



Days out from Thirsk on Sundays & Bank Holidays

Enjoy some lovely trips using the Moorsbus in July, August & September 2021

Moorsbus is a network of friendly, wheelchair accessible, public bus services to and through the North York Moors.

- English National Concessionary Passes accepted.
- Single fares available from just £1.
- All day Moors Rover ticket: £9.50 (up to 2 children travel free with each fare-paying adult).
- Young Person's Moors Rover (£2.50) for the 5 to 18s,
- Family Moors Rover (£15) up to 2 adults + 4 children (adult must be accompanied by at least 1 child)
- Contactless payment available.
- Well-behaved dogs are welcome.
- The EY 128 bus and the Reliance 31X bus (Helmsley – York), and Arriva 5, 63, 81, X3, X4, X93 also sell / accept Moors Rover tickets.

In towns, Moorsbuses use existing bus stops. In country areas, give a clear signal to the driver to get on, and tell the driver in advance where you'd like to get off.

Here are some suggested days out. If you need more copies, they can be downloaded and printed at www.moorsbus.org. For help, email friendsofmoorsbus@outlook.com, ring us on 01751 477216, or you can also try northyorkmoors.org 01439 772700.

Hello everyone, here are some different days out from Thirsk that we really enjoy and would like to share with you. Enjoy Moorsbus!

For each day, start by catching the Moorsbus M5 at 10.46 at Thirsk Market Place to Helmsley, arriving at 11.25. (The bus uses all the usual bus stops from Carlton Miniott to the Market Place and then goes out past Thirsk Industrial Park on its way to Coxwold and Helmsley.)

A. Hutton le Hole. At Helmsley Market Place, catch the 12.00 M31 direct to Hutton le Hole. Get off at 12.25, in the lovely streamside village, right opposite the Ryedale Folk Museum, an open air museum which is a real treat to visit. Also there, you will find cafes, a good pub for lunch, ice creams, a nice church, craft workshops, and car-boot sales. All this within a few minutes walk. To get back, simply catch the M31 outside the Ryedale Folk Museum at 15.31 back to Helmsley where you arrive at 15.55. Half an hour to catch your breath, then the M5 at 16.25 by the co-op will take you back to Thirsk arriving at 17.14.

B. Danby Moors Centre. Entry to the visitor centre is free and you'll find an art gallery, gift shop, cafe, displays, activities, bird hides, and short nature walks. Indoor and outdoor play areas. Catch the 12.00 M31 from Helmsley, through Kirkbymoorside and Hutton le Hole, before climbing onto the spectacular moorland, passing the Lion Inn and Ralph Cross, and then descending into the Esk valley and the Moors Centre at 12.56. To get back, catch the M31 at the bus stop outside the visitor centre at 15.00. The M31 will take you back to Helmsley for 15.55. The final journey is on Moorsbus M5 again: catch it at 16.25 by Helmsley Co-op, arriving back in Thirsk at 17.05.

C. Dalby Forest. Catch the East Yorkshire 128 (usually a double decker) from Helmsley monument at 11.30, arriving in Pickering at 12.11. Explore Pickering and its eating places before catching the M7 Moorsbus at 13.50 (Ropery co-op bus stop), arriving at **Dalby Forest Visitor Centre** at 14.08. There is a café, toilets, displays, play areas and walks and trails. Catch the M7 again at 15.18 to Pickering, arriving 15.36 and (at the same bus stop) catch the 128 at 15.41 back to Helmsley arriving 16.22. Cross road, catch M5 at 16.25 outside the Co-op, arrive Thirsk 17.05

D Spend a day in **Pickering** with its famous church wallpaintings, Norman castle, Steam Railway, Beck Isle Museum, cafes, pubs and shops. Or stay on the 128 to **Thornton-le-Dale**, which has the vintage car museum ('Bangers & Cash'), ice creams, cafes, gift shops, a chocolate shop, ancient cottages, vintage car museum, gentle walks. (128 from Helmsley at 11.30 or 13.30 arrives Pickering at 12.11 or 14.11; 128 bus back leaves Thornton le Dale at 15.30 and Pickering at 15.41, arriving in Helmsley at 16.22).

E **Sutton Bank Visitor Centre** with James Herriot's 'finest view in England' overlooking the plain back towards Thirsk. Walks include to the White Horse of Kilburn, as well as strolls along the Cleveland Way. Take the M31 up to Sutton Bank (Helmsley co-op 11.30, Sutton Bank 11.45). If you're fit you could walk all the way back to Helmsley or Rievaulx along part of the Cleveland Way. If you'd prefer the bus, it leaves Sutton Bank at 15.05, getting back to Helmsley at 15.20.

F **Rievaulx** (National Trust Terrace & Temples; English Heritage Abbey) Catch the M4 at 11.30 from the monument, arriving Rievaulx Abbey 10 minutes later. Buses back from Rievaulx at 13.35, 14.35 and 15.35 will get you back to Helmsley. Or there is another charming walk back to Helmsley from Rievaulx.

G **Bilsdale**. Both Stokesley and Great Ayton are fascinating places, steeped in history, with riverside walks and with cafes, toilets and interesting shops. Great Ayton celebrates its connection with James Cook at the Captain Cook Schoolroom Museum. Catch the M4 from the monument at 11.30 and get off at Stokesley (12.20) or Great Ayton (12.30). The M4 returns from Great Ayton at 13.44 and Stokesley at 13.56, getting back into Helmsley at 14.45.

H **A Moor Tour**. All the flavours of the North York Moors in a few hours – dales, forest, moorland and farmland, plus the market towns, villages and hamlets which add to the character of the moors. Catch the Moorsbus M4 at 11.30 from the monument and stay on the bus all the way through Bilsdale, passing Rievaulx Abbey, the historic Sun Inn, the hamlet of Chop Gate, Hasty Bank, Stokesley and Great Ayton, to Guisborough (arriving 12.45). Catch the Moorsbus M31 from Guisborough at 14.30 all the way back to Helmsley (arriving at 15.55), journeying via Birk Brow, Lockwood Beck, Danby, Blakey, Hutton le Hole and Kirkbymoorside.

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Fares and pass reimbursement only cover part of the cost as rural bus services can never be financially viable due to the distances covered and the sparse population. So we rely on donations from passengers, parish councils, businesses and other groups. Quickest way to make a donation is to buy a 'Donate Ticket' on the bus. Just tell the driver that you'd like a Donate Ticket when you pay your fare or use a pass. They're £2, £5 or £10 but aren't valid for travel (or you can donate via our website).

Every year we undertake surveys to find out how we can do better – in this way we really do put our passengers in the driving seat!

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