

5. Sundays & Bank Holidays

Grand tour of the North York Moors: Danby, Bilsdale, Helmsley

11:45 catch Moorsbus M3 from outside Pickering library to Danby (*there's an earlier Moorsbus M6 bus at 09:45 if you want to spend longer at Danby, possibly to enjoy a walk: this bus takes you through Rosedale and arrives at Danby Lodge at 10:39*)

14:15 at Danby Lodge catch Moorsbus M3 to Guisborough where it arrives at 14:41: stay on this bus as it becomes M4 to Helmsley (leaving at 14:44) You will need to re-swipe your ticket or pass as the bus has changed route number.

Your tour now heads through charming Great Ayton (where Captain James Cook went to school), through the market town of Stokesley and then climbs the Cleveland Hills at Clay Bank. For the next part of the journey you follow the River Rye all the way to Helmsley, passing the splendid ruins of Rievaulx Abbey.

15:57 arrive in Helmsley

Toilets and cafes

16:12 catch Moorsbus M7 from next to the Monument.

16:36 arrive in Pickering

Or if you want a little bit longer, you can catch the

16:30 EY 28 bus which gets you back to Pickering at 17:11

You could do this circular tour in reverse as follows:

10:40 catch 28 bus from Pickering Ropery (outside the library) to Helmsley (arrive 11:21)

11:27 leave Helmsley (Monument bus stop) on M4 to Guisborough

12:41 arrive in Guisborough but stay on the bus

12:44 leave Guisborough on Moorsbus M3

13:10 arrive Danby Lodge

15:43 leave Danby Lodge on Moorsbus M3 to Pickering

16:38 arrive Pickering

There's a later bus from Danby Lodge at 16:43 which will get you back to Pickering at 17:37. This is Moorsbus M6 and travels via Rosedale.



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.***

5 GREAT DAYS OUT



From Pickering

**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.

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 Sutton Bank, Rievaulx Abbey (2hrs) & Helmsley (2½hrs)

09:37 leave Pickering (Ropery - library side) on EY 28 to Helmsley

10:16 get off the bus in Helmsley Market Square

10:32 catch Moorsbus M4 from outside the other side of the road (outside the co-op) for the journey to Sutton Bank

10:45 arrive at Sutton Bank Visitor Centre (exhibition, café, toilets) and a short walk to James Herriot's 'the finest view in England.' Wordsworth was also impressed with the view and wrote a sonnet about it. Sutton Bank is also the site of the Battle of Byland between England and Scotland in 1322.

11:09 catch Moorsbus M4 to Helmsley

11:22 arrive in Helmsley but stay on the bus as it then leaves for Rievaulx Abbey at 11:27

11:36 arrive at Rievaulx Abbey

Rievaulx Abbey is one of the most impressive religious buildings in Britain. Founded in 1132, it developed into a hugely powerful abbey. Shop, tea room, 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. (If you want just a short visit to Helmsley, you could catch the earlier 28 bus at 14:30 which will get back to Pickering at 15:08, otherwise:

16:30 catch EY 28 from by the Monument for the journey back to Pickering

17:08 arrive in Pickering

2. Saturdays to Danby (2hrs) & Hutton le Hole (3hrs)

09:45 leave Pickering (Ropery - library side) on Moorsbus M6 to Danby via Rosedale

The journey takes you through Rosedale, climbing onto the high moors and then descending into the Esk Valley and Danby.

10:39 arrive at Danby Lodge National Park Centre

At Danby Lodge you'll find exhibitions, displays, an art gallery, shop, café, toilets, picnic and play areas. Free admission.

12:43 leave Danby Lodge on Moorsbus M3 to Hutton le Hole

13:15 arrive in Hutton le Hole and get off outside the museum

In this picturesque village you'll find cafes, a pub and toilets. But the main attraction is the award-winning Ryedale Folk Museum with over 20 historic buildings set in a 6 acre site.

16:15 catch Moorsbus M3 from outside the museum.

16:38 arrive in Pickering

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

11:15 leave Pickering (Ropery bus stop outside the library) on Moorsbus M7 to Helmsley

11:39 arrive Helmsley Market Place stay on the bus, although you'll have to re-swipe your ticket or pass as the bus changes route number here

11:42 leave Helmsley on Moorsbus M8 to Castle Howard

12:22 arrive 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, shops and toilets.

15:25 leave Castle Howard on Moorsbus M8

16:09 arrive Helmsley stay on the bus, although you'll have to re-swipe your ticket or pass

16:12 leave Helmsley on Moorsbus M7 for Pickering

16:36 arrive Pickering

4. Sundays & Bank Holidays to Thirsk, Northallerton or Stokesley

10:40 leave Pickering (Ropery bus stop outside the library) on bus 28 to Helmsley

11:21 arrive Helmsley Market Place cross road and board Moorsbus M5 to Thirsk, Northallerton and Stokesley

11:33 depart on Moorsbus M5 to Thirsk, Northallerton and Stokesley

The bus travels via Ampleforth and Wass, before passing the majestic ruins of Byland Abbey. A little further is Coxwold where you'll see the octagonal tower of the parish church on your left. A few hundred yards further on but on the right hand side of the road, is historic Shandy Hall, home of novelist Laurence Sterne.

12:11 arrive Thirsk Market Place

You could spend the day here (shops, cafes, pubs, toilets and the 'World of James Herriot'), catching Moorsbus M5 back to Helmsley at 15:42 (arrives in Helmsley at 16:20).

Or stay on the bus to Northallerton and Stokesley.

12:39 arrive Northallerton

If you're spending the day in Northallerton browsing the shops, cafes and pubs, you'll need to catch the M5 bus back to Helmsley at 15:14 (arrives back in Helmsley at 16:20). Or stay on to Stokesley.

13:14 arrive Stokesley

Enjoy the delights of this market town with its many places to eat and drink, as well as interesting shops and pleasant walks.

15:09 catch Moorsbus M4 from Stokesley to Helmsley via Bilsdale. *This route takes you through Great Broughton before climbing the Cleveland Hills at Clay Bank. For the next part of the journey you follow the River Rye all the way to Helmsley, passing Rievaulx Abbey and arriving in Helmsley at 15:57*

Whichever option you've chosen (Thirsk, Northallerton or Stokesley) you'll be back in Helmsley for the 28 bus to Pickering.

16:30 leave Helmsley on bus 28 to Pickering

17:11 arrive Pickering