

4. Sundays and Bank Holidays Grand Tour of the Moors

Danby (1 hr), Ralph Cross, Rosedale (3 hrs), Cropton, Wreton, Pickering (1 hr), Helmsley (1 hr), Bilsdale.

(6 buses, 4 rest stops)

08:49 leave Middlesbrough Bus Station stand 8 on Moorsbus M3

Stay on the bus at Guisborough, enjoy the views all round as the bus leaves the main road and heads over the moors to Castleton, and Danby Lodge National Park Centre.

09:40 alight from M3 outside the National Park Centre.

Toilets conveniently near the gate. Take time to view the Inspired by ... Gallery or the story of the North York Moors, visit the cafe or Crow Wood, or wander round the grounds.

10:43 Be at the gates for the Moorsbus M6 to Rosedale Abbey and Pickering.

The M6 climbs high onto the moors, giving spectacular views as you pass Ralph Cross on the road to Rosedale.

11:13 Leave the bus at Rosedale Abbey (or you could stay on to Pickering (arrive 11:37) and spend more time there).

On the village green you'll find boards interpreting Rosedale's history of iron-making. Tea rooms and toilets.

14:13 Catch the Moorsbus M6 where you got off, and head for Pickering (arrive 14:37).

There are a great variety of places to eat and drink, as well as many shops, a flea market, Norman Castle and the steam engines of the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. Toilets are adjacent to the bus stop in The Ropery.

15:40 catch the East Yorkshire 28 bus from Pickering Ropery (Library side) to Helmsley (arrive 16:21)

Helmsley has many good shops, cafes, tea rooms, pubs. A castle and brewery. Toilets are just off the Market Square in Borogate.

You have one hour to explore Helmsley before boarding the **Moorsbus M4 from the Monument at 17:27** to Guisborough, admiring the views of Bilsdale on the way.

At Guisborough (18:41) cross the road to the **18:44 Moorsbus M3** to Middlesbrough (19:06), Stockton and Darlington.



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.

Places you can visit by Moorsbus

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

***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 Middlesbrough

**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 options but here we've chosen just four straight-forward trips for you to enjoy.

Timings are given from Middlesbrough Bus Station, but you can start your adventure from any of the bus stops along Cargo Fleet Lane/Ormesby Bank, from Brambles Farm (Northfleet Avenue) to Swans Corner, Nunthorpe.

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. Saturdays to Rievaulx Abbey (3½ hrs), Helmsley (2¾ hrs) & Sutton Bank (24 mins)

08:49 leave Middlesbrough (Bus Station Stand 8) on Moorsbus M3. The bus travels via Guisborough (where it changes number to M4) and Stokesley before climbing the crest of the Cleveland Hills before going down into Bilsdale.

10:18 get off the bus outside Rievaulx Abbey *see below for alternative

Rievaulx Abbey is one of the most impressive religious buildings in Britain. Founded in 1132, it developed into a hugely powerful abbey. Shop, tea rooms, museum and toilets. (English Heritage). *You could walk from Rievaulx to Helmsley along the route of the Cleveland Way. This will take about 1.5 hours for the 3 mile walk.*

13:38 catch Moorsbus M4 outside the Abbey for the trip to Helmsley (arrive 13:47)

Helmsley is a thriving market town with many good shops, cafes, tea rooms and pubs. Toilets are just off the Market Square in Borogate or there are more toilets in the Cleveland Way car park. Helmsley's ruined medieval castle (English Heritage) dates back to the 12th century and is well worth a visit. Helmsley Walled Garden, near the castle, is a wonderful peaceful space full of colourful flowers and shrubs, as well as a cafe and toilets. The National Centre for Birds of Prey is in the extensive grounds of Duncombe Park.

