

11:52 leave Byland Abbey (abbeyside of road) on Moorsbus M5

The journey takes you to Coxwold where you'll pass the unusual 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 author Laurence Sterne.

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 and Stokesley

13:14 arrive in Stokesley

Shops, cafes, pubs, toilets

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

15:42 leave Thirsk Market Place on Moorsbus M5

16:20 arrive Helmsley Market Place

17:33 leave Helmsley Market Place (outside the co-op) on Moorsbus M31 to Easingwold

18:11 arrive Easingwold

6. Sundays and Bank Holidays

Pickering & Rosedale Abbey

09:44 Catch Moorsbus M31 from Easingwold Market Place to Helmsley

10:22 arrive in Helmsley (Cafes, pubs, shops, toilets)

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

12:11 get off at Pickering (Ropery) by the toilets

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)

17:33 leave Helmsley Market Place (outside the co-op) on Moorsbus M31 to Easingwold

18:11 arrive Easingwold

Alternatively you could spend the whole day (12:45 to 15:40) in Pickering with its castle, steam railway, shops, cafes and pubs.



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

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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 Easingwold

**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, X81, York & Country 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 (2 hrs) & tour of the Howardian Hills

10:16 Leave Easingwold George Hotel on 31X to Helmsley
11:00 get off in Helmsley (cafes, pubs, shops, toilets)
11:27 leave Helmsley Market Place (same bus stop where you got off) on **Moorsbus M4** towards Guisborough
11:36 get off at Rievaulx Abbey

Founded in 1132, Rievaulx Abbey became a hugely powerful abbey and one of Britain’s most impressive religious buildings. Shop, cafe, museum, toilets. (English Heritage).

There’s also a great walk back to Helmsley from Rievaulx. 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).

*If you want to spend a couple of hours in Helmsley with its castle, walled garden, birds of prey centre, and shops, cafes, pubs and tearooms you could catch the 31X back to Easingwold at **16:00** (from outside Helmsley co-op) arriving into Easingwold at **16:46**.*

For a circular tour of the Howardian Hills National Landscape:

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

The bus travels via Harome, past Nunnington Hall, and Hovingham before arriving at Castle Howard. From here it heads to Terrington and then back to Hovingham and Helmsley. If you’d like to visit Castle Howard, Nunnington Hall or Yorkshire Lavender see trip 3 (Sundays)

16:09 arrive Helmsley Market Place

17:51 leave Helmsley on 31X to Easingwold (arrive 18:32)

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

10:16 Leave Easingwold George Hotel on 31X to Helmsley
11:00 arrive Helmsley
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

Both Stokesley and Great Ayton are lovely streamside places, with shops, cafes, toilets. At Great Ayton you’ll find the Captain Cook Schoolroom Museum where the famous explorer is celebrated.

Return to Helmsley on Moorsbus M4

15:28 leave **Great Ayton** or **15:39** leave **Stokesley**
16:27 arrive in Helmsley
17:46 leave Helmsley on 31X to Easingwold (arrive 18:32)

3. Sundays & Bank Holidays to Helmsley (1hr), Castle Howard (3 hrs)

09:44 Catch **Moorsbus M31** from Easingwold Market Place
10:22 arrive in Helmsley

Shops, cafes, pubs. Toilets in Borogate, off the Market Place.

11:42 catch **Moorsbus M8** to Castle Howard from Helmsley Market Place (next to the Monument)

You travel through the village of Harome, cross the River Rye at Nunnington and then through Hovingham to 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. Brideshead Revisited and a number of other films have used Castle Howard as their centrepiece. In the Courtyard (free admission), you’ll find shops, a cafe, coffee shop and toilets.

Castle Howard 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 Arboretum on the same day. The Arboretum comprises more than 7,000 trees from around the world. There’s a café, gift shop and toilets.

15:25 catch **Moorsbus M8** back to Helmsley via the stunning Howardian Hills National Landscape.

16:09 arrive Helmsley
17:33 leave Helmsley on Moorsbus M31 to Easingwold

Instead of visiting Castle Howard or the Yorkshire Arboretum, you could plan to visit the National Trust’s Nunnington Hall (arrive 11:57, depart 15:54) or Yorkshire Lavender near Terrington (arrive 12:35, depart 15:35). 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**

09:44 Catch **Moorsbus M31** from Easingwold Market Place to Helmsley
10:22 arrive in Helmsley (Cafes, pubs, shops, toilets)
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

The double deck bus gives amazing views of the picture postcard village of Hutton le Hole, the North York Moors and out towards the North Sea.

12:40 get off at Danby Lodge National Park Centre

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

14:15 catch **Moorsbus M3** to Guisborough (& Sutton Bank)

Stay on the bus at Guisborough for the amazing journey to Sutton Bank via Great Ayton, Stokesley, Chop Gate, Bilsdale, Rievaulx Abbey and Helmsley

16:15 arrive at 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.

17:09 depart Sutton Bank
17:22 arrive Helmsley Market Place
17:33 leave Helmsley Market Place (outside the co-op) on **Moorsbus M31** to Easingwold
18:11 arrive Easingwold

5. Sundays and Bank Holidays Byland Abbey, Thirsk & Stokesley

09:44 Catch **Moorsbus M31** from Easingwold Market Place to Helmsley

10:03 arrive at Byland Abbey

Enjoy the peace of the Cistercian abbey.