

6. Sundays and Bank Holidays

Moors and Dales tour (Helmsley 1 hr,
Danby 1 hr & Pickering 1hr)

09:39 leave Stokesley High Street on Moorsbus M4 to Helmsley

The journey climbs the Cleveland Hills and then follows Bilsdale, passing Rievaulx Abbey before getting to Helmsley

10:27 arrive Helmsley

11:30 depart Helmsley (Market Place by the monument) on bus 28 to Kirkbymoorside

11:50 arrive Kirkbymoorside

12:00 leave Kirkbymoorside (same stop) on Moorsbus M3 to Danby

The bus travels through the picture postcard village of Hutton le Hole and then up onto the central moorlands, passing the isolated Lion Inn before dropping down into the Esk Valley and arriving at Danby

12:40 arrive Danby Lodge Visitor Centre

Danby Lodge has toilets, tea rooms, a shop, art gallery, displays and lots of other things to do. If you want to spend longer at Danby and miss out Rosedale and Pickering, catch the 14:15 M3 bus to Guisborough and Stokesley which gets you to Stokesley at 15:06. Otherwise:

13:43 catch Moorsbus M6 from Danby Lodge to Pickering

Your journey takes you back onto the moors, passing several moorland crosses before entering Rosedale

14:37 arrive Pickering

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

16:21 arrive Helmsley

You could leave Helmsley (outside the co-op) at 16:33 on Moorsbus M5 travelling back to Stokesley via Coxwold, Thirsk and Northallerton (arriving in Stokesley at 18:14).

Otherwise the shorter bus journey via Bilsdale leaves Helmsley (by the monument) at 17:27:

17:27 depart Helmsley on Moorsbus M4 to Stokesley

18:14 arrive Stokesley



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	And many more
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 Stokesley

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). **Rover tickets give all-day travel on any Moorsbus, plus EY 28, 31X, Arriva 28, 63, X4, X4A, 5, X93, X94.**

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 (3 hrs) & Helmsley (3 hrs)

09:39 leave Stokesley High Street on **Moorsbus M4** towards Helmsley

10:18 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).

There's 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).

17:09 catch **Moorsbus M4** from Helmsley Market Place (by the monument)

18:14 arrive at Stokesley (High Street)

2. Saturdays to Castle Howard (4 hrs)

09:39 leave Stokesley High Street on **Moorsbus M4** to Helmsley

10:27 arrive Helmsley

10:42 leave Helmsley Market Place (Monument side) on **Moorsbus M8** to Castle Howard

The journey takes you through the splendid countryside of the Howardian Hills. Instead of visiting Castle Howard, you could choose to visit the National Trust's Nunnington Hall (arrive 10:57 depart 15:54) or Yorkshire Lavender (arrive 11:35 depart 15:35).

11:22 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 from Castle Howard 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. There's a café specialising in home-cooked food. Toilets

15:25 leave Castle Howard on **Moorsbus M8** to Helmsley

16:09 arrive in Helmsley

17:09 depart Helmsley on **Moorsbus M4** to Stokesley

18:14 arrive Stokesley

3. Sundays & Bank Holidays to Helmsley (2.5 hrs), Sutton Bank (45 mins) and Rievaulx Abbey (3 hrs)

09:39 leave Stokesley High Street on **Moorsbus M4** to Helmsley

10:27 arrive Helmsley

Enjoy the many attractions of this market town—shops, tea rooms, cafes, pubs, Helmsley Castle, the Helmsley Walled Garden, the National Centre for Birds of Prey.

13:02 catch **Moorsbus M4** to Sutton Bank from Helmsley Market Place (next to the Co-op)

13:15 arrive at Sutton Bank Visitor Centre

See James Herriot's 'Finest View in England' and the site of the Battle of Byland. The Visitor Centre has displays, a café, toilets and lots of trails. (If you need longer at Sutton Bank, you could catch the last bus at 17:09 which will take you all the way back to Stokesley, arriving at 18:14). Or if you want to spend time at Rievaulx Abbey catch the 14:09 bus as follows:

14:09 leave Sutton Bank on **Moorsbus M4** to Rievaulx Abbey

14:36 arrive Rievaulx Abbey

Founded in 1131, Rievaulx Abbey rapidly grew to become the greatest and most prosperous of the Cistercian Abbeys in Britain. At its height it supported over 600 monks and lay brothers. Explore the magnificent ruins, the museum and enjoy the tea rooms and shop. Toilets.

17:36 depart Rievaulx Abbey on **Moorsbus M4**

18:14 arrive Stokesley

4. Sundays & Bank Holidays in the Howardian Hills

09:39 leave Stokesley High Street on **Moorsbus M4** to Helmsley

10:27 arrive Helmsley

Enjoy an hour in the lovely market town with its many shops and cafes. Toilets are just off the market place

11:42 leave Helmsley Market Place (by the monument) on **Moorsbus M8** to Castle Howard

There are at least five things you could do now.

1. Spend almost 4 hours at the National Trust's Nunnington Hall (arrive 11:57, depart 15:54)
2. Spend 3 hours at Castle Howard (arrive 12:22, depart 15:25)
3. Spend 3 hours at the Yorkshire Arboretum (arrive 12:22, depart 15:25)
4. Spend 3 hours at Yorkshire Lavender in Terrington (arrive 12:35, depart 15:35)
5. Enjoy a circular tour of the Howardian Hills and then have lunch and enjoy the sights of Helmsley (circular tour arrives back in Helmsley at 13:09)

16:09 **Moorsbus M8** from Nunnington, Castle Howard and Terrington arrives back in Helmsley

17:27 catch **Moorsbus M4** from Helmsley Market Square (by the monument)

18:14 arrive in Stokesley

5. Sundays and Bank Holidays in Thirsk, Northallerton or Helmsley

09:39 leave Stokesley on **Moorsbus M5**

10:11 arrive Northallerton (return to Stokesley at 12:42 or 17:42)

10:39 arrive Thirsk (return to Stokesley at 12:14 or 17:14)

11:20 arrive Helmsley

16:33 depart Helmsley

17:14 depart Thirsk

17:42 depart Northallerton

18:14 arrive Stokesley