



DAYS OUT WITH MOORSBUS FROM HELMSLEY #1

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A Thirsk and the James Herriot Museum – Sundays & Bank Hols.

Catch the M5 at 11.30 in Helmsley Market Place, outside Co-op. Arrive Thirsk 12.09, where there are plenty of pubs, cafes and shops. There is a lovely signposted walk around the Cod Beck which takes you up Sowerby High Street with its lovely Georgian properties and on to the packhorse bridge. There is the James Herriot Museum and the medieval church of St Marys. Lots to see and do before catching the M5 at 15.30 for a return to Helmsley.

B Dalby Forest & Visitor Centre, on Saturdays, Sundays, Bank Hols

For displays, events, play areas, walks, cycle hire, 'Go Ape', cafes and lounge. The visitor centre sells walk or cycle maps; forest routes are way-marked.

On Saturdays Take EY 128 from Helmsley at 12.05 to arrive in Pickering at 12.46. Time to stretch your legs before catching the M7 at 13.15 (same bus stop) to Dalby Forest via Thornton le Dale. You could have lunch at The Visitor Centre or at Low Dalby Courtyard. You could walk back to Thornton le Dale via Ellerburn (around 5 miles) or catch the M7 from Dalby at 16.10 to Pickering (16.28) and then the 128 at same stop (16.36) to Helmsley.

Sundays/Bank Hols, depart Helmsley on EY 128 at 11.30, arriving in Pickering at 12.11. The M7 departs Pickering at 13.50 getting to Dalby Forest at 14.08. Return from Dalby at 15.18 (arr Pickering 15.36) and catch the 128 (same stop) at 15.41 to Helmsley (arr 16.22).

C Sutton Bank Visitor Centre, Rievaulx Abbey & The Cleveland Way

On Saturdays it's mainly a walkers bus. You can catch M4 11.30 at the co-op, arrive Sutton Bank (11.45), or catch the same bus a bit later at the Monument (12.05) to Rievaulx Terraces / Abbey. Then walk the Cleveland Way to Helmsley, 3.2 miles, and call at the Walled Garden & cafe, or the ice cream parlour, as you reach Helmsley. For a longer walk (you'll need a downloaded route or a map), you can walk the Cleveland Way from Rievaulx Abbey to Sutton Bank (about 8 miles) and get the bus back (Sutton Bank 16.40, arr Helmsley 16.55).

On Sundays/Bank Hols, buses to Sutton Bank Visitor Centre depart from outside the co-op at 10.30, 11.30, 14.45, and 15.45. Enjoy a shop, cafe, cycle hire & routes, bird watching, exhibitions, events and an outdoor children's play area, an "easy access" walk to the White Horse, or the viewing platform overlooking Lake Gormire.

Buses to Rievaulx Abbey leave the Monument at 11.30, 13.25, 15.25, 16.25 and 17.25. Rievaulx Terraces (National Trust) and Rievaulx Abbey (English Heritage) are ancient monuments in a beautiful dale. Each has a shop & toilets, plus a cafe and museum at the Abbey.

D Beautiful Hutton le Hole, Saturdays, Sundays/Bank Hols

Saturdays: Catch EY 128 at the Monument, 10.05, get off Kirkbymoorside Market Place (10.25) and enjoy local shops, a coffee or explore the town, then catch M3, same stop, 11.15. Tell the driver where you're going, as the other bus, same stop, goes back to Helmsley! At Hutton, M3 stops opposite award-winning Ryedale Folk Museum, a six acre site with 20 historic buildings, plus displays, events, art gallery & discovery trail. Hutton-le-Hole has ice-creams, cafes, crafts, a good pub for lunch, and a pretty church with altar 'mouseman' carvings. A nice short walk is the path to the rear of the cottages on the far side of the green accessed at either end of the village. For the energetic, there's a circular 2 1/2hr walk to Lastingham, with ancient church crypt. See www.moorsbus.org "places you can also do a walk-and-ride to Kirkbymoorside via Gillamoor, or to Sinnington, or explore lower Farndale. Your return bus is at 13.07 or 16.57 from outside the Museum. Get off at Kirkbymoorside (13.17 or 17.15) and cross road to catch 128 to Helmsley outside Wains Butchers at 13.37 or 17.57.

Sunday/Bank Hols. To get there catch Moorsbus M31 from the Monument at 12.00 arriving in Hutton le Hole at 12.25. To get back catch M31 outside the museum at 15.31 to arrive Helmsley at 15.55.

