

5. Sundays and Bank Holidays Thirsk, Northallerton or Stokesley

11:33 leave Helmsley Market Place (outside the co-op) on Moorsbus M5

The journey takes you through Ampleforth and Wass before passing the ruins of Byland Abbey. In Coxwold you'll pass the unusual octagonal tower of the 15th century parish church (on the left), and a little further (on the right) is Shandy Hall which dates from around the same time and was the home of Laurence Sterne the author.

12:11 arrive in Thirsk Market Place

Shops, cafes, pubs, toilets, the World of James Herriot

Or stay on the bus and continue to Northallerton or Stokesley

12:39 arrive in Northallerton

Shops, cafes, pubs, toilets

13:14 arrive in Stokesley

Shops, cafes, pubs, toilets

Return journey:

14:39 leave Stokelsey on Moorsbus M5 from the same stop where you got off

15:14 leave Northallerton (Buck Inn) on Moorsbus M5

15:42 leave Thirsk Market Place on Moorsbus M5

16:20 arrive Helmsley Market Place

6. Sundays and Bank Holidays Pickering & Rosedale Abbey

09:30 catch Bus 28 from Helmsley Market Square (by the Monument) to Pickering

10:11 arrive Pickering

12:45 leave Pickering Ropery (outside the library) on Moorsbus M6 to Rosedale Abbey

13:09 arrive Rosedale Abbey

Tea rooms, toilets and Gillies-Jones glassmakers

14:13 leave Rosedale Abbey on Moorsbus M6 to Pickering

14:37 arrive Pickering

15:40 leave Pickering Ropery (outside the library) on bus 28 to Helmsley (arrive 16:21)



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 Helmsley

**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 six 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



1. Saturdays to Rievaulx Abbey (2 hrs) & tour of the Howardian Hills

11:27 leave Helmsley Market Place (Monument side) on **Moorsbus M4** towards Guisborough

11:36 get off at Rievaulx Abbey

Rievaulx Abbey is one of Britain's most impressive religious buildings. Founded in 1132, it developed into a hugely powerful abbey with over 500 monks and lay brothers. Shop, tea rooms, museum and toilets. (English Heritage).

You could choose to visit Rievaulx Terrace and Temples, in which case ask the driver to drop you by the entrance to the Terrace (at the top of Rievaulx Bank).

There's also a great walk back to Helmsley from Rievaulx following the route of the Cleveland Way. It's 3 miles (1.5 hours). (From the Abbey, walk south along the road to Rievaulx Bridge, turn left and join the Cleveland Way.)

13:38 catch the Moorsbus M4 outside Rievaulx Abbey back to Helmsley (arrive 13:47).

14:42 catch Moorsbus M8 from Helmsley Market Place (by the monument)

The bus travels via the thatched cottage of Harome, past Nunnington Hall, and Hovingham before arriving at Castle Howard. From here it heads to Terrington and then back to Hovingham and Helmsley, where it arrives at **16:09**.

2. Saturdays to Stokesley (3 hrs) or Great Ayton (3 hrs)

Instead of visiting Rievaulx Abbey and the Howardian Hills you could spend a few hours in Stokesley or Great Ayton. They are both lovely places with shops, cafes, pubs and toilets. Great Ayton also has the Captain Cook Schoolroom Museum where the famous explorer is celebrated.

11:27 leave Helmsley Market Place (Monument side) on **Moorsbus M4** towards Guisborough

12:14 get off at Stokesley or at **12:27** at Great Ayton

Return to Helmsley on Moorsbus M4

15:28 leave **Great Ayton** or **15:39** leave **Stokesley**

16:27 arrive in Helmsley

3. Sundays & Bank Holidays to Castle Howard (3 hrs) & the Howardian Hills National Landscape

11:42 catch Moorsbus M8 to Castle Howard from Helmsley Market Place (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. The estate is dotted with iconic buildings and memorials and the huge lake. 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

The route takes you through the stunning Howardian Hills National Landscape, calling at Terrington, Hovingham, Nunnington and Harome and back to Helmsley, arriving at 16:09

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.

4. Sundays & Bank Holidays Grand tour of the moors with 1.5 hours at Danby Lodge National Park Centre

11:30 leave Helmsley Market Place (by the monument) on Bus 28 towards Scarborough

11:50 get off at Kirkbymoorside Market Place

12:00 catch Moorsbus M3 to Danby from the same stop where you got off

After leaving Kirkbymoorside, you travel through the picture postcard village of Hutton le Hole before starting the spectacular climb up onto the North York Moors. You pass the isolated Lion Inn, then Ralph Cross with views of the North Sea. From here the journey takes you down into the Esk Valley, passing through Castleton and then to Danby Lodge National Park Centre.

12:40 get off at the National Park Centre

Danby Lodge has exhibitions, displays, an art gallery, tea rooms, toilets, woodland trails, picnic and play areas. Free admission.

14:15 catch Moorsbus M3 to Guisborough (& Helmsley)

Stay on the bus at Guisborough for the amazing journey back to Helmsley. You travel via Great Ayton, Stokesley and then climb the Cleveland Hills before dropping down to the village of Chop Gate and into Bilsdale. After passing the historic Spout House cruck-framed cottage, the bus stops at Rievaulx Abbey before heading into Helmsley where it arrives at 15:57.

If you want to complete a tour of the moors, you could head up to Sutton Bank. According to vet James Herriot this is 'the finest view in England' and Wordsworth thought it worthy of a sonnet when he visited here in 1802. There's a National Park Visitor Centre here with café, exhibitions and toilets.

If you want a short visit to Sutton Bank, stay on **Moorsbus M4 to Sutton Bank** (it departs at 16:02)

16:15 arrive Sutton Bank

17:09 depart Sutton Bank

17:22 arrive Helmsley Market Place