

4. Circular moorland tour with 1½ hours at Danby Lodge National Park Centre

10:10 Catch Moorsbus M31 on the road by the caravan site entrance

The bus takes you past the impressive Nelson Gates to Duncombe Park, before arriving in Helmsley at 10:22.

10:22 arrive in Helmsley (Market Place)

Spend an hour exploring Helmsley, or enjoy a cup of tea or coffee

11:30 catch the East Yorkshire 128 bus towards Scarborough in Helmsley Market Square (by the monument) and get off in Kirkbymoorside Market Place (outside the antiques shop) at 11:50

12:00 Moorsbus M3 arrives at the same bus stop, catch this bus to Danby

The journey is an exhilarating ride high over the North York Moors with distant views of the sea and closer by, the renowned Lion Inn and Ralph Cross.

You arrive outside the National Park Centre at 12:40

Enjoy the exhibitions, the 'Inspired by...' art gallery and shop. There's a café, picnic areas, the Crow Wood trail, lots of other walks, a new adventure play area and toilets

14:15 catch Moorsbus M3 to Guisborough

The bus climbs back onto the moors and arrives in Guisborough at 14:41. Stay on this bus (which becomes M4) as it goes on through Great Ayton and Stokesley, before heading down through beautiful Bilsdale. The bus travels via Rievaulx Abbey and arrives in Helmsley Market Place at 15:57. Time to stretch the legs or have a cuppa.

16:31 catch Moorsbus M5 outside Helmsley co-op

16:43 arrive back at Golden Square



About Moorsbus

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

Using modern, low-emission vehicles with professional drivers from local bus operators, we help both locals and visitors get around the area without needing a car.

We're helping society, the local economy and our environment - now and for future generations.

Tell us what you think

Every year we undertake a survey of our passengers to find out what's right and what's wrong with the service and how we can do things better.

You'll find a survey form to fill in on every bus - it's in the MoorInfo box where you'll also find timetables, details of attractions, and our monthly newsletter 'Moorsbuzz'.

Donate tickets

Many passengers (including those who benefit from 'free' travel through a concessionary pass) like to make an on-bus donation. Our special Donate Tickets can be bought from the driver and contribute to Moorsbus services for the future.

Just tell the driver you'd like to buy a Donate Ticket when you pay your normal fare, or when you show your pass. They're £1, £2, £5 or £10.

Although they aren't valid for travel, they'll create more journeys next year because 100% of the money raised from Donate Tickets goes straight to Moorsbus.

Finally...

We look forward to seeing you on a Moorsbus soon. You'll find a warm welcome awaits you.

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1. Tranquil Rievaulx Abbey & bustling Helmsley

10:10 Catch Moorsbus M31 on the road by the caravan site entrance


10:22 arrive in Helmsley *and stay on this bus*

10:27 your bus becomes Moorsbus M4 and leaves for Rievaulx.

10:36 arrive at Rievaulx Abbey for a 3 hour visit

Rievaulx Abbey (English Heritage) is one of the most impressive monastic ruins in Britain. Founded in 1132, it became the most powerful Cistercian abbey with over 650 monks and lay-brothers.

There is a café, shop, museum and toilets.

 *You could walk back to Helmsley along the Cleveland Way (3 miles, about 1.5 hours) otherwise simply catch the M4 back, as below.*

13:33 leave Rievaulx Abbey on Moorsbus M4 back to Helmsley.

13:42 arrive Helmsley (Market Place) for a visit of 2³/₄ hours.

Helmsley is a lovely market town with a medieval castle (English Heritage), beautiful walled gardens (with cafe and toilets), the National Birds of Prey Centre in the wonderful landscape of Duncombe Park (a 20 minute walk away), and a mini brewery.

There are plenty of cafes, pubs, shops and it's a great place to enjoy an ice cream.

Toilets are located just off the Market Square on Borogate, and in the Cleveland Way car park.

16:31 leave Helmsley (Market Place) outside the co-op on Moorsbus M5

16:43 arrive back at Golden Square

2. History comes alive at Hutton le Hole & Pickering

11:10 Catch Moorsbus M5 on the road by the caravan site entrance

The bus travels via Thirsk, Coxwold, Byland Abbey and Ampleforth.

11:22 arrive in Helmsley (Market Place)

11:30 catch East Yorkshire 128 from Helmsley Market Place (at the monument)

11:50 get off at Kirkbymoorside Market Place (outside the antiques shop)

12:00 Moorsbus M3 arrives at the same bus stop, catch this bus to Hutton le Hole

12:08 arrive at Hutton le Hole (opposite the Folk Museum)

Spend an hour and a half at the Ryedale Folk Museum, an open-air museum with over 20 preserved buildings set in a 6 acre site. Come inside the Iron Age roundhouse, or the medieval manor house, and discover the fascinating story of life in the North York Moors. Or simply explore one of Yorkshire's most picturesque villages with its craft and souvenir shops, tea rooms, pub and toilets.

13:45 leave Hutton le Hole (outside the Folk Museum) on Moorsbus M3 to Pickering (via Kirkbymoorside)

14:08 arrive Pickering (Ropery) for a visit of 1.5 hours

Pickering has a Norman castle, a steam railway, medieval wall paintings in the parish church, Beck Isle Museum, a flea market and a wide range of shops, cafes, pubs and toilets.

15:40 leave Pickering Ropery (outside the library) on East Yorkshire 128 to Helmsley

16:21 arrive Helmsley Market Place

16:31 catch Moorsbus M5 from Helmsley Market Place (outside the co-op)

16:43 arrive back at Golden Square

3. Thirsk & Herriot Country

11:40 catch Moorsbus M5 from the opposite side of the road, by the caravan site entrance

The bus travels to the top of Beacon Hill with its panoramic view of Ryedale, and also the area where James Herriot undertook much of his vet work. You then head down to Ampleforth and Wass, before passing the magnificent ruins of Byland Abbey, one of the great medieval monasteries of the north. After Byland you go through the picturesque village of Coxwold, with Shandy Hall on the right hand side as you leave the village.

12:09 arrive in Thirsk (Market Place)

Thirsk has a wide range of shops, cafes, coffee bars and pubs, and toilets.

The 'World of James Herriot' is a must: it's situated in the house where Herriot lived, worked and wrote his many books.

There are some lovely walks around Thirsk, including a pleasant 2 hour walk to nearby Sowerby. Thirsk Tourist Information Centre in the Market Place will help with lots of local information.

15:44 catch Moorsbus M5 from Thirsk Market Place

16:10 arrive at Golden Square

walk & ride

There are lots of short and long walks on our website including:

- ⇒ Great Ayton to Stokesley (3 miles; 1.25 hours)
- ⇒ Rievaulx to Helmsley (3 miles; 1.5 hours)
- ⇒ Sutton Bank to Rievaulx (5 miles; 2 hours)

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

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