

## 4. Circular moorland tour with 2 hours at Danby Lodge National Park Centre

### SATURDAYS

**09:13 Catch Moorsbus M4 from Great Ayton High Green**

*Your journey takes you to Stokesley, then Great Broughton and then the bus climbs to the top of Clay Bank where it crosses the Cleveland Way National Trail. You then head down to the village of Chop Gate before heading down beautiful Bilsdale, calling at Rievaulx Abbey before getting to Helmsley.*

**10:12 arrive in Helmsley (Market Place)**

**10:25 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 10:45**

**11:00 Moorsbus M6 arrives** at the same bus stop where you got off, **catch this bus to Danby**

*The bus takes you through Hutton le Hole and then 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. The bus then travels down into the Esk Valley and Danby.*

**11:40 arrive at Danby Lodge National Park Centre**

*There's free admission to the centre with its exhibitions, art gallery and shop. There's a café, the Crow Wood trail, picnic areas, an adventure playground and toilets*

**14:00 catch Moorsbus M3 to Guisborough** from outside the gates of the National Park Centre

*You follow the Esk Valley and then back into Guisborough.*

**14:26 arrive in Guisborough** and stay on this bus as it becomes **Moorsbus M4 to Great Ayton.**

**14:43 arrive Great Ayton**



## 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 £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.

## 4 great days out

**FROM GREAT AYTON**

## with Moorsbus

**Saturdays, Sundays & Bank Holidays  
from 29 June to 27 October 2024**

### Maximum fare for a single journey £2

*(where the service number changes, or you change bus, a new fare has to be paid).*

*£1 single journey for children & young people (5 to 18).*

English National Concessionary Passes accepted.

Contactless payment usually available.

All-day Moors Rover tickets are £10 (£2.50 child; £15 family). Single fares start at £1.

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.

**Full timetables are available  
on the bus, on the website  
or in local shops and information centres.**

*If you need more copies of this leaflet, download and print them from our website.*

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**www.moorsbus.org**

# 1. Tranquil Rievaulx Abbey & bustling Helmsley


## SUNDAYS

**09:28 catch Moorsbus M4 from Great Ayton High Green**

**10:18 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 2 hrs.

*Helmsley is a lovely market town with a medieval castle, beautiful walled gardens, a small brewery, the National Birds of Prey Centre at Duncombe Park and plenty of cafes, pubs, shops and toilets.*

**16:02 leave Helmsley (Market Place)** outside the co-op **on Moorsbus M4 to Sutton Bank**

*Spend an hour at Sutton Bank Visitor Centre (free admission). There are exhibitions, an information desk, café, picnic area, toilets and just a few yards away you can enjoy James Herriot's 'finest view in England.'*

**17:09 depart Sutton Bank on Moorsbus M4 to Great Ayton**

*The route is back to Helmsley and then following the River Rye up through Bilsdale, Chop Gate and Great Broughton to Stokesley.*

**18:27 arrive in Great Ayton**

# 2. History comes alive at Hutton le Hole & Pickering

## SUNDAYS

**09:28 catch Moorsbus M4 from Great Ayton High Green**

*The bus travels via beautiful Bilsdale and Rievaulx Abbey.*

**10:27 arrive in Helmsley**

*Wide range of cafes, tea rooms, coffee shops and pubs. Shops, small brewery, toilets. Historic walled garden, medieval castle, National Birds of Prey Centre (a 20 minute walk away in Duncome Park).*

**11:30 catch East Yorkshire 128 to Kirkbymoorside** from by the monument

**11:50 arrive Kirkbymoorside** (get off in the Market Place outside the antiques shop)

**12:00 depart Kirkbymoorside** (from the same bus stop) **on Moorsbus M3 to Hutton le Hole**

**12:08 arrive in Hutton le Hole** (opposite the Museum)

*Hutton le Hole is home to the Ryedale Folk Museum: 6 acres of historic buildings telling the story of the moors.*

*The village has tea rooms, a pub, craft shops and toilets.*

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

**14:08 arrive Pickering**

*Shops, cafes, pubs and toilets. There's a Norman castle (English Heritage), medieval wall paintings in the parish church, Beck Isle Museum, a flea market, and the North Yorkshire Moors Steam Railway.*

**15:40 depart Pickering** (outside the library) **on East Yorkshire 128 to Helmsley**

**16:21 arrive in Helmsley**

*Spend an hour in Helmsley (shops, cafes, pubs, toilets)*

**17:27 catch Moorsbus M4** by the monument **to Great Ayton**

**18:27 arrive in Great Ayton**

# 3. Thirsk, Herriot country & Helmsley

## SUNDAYS

**09:28 catch Moorsbus M4 from Great Ayton High Green to Stokesley**

**09:36 arrive Stokesley and change onto the connecting Moorsbus M5**

**09:39 depart Stokesley on Moorsbus M5**

**10:39 arrive Thirsk Market Place**

*Thirsk has a great variety of shops and eating places as well as the 'World of James Herriot', the house where the world-famous vet lived, worked and wrote his books.*

**12:44 leave Thirsk Market Place on Moorsbus M5 for Helmsley**

*This is Herriot Country. The bus passes Shandy Hall in the picturesque village of Coxwold, on its way to the magnificent ruins of Byland Abbey, one of the great medieval monasteries of the north. After Byland the bus travels through the villages of Wass and Ampleforth, some of the places where Herriot learnt his trade in the fields and farms.*

**13:22 arrive in Helmsley (Market Place)**

*Helmsley boasts a wide range of shops, cafes, coffee bars and pubs, as well as a small brewery.*

*You can enjoy the historic Helmsley Walled Garden, built in 1759 and still very much a thriving garden. Café and toilets.*

*Helmsley Castle (English Heritage) dates back to 1120 and is a fascinating place to explore.*

*The National Centre for Birds of Prey is a 20 minute walk from the centre of Helmsley, set in the beautiful grounds of Duncombe Park.*

**17:27 catch Moorsbus M4 to Stokesley from Helmsley** (by the monument)

**18:27 arrive in Great Ayton**