

5. Sundays & Bank Holidays Grand tour of the North York Moors: Danby, Bilsdale, Helmsley

09:22 catch Moorsbus M6 from outside Malton Station to Danby : *this bus takes you through Rosedale and arrives at Danby Lodge at 10:39*

Danby Lodge (free admission) features an exhibition, shop, café, art gallery, walks, play areas and toilets

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

16:45 leave Pickering (Ropery - Co-op side) on Moorsbus M1 to Malton (arrive 17:05)

Or if you want a little bit longer in Helmsley, you can catch

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

17:42 leave Pickering (Ropery - Co-op) on Moorsbus M6 to Malton where you arrive at 18:02

You could do this circular tour in reverse as follows:

Malton dep 09:22 on Moorsbus M6 >

Pickering dep 10:40 on EY 28 >

Helmsley dep 11:27 on Moorsbus M4 >

Guisborough dep 12:44 on Moorsbus M3 >

Danby dep 15:43 on Moorsbus M3 >

Pickering dep 16:45 on Moorsbus M1 >

Malton arrive 17:05.

Catching the bus in Malton. Both M1 and M6 buses call at Malton Railway Station, and then travel via Old Malton to Eden Camp and Pickering. (The M1 service operates from Hull via Norton; the M6 service comes from York past the York Road Industrial Estate. You can catch the Moorsbus at any normal bus stop along these routes.



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.

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'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.

***We look forward to seeing you on a Moorsbus soon.
You'll find a very warm welcome awaits you.***

5 GREAT DAYS OUT



From Malton & Norton

**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 five 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)

09:12 leave Malton Railway Station on Moorsbus M6

09:32 arrive Pickering Ropery

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 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 has many good shops, cafes, tea rooms and pubs. Toilets are just off the Market Square in Borogate. Helmsley's medieval castle (English Heritage) dates back to the 12th century and 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.

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

17:08 arrive in Pickering

17:42 catch Moorsbus M6 from Pickering Ropery

18:02 arrive back in Malton

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

09:12 leave Malton Railway Station on Moorsbus M6

The bus travels via Pickering and Rosedale to 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

16:45 depart Pickering on Moorsbus M1

17:05 arrive in Malton

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

10:40 leave Malton Railway Station on Moorsbus M1

11:00 arrive Pickering Ropery

11:15 leave Pickering (where you got off the bus) on Moorsbus M7 to Helmsley

11:39 arrive Helmsley Market Place *stay on the bus, (re-swipe your ticket / pass as the bus changes route number here*

11:42 leave Helmsley on Moorsbus M8 to Castle Howard

12:22 arrive Castle Howard

John Vanbrugh designed the iconic Castle Howard 300 years ago. 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

16:45 leave Pickering (Co-op side) on Moorsbus M1 to Malton (arrive 17:05)

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

09:22 leave Malton Railway Station on Moorsbus M6

09:42 arrive Pickering

10:40 leave Pickering (same stop where you got off) 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, before passing the majestic ruins of Byland Abbey. A little further you'll pass historic Shandy Hall in Coxwold, 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 many places to eat and drink, as well as interesting shops and great 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 at 15:57

16:12 leave Helmsley on Moorsbus M7 to Pickering

16:36 arrive Pickering (Co-op side)

16:45 leave Pickering (Co-op side) on Moorsbus M1 to Malton (arrive 17:05)