

## 4. North York Moors circular tour with stops at Danby Lodge National Park Centre and Helmsley

### SUNDAY

**09:13 catch Moorsbus M31 from York Railway  
Station (stop RA) to Helmsley**

*The bus travels to the market town of Easingwold and then through the Howardian Hills National Landscape, passing the romantic ruins of Byland Abbey.*

**10:22 arrive in Helmsley Market Place**

*A chance to have a short look around Helmsley and maybe enjoy one of its many cafes and tea rooms.*

**11:30 depart Helmsley Market Place** (by the monument) **on East Yorkshire 128 to Kirkbymoorside**

**11:50 arrive Kirkbymoorside Market Place**

**12:00 catch Moorsbus M3 to Danby** from the same bus stop outside the antiques shop

*The route is an exhilarating ride through picturesque villages like Hutton le Hole, and over the high moorland.*

**12:40 arrive Danby Lodge National Park Centre**

*Danby Lodge has exhibitions about the National Park, as well as an art gallery, shop, tea rooms and toilets. Outside there are walks and trails and an adventure playground.*

**14:15 leave Danby Lodge on Moorsbus M3 to Guisborough** and stay on this bus in Guisborough as it changes route number to M4 for the journey to Helmsley

**15:57 arrive Helmsley Market Place**

*Medieval castle, walled garden and many cafes, tea rooms, pubs and shops. Toilets.*

**17:31 depart Helmsley** (outside the co-op) **on Moorsbus M31 to York**

**18:42 arrive York**



## 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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# 1. Tranquil Rievaulx Abbey & bustling Helmsley

## SUNDAYS

**09:13** catch Moorsbus M31 from York Railway Station (stop RA) to Helmsley


*The bus travels through stunning countryside of the Howardian Hills National Landscape, passing Byland Abbey, climbing Beacon Hill with its panoramic views of Ryedale and then to Helmsley.*

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

**10:27** the bus leaves Helmsley Market Place

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

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

*Enjoy the historic Helmsley Walled Garden with wonderful displays set against the backdrop of Helmsley Castle, it also 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.*

**17:31** leave Helmsley (Market Place) by the monument on Moorsbus M31 to York

**18:42** arrive York

# 2. Exploring Hutton le Hole & Danby Lodge Park Centre

## SUNDAYS

**08:22** catch Moorsbus M6 from York Railway Station (stop RC) to Pickering

**09:42** arrive Pickering for an hour's break

*Cafes, toilets, shops, pubs, steam railway, castle, etc*

**10:43** depart Pickering on Moorsbus M6 from the same stop you got off at

**11:08** arrive Hutton le Hole

*Spend three 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.*

**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 bronze age burial mounds, the remains of early industries and, of course, a lot of sheep and heather!*

**15:10** arrive outside the National Park Centre

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

*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. Free admission.*

**16:43** leave Danby Lodge on Moorsbus M6 to York

**19:00** arrive York

# 3. Two abbeys, a castle and 'England's finest view'

## SUNDAYS

**09:13** catch Moorsbus M31 from York Railway Station (stop RA) to Byland Abbey

**10:03** arrive at Byland Abbey

*Extensive ruins of Cistercian abbey (free admission)*

**11:03** depart Byland Abbey on Moorsbus M5

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

**11:27** depart Helmsley Market Place (by the monument) on Moorsbus M4 for Rievaulx Abbey

**11:36** arrive outside Rievaulx Abbey

*Majestic remains of one of Britain's largest and most powerful abbeys founded in 1132 (English Heritage). Toilets, café, shop, museum.*

**13:33** depart Rievaulx Abbey from the same bus stop on Moorsbus M4 for Helmsley

**13:42** arrive Helmsley Market Place

*Mighty medieval Helmsley Castle (English Heritage) shows how castles were transformed over the centuries.*

*Also in Helmsley you'll find the walled garden, National Birds of Prey Centre, a brewery and lots of eating places, shops and toilets.*

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

**16:15** arrive Sutton Bank Visitor Centre

*Information centre, toilets, café and James Herriot's 'finest view in England'*

**17:09** catch Moorsbus M4 from Sutton Bank to Helmsley

**17:22** arrive Helmsley Market Place

**17:31** depart from Helmsley Market Place outside the co-op on Moorsbus M31 to York

**18:42** arrive York