

4. Thirsk: home of James Herriot and much more

SUNDAY

10:40 catch the **128** from **Pickering Ropery** (outside the Library) to **Helmsley**

11:21 arrive in **Helmsley Market Place**

11:31 depart **Helmsley Market Place** (outside the co-op) on **Moorsbus M5** towards **Thirsk**

The journey to Thirsk follows the edge of the Howardian Hills and climbs Beacon Hill where there are panoramic views over much of Ryedale. The bus then goes through Ampleforth village and Wass before arriving at the spectacular Byland Abbey, once one of the most prestigious Cistercian monasteries in the country. A few minutes later you'll be in the village of Coxwold with its interesting church and octagonal tower. Coxwold was once home to the writer Lawrence Sterne who lived at Shandy Hall (on the right hand side as the bus leaves Coxwold).

12:09 arrive **Thirsk Market Place**

Thirsk has a great range of shops, cafes, pubs and everything else you might need.

The 15th century church of St Mary is well worth seeing.

Also in Kirkgate you'll find the World of James Herriot – the original home and surgery where the world's most famous vet lived, worked and wrote all those books based on his experience as a young vet.

Nice short walks enable you to explore the town: the information centre will help you find your way about.

15:44 leave **Thirsk Market Place** on **Moorsbus M5** to **Helmsley**

16:22 arrive **Helmsley Market Place**

16:30 depart **Helmsley Market Place** (by the monument) on **128** to **Pickering**

17:11 arrive **Pickering**



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

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with Moorsbus

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

Maximum fare for a single journey £2

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English National Concessionary Passes accepted.

Contactless payment usually available.

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1. Tranquil Rievaulx Abbey & bustling Helmsley

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10:40 catch the 128 from Pickering Ropery (outside the Library) to Helmsley

11:21 arrive in Helmsley Market Place

11:27 catch Moorsbus M4 from Helmsley Market Place (by the monument) to Rievaulx Abbey

11:36 arrive at Rievaulx Abbey for a 2 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 in Britain. 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 boasts a wide range of shops, cafes, coffee bars and pubs, as well as a small brewery.

You can also enjoy the historic Helmsley Walled Garden, built in 1759 to provide fruit, vegetables and flowers for Duncombe Park. It has a 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 ancient woodland and rolling parkland of Duncombe Park.

16:30 leave Helmsley (Market Place) by the monument on the 128 bus to Pickering

17:11 arrive Pickering

2. Exploring Hutton le Hole & Danby Lodge Park Centre

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11:45 catch Moorsbus M3 from Pickering (outside the library) to Hutton le Hole

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

Spend two and a half hours in delightful Hutton le Hole with its craft and souvenir shops, tea rooms, pub and toilets.

The award-winning Ryedale Folk Museum is 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. There's also an art gallery with changing exhibitions.

14:38 leave Hutton le Hole (opposite the Folk Museum) on Moorsbus M3 to Danby Lodge

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'll also pass many other boundary stones, bronze age burial mounds, the remains of early industries and, of course, a lot of sheep!

You arrive outside the National Park Centre at 15:10

Danby Lodge National Park Centre will keep you entertained with its 'Inspired by...' art gallery, exhibitions and shop. There's a café and toilets. Free admission.

Outside there is a children's adventure play area and the Crow Wood trail.

Danby is also the centre for a number of other walks such as to Danby Castle or back along the Esk Valley to Castleton.

16:43 leave Danby Lodge on Moorsbus M6 back to Pickering

17:40 arrive Pickering

3. Circular moorland tour with 1½ hours at Danby

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11:45 catch Moorsbus M3 from Pickering (outside the library) to Danby Lodge

The journey takes you to the picturesque village of Hutton le Hole and then 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.

12:40 arrive outside the National Park Centre

Enjoy the exhibitions, art gallery, shop, café, Crow Wood trail, play areas, toilets Free admission.

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 for Great Broughton, Chop Gate and down through beautiful Bilsdale. The bus travels via the majestic ruins of Rievaulx Abbey and arrives in Helmsley Market Place at 15:57.

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Time to stretch the legs or have a cuppa.

16:30 catch the 128 bus by the monument in Helmsley Market Place back to Pickering

17:11 arrive Pickering

You can also do this circular tour on a Saturday with different times:

Pickering: depart on M6 at 10:43

Danby: arrive 11:40, depart on M3 at 14:00

Helmsley: arrive 15:42, depart on 128 at 16:25

Pickering: arrive 17:06