

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

**10:44 Catch Moorsbus M5 from Thirsk Market Place**

*The bus travels via Shandy Hall in the picturesque village of Coxwold, Byland Abbey, then the villages of Wass and Ampleforth, the bus then climbs to Beacon Hill with panoramic views over Ryedale, you pass the impressive Nelson Gates to Duncombe Park, before arriving in Helmsley at 11:22.*

**11:22 arrive in Helmsley (Market Place)**

**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, art gallery and shop. There's a café, the Crow Wood trail, play areas 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**

**17:09 arrive in Thirsk**



## 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.

# 4 great days out

## FROM THIRSK

# with Moorsbus

### Sundays & Bank Holidays from 30 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.**

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**www.moorsbus.org**

# 1. Tranquil Rievaulx Abbey & bustling Helmsley


## 10:44 Catch Moorsbus M5 from Thirsk Market Place

The bus travels via Thirsk and then passes Shandy Hall in the picturesque village of Coxwold, you'll see the magnificent ruins of Byland Abbey, then the villages of Wass and Ampleforth, the bus then climbs to Beacon Hill with great views over Ryedale, you pass the impressive Nelson Gates to Duncombe Park, before arriving in Helmsley at 11:22.

## 11:27 catch Moorsbus M4 in the Market Place (by the Monument) towards Guisborough.

## 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 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<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> hours.

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

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

17:09 arrive in Thirsk

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

## 10:44 Catch Moorsbus M5 from Thirsk Market Place

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)

17:09 arrive in Thirsk

# 3. Half a day in Helmsley

## 12:44 Catch Moorsbus M5 from Thirsk Market Place

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, before the bus climbs to Beacon Hill with panoramic views over Ryedale. You then pass the impressive Nelson Gates to Duncombe Park, before arriving in Helmsley at 13:22.

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

Helmsley is a charming town set around an attractive market square which is dominated by the memorial to the 2nd Baron Feversham (a Grade 2\* listed monument).

It 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. Discover the vibrant borders, glasshouses and apple orchards. Café and toilets.

Helmsley Castle (English Heritage) dates back to 1120 and is a fascinating place to explore. In 1644, during the Civil War it was besieged and after it surrendered, parts of the east tower, along with the gates and part of the walls was destroyed.

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 with its ancient woodland and rolling parkland.

## 16:31 catch Moorsbus M5 from outside Helmsley co-op

17:09 arrive in Thirsk