



# Days Out from Ampleforth with Moorsbus

## Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holidays in July, August & September 2022

Moorsbus is a network of friendly, wheelchair accessible, public bus services to and through the North York Moors designed and operated by a not-for-profit Community Interest Company.

- English National Concessionary Passes accepted.
- All day Moors Rover tickets are £9.50 (£2.50 for 5 to 17 year olds).
- Family Moors Rover £15 (up to 2 adults and 4 children (must include at least 1 child in the party)).
- Adult single fares available from just £1, and all child single fares are just £1.
- Contactless payment available.

The EY128 / X28 bus service and Arriva 5, 81, X4, X93 sell and accept Moors Rover £9.50 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 from Ampleforth. If you need more copies, download and print them from [www.moorsbus.org](http://www.moorsbus.org)**

For more help, email [friendsofmoorsbus@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofmoorsbus@outlook.com), or ring us on 01751 477216 or you can also try [northyorkmoors.org](http://northyorkmoors.org) 01439 772700

***In Ampleforth, the bus uses all the stops along Main Street / East End from Beacon Bank to Jerry Carr Bank. Just give a clear signal to the driver to stop.***

### **SATURDAY** Pickering & Dalby Forest

Catch the M31 from the White Horse at 1015 and stay on the bus as it heads through Helmsley to Pickering (arriving at 1057). Enjoy the delights of Pickering Castle, the Beck Isle Museum, the medieval wall paintings in the church and, of course, the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. Plenty of cafes, pubs and shops (toilets are at the Ropery bus stop where you get off the bus). At 1142 or 1352 catch the M7 from The Ropery to Dalby Forest (you could always spend time in picturesque Thornton le Dale if you don't want to go to the forest as the bus arrives in Thornton le Dale at 1149 / 1359 and goes back to Pickering at 1420 / 1535 or spend a little time in each). The bus takes you to the visitor centre at Low Dalby (arriving at 1159 / 1409) with cafes, displays, play areas and lots of easy walks. You could always try the aerial activity at Go Ape or hire a bike. The bus leaves Dalby at 1410 / 1525, getting to Thornton le Dale at 1420 / 1535 and Pickering at 1427 / 1542. Time for a cuppa and stretch your legs before catching the M31 from Pickering Ropery (outside the library) at 1628 for the journey back to Ampleforth arriving at 1710.

### **SATURDAY** Grand tour of the moors

Catch the M31 from the White Horse at 1015 and get off in Helmsley at 1028. Enjoy an hour exploring Helmsley before catching the M4 at 1142 (at the Monument, where you got off the bus earlier). The M4 takes you past Rievaulx Abbey, through Bilsdale to Stokesley, Great Ayton and Guisborough before arriving at The Moors Centre in Danby at 1325. Spend 2 hours here (café, shop, information centre, exhibition, art gallery, walks, picnic sites, toilets) before continuing your tour at 1530 on bus M3. It heads south over the moorland, passing Ralph Cross and Hutton le Hole before arriving in Kirkbymoorside at 1612. Enjoy a cuppa, a stretch of the legs (and toilets). Catch the M31 from Kirkbymoorside at 1641 (from the same stop), back to Ampleforth arriving at 1710. (A bus also runs from Danby at 1415 to Helmsley (arr 1557) reversing the outward route, if you would like to explore one of the intermediate locations. See the M3 / M4 timetable for boarding times. M31 to Ampleforth leaves Helmsley at 1657.)

**SATURDAY Hutton le Hole and Danby**

Catch the M31 from the White Horse at 1015 and alight at Kirkbymoorside (1044). Time for a coffee or shopping before you catch M3 at the same stop at 1115. To Hutton le Hole (1123) and Danby (1155). Explore the Moors Centre (café, shop, art gallery, exhibition, toilets, picnic sites). Return from Danby at 1530 (Hutton le Hole at 1602). Half hour break in Kirkbymoorside then catch the M31 (1641 at the same stop) to take you back to Ampleforth (arr 1710).

