



DAYS OUT FROM STOKESLEY & GREAT AYTON WITH MOORSBUS

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Saturdays (3 July to 25th September 2021): A

A Danby National Park Centre

Depart Stokesley (09.30 High Street) or Great Ayton (09.40 outside Coopers Chemist)
Arrive Danby National Park Centre 10.26

Admission to the National Park Centre is free. Choose from a range of short walks and woodland trails or visit the exhibitions and displays, including the Inspired by gallery. Visit the shop and café, or bring a picnic. Plenty of activities and space for children. Public toilets available.

Return bus leaves Danby at 14.34 and arrives Great Ayton 15.19 or Stokesley 15.27

Sundays & BH Mondays (4 July to 26th September 2021): B to G

B Helmsley

Catch the bus in Great Ayton (09.29 on the Green) or Stokesley (09.37 High Street) for the journey through scenic Bilsdale, arriving Helmsley Market Place at 10.30.

There's plenty to do and see in this market town: visit the castle (English Heritage), Duncombe Park (historic house and grounds, National Centre for Birds of Prey) or the lovely walled garden; browse the shops; take a break in one of many cafes or pubs. Toilets.

The return bus leaves Helmsley market place at 17.20 pm, arriving Stokesley 18.15 and Great Ayton 18.25 pm.

For the energetic, there's the option of the lovely walk (approx. 3 miles) from Helmsley to nearby Rievaulx. There's time to walk there and back, but it's possible to pick up the return bus there (17.35pm). For more options see C below.

See D below to include a visit to Sutton Bank National Park Centre in your day out.

C Rievaulx

Depart Great Ayton (09.29 on the Green) or Stokesley (09.37 High Street).

The bus arrives at Rievaulx at 10.20. Get off at the top of the bank for the National Trust Terrace and Temples (check opening hours). It's well worth a visit to stroll along the terrace with stunning views of the Abbey ruins in the valley below, before the short (fairly steep) walk through the woods beside the road to the English Heritage Abbey, which has a shop and a tea room. Toilets in the car park at the Abbey.

Buses leave Rievaulx for Helmsley at 13.35, 14.35, 15.35 and 16.35 or, if you're feeling energetic, you can enjoy the 3 mile, well sign-posted walk to Helmsley.

Pick up the return bus in Helmsley as for option B above.

D Sutton Bank National Park Centre

The bus leaving Great Ayton Green at 09.29 or Stokesley High Street at 09.37 continues beyond Helmsley to Sutton Bank, arriving at 10.25.

National Park Centre displays, shop, café, short walks, James Herriot's 'finest view in England' overlooking the plain below, and a walk to the White Horse of Kilburn. Toilets at the Centre.

Buses leave Sutton Bank for Helmsley at 11.05, 11.45 and 15.05, as well as 17.05, which will take you all the way back to Stokesley (18.15) and Great Ayton (18.25).

If you want to include a visit to the National Park Centre as part of a day out to Helmsley, buses leave Helmsley for Sutton Bank at 11.30, 14.45 and 15.45.

E Historic Pickering

Catch the bus leaving Great Ayton Green at 09.29 or Stokesley High Street at 09.37, arriving Helmsley Market Place at 10.30.

You've time for a look round Helmsley or a cup of tea before catching the East Yorkshire 128 (which accepts Moors Rover tickets) at 11.46 and arriving Pickering at 12.11.

Pickering has lots to offer: Beck Isle Museum of Rural Life, Pickering Castle, Parish Church with stunning medieval wall paintings, fleamarket, shops, galleries, pubs, cafes, and railway exhibition.

For the return journey, catch the 128 at 15.41 to arrive Helmsley at 16.22. Plenty of time before the Moorsbus leaves Helmsley at 17.25, arriving Stokesley (18.15) and Great Ayton (18.25).

F Byland Abbey and Helmsley

The bus leaving Great Ayton Green at 09.29 connects with the M5, at Stokesley High Street at 09.40 for a route to Helmsley via Northallerton, Thirsk, Coxwold and Byland Abbey.

The bus arrives at Byland Abbey (English Heritage) at 11.05. Free admission. Refreshments (and toilets) are available at the nearby Byland Abbey Inn.

Buses leave Byland Abbey for Helmsley at 13.00 and 16.00, allowing time to explore the market town before catching the return bus through Bilsdale, leaving Helmsley Market Place at 17.25 pm and arriving Stokesley 18.15 and Great Ayton 18.25 pm.

G Ampleforth Abbey

Catch the bus as for F above, but alight at Ampleforth (11.05) for a walk to and round the grounds of Ampleforth Abbey, a working monastery and college. Abbey grounds and tea room are open, but the visitor centre and shop are currently closed – check before you visit.

Buses leave Ampleforth for Helmsley at 15.15 and 16.15, allowing you to catch the bus home through Bilsdale as for G above. Alternatively, it's possible to return to Stokesley along the same route as your outward journey, catching the bus from Ampleforth at 16.40 and returning to Stokesley at 18.10. Passengers for Great Ayton can change onto the M4 (heading for Guisborough, Redcar and Saltburn) in Stokesley.