Five different suggested 'Days Out' are available – see our Days Out from Helmsley leaflet 2.



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Danby National Park Centre, Danby

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Sundays & Bank Hols: To get there catch Moorsbus M31 from the Monument at 12.00 arriving at the Moors Centre at 12.56. To get back catch M31 outside the Moors Centre at 15.00 to arrive Helmsley at 15.55.

Farndale, Blakey Ridge and Rosedale. Alternatively, from the M3 or M31 you get off at The Lion Inn or Ralph Cross enabling you to do a longer walk over to Farndale, Botton / Danby Dale or via the old railway line into Rosedale. These walks are on exposed moors; be properly prepared with water, waterproofs, map/downloaded directions, and sturdy footwear. In Rosedale Abbey only one staircase of the Abbey remains, but there are two tearooms and a pub, and the Glassworks and Studio if open. From Rosedale Abbey, you can catch the M6 to Wreton or Pickering where you can connect with the 128 back to Helmsley. Pickering also has lots of shops, pubs, cafes, and attractions including the Castle, heritage railway and Beck Isle Museum.

F Byland Abbey and Coxwold

Sundays: Catch Moorsbus M5 from outside the co-op at 11.30 and get off in Coxwold (11.54). Shandy Hall (the home of Lawrence Sterne) is worth a visit, and you will find St Michael's church with its unusual octagonal tower interesting. There is also a pub and tearoom. Catch the return bus from Coxwold at 12.51 and get off at Byland Abbey 5 minutes later. Explore the English Heritage site (admission free) and learn about what was once one of Britain's greatest monasteries. Catch the M5 back to Helmsley at 15.55.

G Botton Village in Danby Dale.

Botton Village is a Camphill community, giving a life of opportunity for over 60 residents with various disabilities. Visitors are very welcome in the cafe, open 7 days a week, and many residents enjoy a chat. The village shop, open Monday – Saturday, is well worth a visit. It sells items made in the village, including beautiful weaving, wooden toys, prize-winning cheese, and home-reared beef and bacon. So the best Moorsbus day to go is a Saturday. You'll need to walk into and out of Botton, either from Castleton (about 2 miles) or from Blakey Ridge, down Shop Lane (about 25 minutes), a junction by concrete railings on the right hand side, a few minutes after the bus passes Ralph Cross.

Saturdays: Catch EY 128 at the Monument, 10.05, get off Kirkbymoorside Market Place (10.25) and enjoy a coffee or explore the town, then catch M3, same stop, 11.15. (*Two buses leave here at 11.15 - one to Danby and the other to Helmsley so get the right one!*) Tell the driver where you're going (either the Castleton Rigg stop, or Castleton).

To get back you'll need to catch the bus at Danby School, Ainthorpe (16.31), Castleton (Downe Arms at 1635) or – if you've managed the climb back to Castleton Rigg – at 16.38.

H Bilsdale & Stokesley

Saturday: Catch the M4 from the Monument at 12.05 for the journey through Bilsdale. After Rievaulx Abbey, you follow the valley northwards, passing the historic Sun Inn on your right, before arriving at the village of Chop Gate. The Cleveland Way crosses the route at Hasty Bank, before the bus heads down off the Cleveland Hills to Great Broughton and Stokesley, arriving at 12.55. Stokesley is a traditional market town, with the River Leven flowing through it. Shops, cafes, fish and chips and some fine buildings. Catch the bus back at 15.31, arriving in Helmsley at 16.20.

Sunday: Catch M4 from the Monument at 11.30 and get off in Stokesley at 12.20. Return on M4 leaving Stokesley at 13.56, arrive Helmsley 14.45.

I The Dale & Moor Tour

Saturday: Leave Helmsley on the M4 (Monument bus stop at 12.05) for the journey through Bilsdale (see description in H above) and then stay on the bus as it travels to Great Ayton (childhood home of explorer James Cook, with the Captain Cook Schoolroom Museum). After Great Ayton you'll see the peak of Roseberry Topping on the right before Guisborough Forest walkway at Pinchinthorpe. After Guisborough the bus climbs Birk Brow and on to the moorland towards Castleton and the National Park Centre at Danby (arr 1351). A brief stop at the Moors Centre (13.51 to 14.34) and you re-board the bus as it retraces its route to Helmsley, arriving at 16.20.