

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

SATURDAYS

09:24 Catch Moorsbus M4 from Stokesley High Street

Your journey takes you to 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 Stokesley**.

14:51 arrive Stokesley



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**

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1. Tranquil Rievaulx Abbey & bustling Helmsley


SUNDAYS

09:39 Catch Moorsbus M4 from Stokesley High Street

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 Stokesley

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

18:14 arrive in Stokesley

2. History comes alive at Hutton le Hole & Pickering

SUNDAYS

09:39 Catch Moorsbus M4 from Stokesley High Street

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

Either spend an hour in Helmsley and catch Moorsbus M4 by the monument at **17:27** to Stokesley (arriving at 18:14)

or for the alternative route via Byland Abbey, Coxwold, Thirsk and Northallerton, catch Moorsbus M5 by the co-op at **16:31** which also arrives in Stokesley at 18:14

18:14 arrive Stokesley

3. Thirsk, Herriot country & Helmsley

SUNDAYS

09:39 depart Stokesley on Moorsbus M5 for the journey through Northallerton to Thirsk

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.

16:31 catch Moorsbus M5 from the co-op for the journey back to Stokesley (via Thirsk and Northallerton) or catch the quicker Moorsbus M4 to Stokesley which leaves Helmsley (by the monument) at **17:27**

18:14 arrive in Stokesley (whether you travel on the M4 or M5)