

6. Sundays and Bank Holidays

Rosedale & Pickering (Rosedale 1 hr & Pickering 1hr)

10:42 leave Thirsk Market Place on **Moorsbus M5**

11:20 arrive at Helmsley

11:30 catch bus **28** to Pickering from the Monument

12:11 arrive Pickering

Toilets are by the bus stop and cafes nearby. (You could spend the whole day here leaving Pickering at 15:40.

Pickering has a wide variety of shops, a flea market, pubs, castle, steam railway, medieval wall-paintings in parish church. But if you want to enjoy the ride to Rosedale, catch the 12:45 Moorsbus as follows

12:45 leave Pickering from outside the library on **Moorsbus M6** to Rosedale

13:09 arrive Rosedale Abbey

There are tea rooms and toilets in Rosedale Abbey, and the world-famous Gillies-Jones glassmakers' studio

14:13 leave Rosedale Abbey on **Moorsbus M6** to Pickering

14:37 arrive Pickering

Shops, flea market, cafes, pubs, steam railway, castle

15:40 leave Pickering from outside the library on bus **28** to Helmsley

16:21 arrive Helmsley

16:33 depart Helmsley on **Moorsbus M5** (by the Co-op)

17:11 arrive Thirsk

7. Sundays and Bank Holidays

Short visit to Stokesley (1 hr)

12:14 leave Thirsk Market Place on **Moorsbus M5** to Stokesley

The bus travels via Northallerton and Swainby

13:14 arrive in Stokesley

14:39 leave Stokesley on **Moorsbus M5** to Thirsk

15:39 arrive Thirsk



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 THIRSK

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 seven 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 (2hrs) & Helmsley (3 hrs)

09:42 leave Thirsk Market Place on Moorsbus M5 to Helmsley

The bus takes you past Shandy Hall in Coxwold, past Byland Abbey and through Ampleforth

10:20 get off at Helmsley Market Place

11:27 catch Moorsbus M4 to Rievalux Abbey from by the Monument

11:36 arrive 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 600 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).

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.

16:33 catch Moorsbus M5 from Helmsley Market Place (by the Co-op)

17:11 arrive in Thirsk

2. Saturdays to Castle Howard (4 hrs)

09:42 leave Thirsk Market Place on Moorsbus M5 to Helmsley

10:20 arrive at 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 arrive 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 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

16:33 catch Moorsbus M5 from Helmsley (by the Co-op)

17:11 arrive in Thirsk

3. Sundays & Bank Holidays

Moorland tour with 1½ hrs at Danby

10:42 leave Thirsk Market Place on Moorsbus M5

11:20 arrive at Helmsley

11:30 catch bus 28 to Kirkbymoorside from the Monument

11:50 get off in Kirkbymoorside

12:00 leave Kirkbymoorside on Moorsbus M3 to Danby

12:40 arrive Danby Lodge

Exhibitions, shop, art gallery, tea room, toilets, picnic and play areas (free admission)

14:15 depart Danby Lodge on Moorsbus M3 to Guisborough

Stay on this bus in Guisborough (although you'll need to re-swipe your ticket or pass). The bus travels through Bilsdale, passing Rievaulx Abbey on its way to Helmsley.

15:57 arrive in Helmsley

16:33 depart Helmsley on Moorsbus M5 (by the Co-op)

17:11 arrive Thirsk

4. Sundays & Bank Holidays in the Howardian Hills

10:42 leave Thirsk Market Place on Moorsbus M5

11:20 arrive at Helmsley

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

There are at least four 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 or the Yorkshire Arboretum (arrive 12:22, depart 15:25)
3. Spend 3 hours at Yorkshire Lavender in Terrington (arrive 12:35, depart 15:35)
4. 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

16:33 catch Moorsbus M5 from Helmsley (by the Co-op)

17:11 arrive in Thirsk

5. Sundays and Bank Holidays in Danby (1 hr) & Pickering (1 hr)

10:42 leave Thirsk Market Place on Moorsbus M5

11:20 arrive at Helmsley

11:30 catch bus 28 to Kirkbymoorside from the Monument

11:50 get off in Kirkbymoorside

12:00 leave Kirkbymoorside on Moorsbus M3 to Danby (from the same stop where you got off)

12:40 arrive Danby Lodge

13:43 leave Danby on Moorsbus M6 to Pickering

14:37 arrive Pickering

15:40 leave Pickering by the library on **bus 28 to Helmsley**

16:21 arrive Helmsley

16:33 depart Helmsley on Moorsbus M5 (by the Co-op)

17:11 arrive Thirsk