



Days Out from Great Ayton 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.
- Adult single fares available from just £1, and all child single fares are just £1.
- All day Moors Rover tickets are £9.50 (£2.50 for 5 to 17 year olds).
- Contactless payment available.
- Well-behaved dogs welcome.

The EYB 128 & X28 bus service sell and accept Moors Rover tickets between Helmsley and Scarborough, as does the ME1 between Norton and Danby.

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 Great Ayton.

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We're always keen to receive your feedback, or further ideas for this leaflet.

SATURDAY Danby Lodge National Park Centre taster

Depart Great Ayton at 1242 on M4 to Danby Moors Centre (arrive 1325). Exhibition, art gallery, information, tea room, toilets, trails, picnic sites – free admission. Depart Danby at 1415 for the journey back to Great Ayton arriving at 1458. *(For a longer visit to Danby see the Sunday 'Moors tour and Danby Lodge National Park Centre'.)*

SATURDAY Helmsley and Pickering

Catch the M4 from Great Ayton to Helmsley at 0958 (arrive 1057). Tea rooms, pubs, shops, toilets, castle, walled garden, Birds of Prey Centre. The X28 leaves Helmsley at 1145 for Pickering (arrive 1217). Pickering castle, Beck Isle Museum, North Yorkshire Moors Railway, shops, pubs, cafes, toilets. Leave Pickering on the X28 at 1510 getting back to Helmsley at 1547. Leave Helmsley on M4 at 1642 to get back to Great Ayton at 1742.

SATURDAY Sutton Bank walks

At 0958 catch the M4 from Great Ayton to Sutton Bank (arrive 1115). For keen walkers there is the 7.25 mile walk back to Helmsley (3 hours), or 5 miles from Sutton Bank to Rievaulx (2 hours). For the less energetic, Sutton Bank boasts James Herriot's 'finest view in all of England' as well as the place where Wordsworth composed his 'Ode to the Hambleton Hills'. Exhibition, tea rooms, toilets. If you're just staying on the bus, it leaves Sutton Bank at 1124 for Helmsley. Or if you're exploring the other walks (Gormire Lake, the White Horse of Kilburn), the M4 leaves Sutton Bank at 1624 for the through journey to Great Ayton, arriving at 1742.

SUNDAY & BANK HOLIDAY **Moors tour including Danby Lodge National Park Centre**

Catch the 0928 M4 to Helmsley from Great Ayton through Bilsdale and passing Rievaulx Abbey arriving in Helmsley at 1027. Enjoy a leisurely cup of coffee or a wander around the shops before departing on 128 at 1130 to Kirkbymoorside (arrive 1145) for the connection onto the M3 to Danby (arrive 1225). Depart Danby at 1400 on M3 arriving in Great Ayton at 1443.

(For a short afternoon visit to Danby Lodge National Park Centre, catch the 1227 M4 from Great Ayton to Danby (arrives 1310) and depart on M3 at 1400 for the journey back to Great Ayton (arriving at 1443).)

SUNDAY & BANK HOLIDAY **Thirsk, Byland Abbey and Coxwold**

Catch the M4 at 0928 from Great Ayton to Stokesley for the connection with M5 at 0939 to Thirsk (arrive 1039). Cafes, pubs, shops, toilets, information centre, World of James Herriot. Catch the M5 at 1234 to Byland Abbey (arrive 1253). Large ruins of Cistercian Abbey, enjoy food and drink at the adjacent Byland Abbey Inn. Depart Byland at 1450 on M5 to Coxwold (arrive 1453). Church, Fauconberg Arms and Shandy Hall, once home to the eighteenth century writer Laurence Sterne. Catch the M5 at 1653 for the journey from Coxwold to Stokesley via Thirsk (arrive Stokesley at 1814) and connect onto the M4 to Great Ayton (arrive 1827).

(For the return trip from Coxwold, you could get the 1550 M5 to Helmsley (arrive 1612), and then leave Helmsley at 1631 on M4 to Great Ayton arriving at 1827.)

SUNDAY & BANK HOLIDAY **Pickering**

Catch the M4 at 0928 from Great Ayton to Helmsley (arrive 1027). Get the 128 to Pickering at 1130 (arrive Pickering 1206). Castle, Beck Isle Museum, North Yorkshire Moors Railway, medieval wall paintings in parish church, shops, cafes, pubs, toilets. Depart Pickering on 128 at 1545 for Helmsley (arrive 1621). Then on to the M4 at 1727 to Great Ayton (arrive 1827).

SUNDAY & BANK HOLIDAY **Dalby Forest and Thornton le Dale**

Catch the M4 at 0928 from Great Ayton to Helmsley (arrive 1027). At 1130 get the 128 to Thornton le Dale at 1130 (arrive Thornton 1217). Pubs, tea rooms, toilets and the car museum as featured in the TV series 'Bangers and Cash'. At 1359 catch the M7 to Dalby Forest (arrive 1409). Information Centre, café, toilets, play areas, picnic sites, cycle hire and GoApe aerial activities. Catch the M7 from Low Dalby Visitor Centre at 1525 and get off in Pickering at 1542. Catch the 128 at 1545 to Helmsley (arrive 1621). Then catch the M4 at 1727, back to Great Ayton (arrive 1827)

SUNDAY & BANK HOLIDAY **Walk & Ride** – *check our website for these and other walk details*

Blakey Lion Inn, East Mines and Kilns to Rosedale Abbey (5.5 miles, allow 3 hours)

Dalby Forest to Thornton le Dale (4 miles; 2 hours)

Blakey Lion Inn to Hutton le Hole (8.5 miles; 4 hours)

Rievaulx Abbey to Helmsley (3 miles; 1.5 hours)

Similar walks can be enjoyed on a Saturday – just check the different timetable.

Always plan your walk with care. Take appropriate food, drink and clothing, a good map and a timetable.