in Borogate.)

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. The extensive grounds feature many other stately monuments and follies. Brideshead Revisited and a number of other films have used Castle Howard as their centrepiece.*

In the Courtyard (free admission), you'll find a Farm Shop, Courtyard Cafe, Coffee 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, including some rare or endangered ones, 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.

There are lots of shops, pubs and cafes in Helmsley.

17:27 leave Helmsley Market Place (Monument) on Moorsbus M4 to Guisborough (arrive 18:41)

Alternatively, you could visit Nunnington Hall (National Trust) or Yorkshire Lavender at Terrington. Or simply spend 7 hours in Helmsley with its castle, walled gardens, Birds of Prey Centre and interesting shops and eating places.

3. Sunday outing to Helmsley (1½ hours in Helmsley)

11:44 leave Guisborough Market Place (Stand A) on Moorsbus M4 to Helmsley (arrive 12:57)

The bus will take you through Great Ayton and Stokesley, before climbing the Cleveland Hills at Clay Bank and then heading down through Bilsdale. You'll pass the magnificent ruins of Rievaulx Abbey before arriving in Helmsley's picturesque Market Square where you get off outside the Co-op.

Enjoy the many attractions of Helmsley - browse in its range of shops, enjoy tempting local food and drink, or visit Helmsley Castle, the Walled Garden or Birds of Prey Centre.

14:27 depart Helmsley Market Place (Monument) on Moorsbus M4 back to Guisborough (arrive 15:41)

If you want to extend your visit, there's another M4 back to Guisborough, leaving the Market Place at 17:27 (arriving in Guisborough at 18:41).

Take a trip to 'the finest view in England'

You could visit Sutton Bank which James Herriot called 'the finest view in England'.

At Sutton Bank you'll find a Visitor Centre with exhibitions and displays, toilets, a café and a range of easy walks and trails, including one to take you to that wonderful view.

On Saturdays catch a Moorsbus M4 up to Sutton Bank at 10:32 or 12:22 from Helmsley Market Place (outside the Co-op)

Buses back to Helmsley at 13:09 and 17:09 (the 17:09 goes straight back to Guisborough).

On Sundays catch a Moorsbus M4 up to Sutton Bank at 13:02 or 16:02 from Helmsley Market Place (outside the Co-op)

Buses back to Helmsley at 14:09 and 17:09 (both of which go from Sutton Bank to Helmsley and then on to Guisborough).