16:32 catch Moorsbus M4 (from outside the co-op) to Sutton Bank Visitor Centre (arrive 16:45)

James Heriot called this 'the finest view in England' and William Wordsworth wrote an ode to the panorama in 1802. There's a memorial stone to the Battle of Byland in 1322: one of the last battles actually led by reigning kings. Sutton Bank Visitor Centre has a café, displays, information centre, toilets and is the base for lots of walks. *see below for alternative

17:09 depart Sutton Bank Visitor Centre on Moorsbus M4

19:06 arrive at Middlesbrough Bus Station

** If you are tempted to spend the afternoon at Sutton Bank instead of visiting Rievaulx Abbey, stay on the bus to Helmsley (arr. 10:27), explore Helmsley for nearly 2 hours, then catch the Moorsbus M4 outside the Co-op to Sutton Bank at 12:22 (arrive 12:35). Then return at 17:09 as above.*

2. Sundays & Bank Holidays to Castle Howard (3 hrs)

08:49 Middlesbrough Bus Station stand 8 catch Moorsbus M3

09:11 Guisborough alight M3, cross road and **board Moorsbus M4 to Helmsley at 09:14** (arrive Helmsley 10:27)

Enjoy the delights of this market town with its many places to eat and drink, as well as interesting shops, a medieval castle, walled garden and the National Birds of Prey Centre.

11:42 catch Moorsbus M8 to Castle Howard from next to the Monument

You travel through the village of Harome with its thatched cottages, cross the River Rye at Nunnington and then pass through Hovingham before reaching Castle Howard.

12:22 get off 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 Farm Shop, Courtyard Cafe, Coffee Shop and Garden Centre.

The Yorkshire Arboretum is a 10 to 15 minute walk but you'll need to allow 2 – 3 hours for a visit so realistically you can't visit Castle Howard and the Yorkshire Arboretum on the same day. The Arboretum comprises more than 7,000 trees from around the world, including rare ones. The stunning landscape creates a haven of peace and tranquillity, shared with red squirrels. There's a café specialising in the very best of seasonal, home-cooked food. Toilets.

15:25 catch Moorsbus M8 back to Helmsley (arriving 16:09)

The route takes you through the stunning Howardian Hills National Landscape and back to Helmsley

17:27 catch M4 to Guisborough from the Monument

18:41 Guisborough, get off and cross road to the 18:44 Moorsbus M3 to Middlesbrough arrive Middlesbrough Bus Station stand 17 at 19:06 (bus continues to Stockton and Darlington)

Instead of visiting Castle Howard or the Yorkshire Arboretum, you could plan to visit Nunnington Hall (National Trust) or Yorkshire Lavender. Just use our timetables to plan your visit.

3. Sundays & Bank Holidays Hutton le Hole (3 hrs) & Pickering (3.5 hrs), (and option to visit Thornton le Dale)

08:49 leave Middlesbrough Bus Station stand 8 on Moorsbus M3

Stay on the bus at Guisborough and enjoy ride over the moors to Danby Lodge National Park Centre and then the picturesque Hutton Le Hole.

10:15 get off outside the Ryedale Folk Museum

As well as many preserved buildings, the Museum has an exhibition space and gift shop. There are several cafes, a pub and craft workshops and lots of walks around the village. Toilets at the car-park on the Lastingham road.

13:15 catch the Moorsbus M3 outside the Folk Museum to Pickering via Kirkbymoorside. *(You could stay all day in Hutton le Hole and get the Moorsbus M3 opposite the Folk Museum at 17:38 all the way back to Middlesbrough.)*

13:38 get off the bus at Pickering Ropery bus stop

Pickering is a thriving market town with lots of eating and drinking places, shops and a flea market. Pickering Castle (English Heritage) is a superb example of a Norman castle, there's the Parish church with medieval wall paintings and the steam engines of the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. Toilets are adjacent to the bus stop in The Ropery.

If you'd like a quick, hour-long visit to the charming village of Thornton le Dale, you could catch the East Yorkshire 28 bus from Pickering at 14:15 to Thornton le Dale (arrive 14:22) where you'll find cafes, pubs and shops. Toilets are near the duckpond.

Leave Thornton le Dale at 15:29 on the EY 28 bus journey back to Pickering (arrives 15:36) *Alternatively see below

17:15 leave Pickering Ropery (Library side) on the Moorsbus M3 all the way back to Middlesbrough (arrive 19:06)

**Or stay on the EY 28 to Helmsley (arrives 16:21). and catch the Moorsbus M4 from the Monument at 17:27 to Guisborough, admiring the views of Bilsdale on the way.. At Guisborough (18:41) cross the road to the 18:44 Moorsbus M3 to Middlesbrough (19:06), Stockton and Darlington.*