**SUNDAY & BANK HOLIDAY Walks around Sutton Bank, Helmsley & Rievaulx Abbey**

Catch the 1009 M31 bus at the White Horse and get off in Helmsley at 1022. At 1032 get the M4 to Sutton Bank (arriving at 1045). You could walk to Rievaulx Abbey (5 miles / 2 hours) or all the way back to Helmsley (7 miles / 3 hrs). Or there are shorter walks from the visitor centre including to the White Horse or to Lake Gormire. If you're not going for a walk, just admire James Herriot's 'finest view in England' and then get the M4 from Sutton Bank at 1109 arriving in Helmsley at 1122. Bus continues to Rievaulx Abbey (1137) with an opportunity to return at 1332. For those wanting to explore Sutton Bank (including the tea rooms, displays, trails and toilets) there's a bus leaving at 1409 to Helmsley (arr 1422). You could stay on the bus, or if you came back earlier, catch the M4 at 1427 from Helmsley Market Place to Rievaulx Abbey (arriving at 1437). Spend just under an hour here before catching the M4 at 1532 to Helmsley (arrive 1542). Or you could walk from Rievaulx Abbey to Helmsley (3 miles / 1.5 hours). Buses to Ampleforth leave outside Helmsley co-op at 1631 and 1731 for the 13 minute journey. *For walks info see the website or ask at Sutton Bank Visitor Centre.*

**SUNDAY & BANK HOLIDAY A quick dip at the Scarborough seaside**

Catch the M5 at 1109 from the White Horse to Helmsley arriving at 1122. The 128 departs at 1130 for Scarborough (arrive 1308). Return 128 bus leaves at 1445, getting back to Helmsley at 1621. Catch the 1631 M5 to Ampleforth (arrives at 1644), or you could spend an hour in Helmsley and catch the M31 at 1731, getting back at 1744. (Buses for Ampleforth leave from outside the co-op.)

**SUNDAY & BANK HOLIDAY The best of the North York Moors on a circular tour**

Catch the M5 at 1109 from the White Horse arriving in Helmsley at 1122. Catch the 128 at 1130 to Kirkbymoorside (arrive 1145) to connect with the 1150 M3 heading through the central moorlands, to Danby Moors Centre (arr 1230). Enjoy the tea rooms, exhibition, art gallery, shop, picnic sites, trails and toilets. At 1400 catch the M3 to Guisborough, staying on as it travels via Great Ayton, Stokesley, Bilsdale, Rievaulx and Sutton Bank (arrive 1600). Leave Sutton Bank at 1709 on M4 for Helmsley (arrive 1722) and catch the 1731 M31 bus back to Ampleforth from outside the co-op.

**SUNDAY & BANK HOLIDAY Pickering and Dalby Forest**

Leave from the White Horse on the M5 at 1109 arriving in Helmsley at 1122. Catch the 128 at 1130 to Pickering (arrive 1206) to enjoy Pickering Castle, Beck Isle Museum of Rural Life, medieval wall paintings in the parish church and the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. Shops, cafes, pubs (the toilets are just by the Ropery bus stops). Catch the M7 to Dalby Forest at 1352 from the Ropery, arriving at Low Dalby Visitor Centre at 1409 (café, toilets, play areas, Go Ape, cycle hire). *(Instead of going to Dalby Forest you could go to Thornton le Dale in the afternoon).* Leave Dalby at 1525 on M7 to Pickering (arrive 1542). Catch the 1545 128 bus from outside the library for the journey back to Helmsley (arr 1621) and then either get the 1631 M5 arriving back in Ampleforth at 1644, or leave Helmsley an hour later on M31 at 1731. (Buses for Ampleforth leave from outside Helmsley co-op.)

**SUNDAY & BANK HOLIDAY M5 Ampleforth to Thirsk** leaves opposite the White Horse at 11:44 and 14:44. Return bus leaves Thirsk Market Place at 12:34 and 15:34 arriving in Ampleforth at 1259 and 1559.