

FRIENDS OF THE SETTLE CARLISLE LINE GUIDED WALK PROGRAMME AUTUMN/WINTER 2024/25



IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The Friends of the Settle Carlisle Line offer a comprehensive guided walk programme which can be viewed [HERE](#). Some of the walks also link in with the Yorkshire Dales Explorer and the following provides details of the walks and also essential information if you want to take part in one of them.

Grades of walk:

Walker (W walk)

A good walk, in beautiful countryside. May be challenging but not too hard.

Hiker (H walk)

A full day's walking at a brisk pace across varied terrain. There will be hills.

Explorer (E walk)

Pace. Distance. Moorland. Mountains. All that the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Line has to offer. Are you up for it?

Everyone is welcome to come along but if you are new to hiking or have had a long break from it, please start with the easier walks. The landscape in this part of the country means that a route will almost always involve a hill or two, have stiles to climb over and possibly tricky terrain. It is best to build up to longer, more strenuous walks so that you enjoy them more and feel comfortable with the pace.

Conditions of Participation

Walking in the Dales can involve crossing rough terrain with steep slopes and inclement weather. All participants on these guided walks are asked to be aware of this and accept the following conditions:

NO DOGS except Registered Assistance Dogs.

Young people under 18 and vulnerable adults must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult/carer.

Walkers' safety is their own responsibility.

No liability or claim can be accepted by the Friends of the Settle Carlisle Line or its Officers, or Committee Members or Walk Leaders; The Settle-Carlisle Railway Development Company or the Leeds - Lancaster - Morecambe Community Rail Partnership for any loss, damage, accident or personal injury however caused on these walks.

Participants are NOT covered by any of the above bodies for Personal Injury or Accident whilst on these walks.

Walk leaders will be entitled to refuse participation on a walk if the leader judges that the person concerned is not fit or adequately clothed or equipped, or on health grounds, for the walk and prevailing conditions.

Walk leaders reserve the right to vary or cancel the walk without notice if weather conditions or train operations so dictate. Wherever possible an update will be placed on the FoSCL website which participants should check before they commence their journey.

The Walk Leaders decision shall be final.

Please bring adequate food and drink; waterproofs and spare dry warm clothing; walking boots or strong shoes for shorter summer walks.

Walkers are requested to remain with the party and to accept the pace set by the Leader which will take into account the distance, terrain, weather and time available.

Return times are given in good faith but cannot be guaranteed.

Most walks are offered on a “turn up and go” basis. The walk will not commence until the train from Leeds has arrived.

See: <https://www.foscl.org.uk/content/guided-walks-important-information> for more information

All of the walks listed below can be accessed using the Yorkshire Dales Explorer service and two are in the Ribble Valley using the first return service from Ribblehead. Details explained below each walk.

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OCTOBER 2024

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 2024

Ribble Valley Line

H walk of 8 miles Ramsgreave to Whalley. Alight Ramsgreave & Wilpshire (12:09) and return Whalley (16:21).

Travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer train service to the beautiful Ribble Valley.

Travel Information

Carlisle direction: Outward – travel on the 09:27 departure from Carlisle changing to the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Ribblehead 11:08. Return – travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Whalley at 16:31 arriving Ribblehead at 17:26 and then change trains to the 18:06 departure from Ribblehead.

Rochdale/Manchester direction: Outward - travel on the 10:21 departure from Rochdale arriving Ramsgreave & Wilpshire at 11:43. Return – travel on the 16:31 departure from Whalley.

NOVEMBER 2024

SATURDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2024

In search of Ursus and Salmo at Settle

W walk of 8 miles. Alight Settle (10:20) and return Settle (16:30).

On this riverside walk we are unlikely to see Ursus Arctos but we might see his favourite food Salmo Salar leaping Stainforth Force!

Travel Information

Rochdale/Manchester direction: Outward - travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Rochdale at 07:52 arriving Settle at 10:03 Return – travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Settle 18:21.

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2024

Hellifield to Skipton

E walk of 12 miles. Alight Hellifield (10:11) and return Skipton (16:59).

A walk from Hellifield through pretty villages and over rolling hills, following the River Aire and Leeds Liverpool canal to Skipton.

Travel Information

Rochdale/Manchester direction: Outward - travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Rochdale at 07:52 arriving Hellifield at 09:54. Return – travel on the 17:27 departure from Skipton arriving Hellifield at 17:40 and then the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Hellifield at 18:28.

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2024

Hike around Horton-in-Ribblesdale

W walk of 7.5 miles. Alight Horton-in-Ribblesdale (10:30) and return Horton-in-Ribblesdale (16:21).

A shorter, slower paced scenic walk in the environs of Horton-in-Ribblesdale with plenty of time to admire the views.

Travel Information

Rochdale/Manchester direction: Outward - travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Rochdale at 07:52 arriving Horton-in-Ribblesdale at 10:12. Return – travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Horton-in-Ribblesdale at 18:12.

DECEMBER 2024

Saturday 14 December 2024

Settle Festive Circular via Nappa Cross

H walk of 10 miles. Alight Settle (10:20) and return Settle (17:58).

Let's get into the Christmas mood, bring Santa hats and nibbles to share! We'll round off the day with refreshments in Settle.

Travel Information

Rochdale/Manchester direction: Outward - travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Rochdale at 07:52 arriving Settle at 10:03 Return – travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Settle 18:21.

JANUARY 2025

Saturday 25 January 2025

Ribblehead to Horton via the Pennine Way

H walk of 9 miles. Alight Ribblehead (10:38) and return Horton-in-Ribblesdale (16:21).
A chance to walk part of the Pennine Way with great views of the Yorkshire Three Peaks.

Travel Information

Rochdale/Manchester direction: Outward - travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Rochdale at 07:52 arriving Ribblehead at 10:19 Return – travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Horton-in-Ribblesdale at 18:12.

FEBRUARY 2025

Saturday 8 February 2025

Snowdrops around Appleby

H walk of 11 miles. Alight Appleby (11:19) and return Appleby (17:01).
February Fairmaids, Dingle-dangles, Candlemas Bells, Mary's Tapers galore. One of our favourite walks at this time of year!

Travel Information

Rochdale/Manchester direction: Outward - travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Rochdale at 07:52 arriving Ribblehead at 10:19 and change to Carlisle train departing 10:38 arriving Appleby at 11:19. Return – travel on the 17:01 departure from Appleby arriving Ribblehead 17:43 and then the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Ribblehead at 18:05.

MARCH 2025

Saturday 8 March 2025

Long Preston to Settle via the Ribble Way

H walk of 10 miles. Alight Long Preston (10:14) and return Settle (16:30).
Follow the Ribble Way through gently rolling countryside from Long Preston to the picturesque market town of Settle.

Rochdale/Manchester direction: Outward - travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Rochdale at 07:52 arriving Hellifield at 09:54 and change to Carlisle train departing Hellifield at 10:12 arriving Long Preston 10:14. Return – travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Settle at 18:21.

Saturday 22 March 2025

Ribble Valley Line

H walk of 11 miles. Alight Langho (12:04) and return Clitheroe (16:38).

Another opportunity to use the Yorkshire Dales Explorer train to visit the Ribble Valley.

Travel Information

Carlisle direction: Travel on the 09:27 departure from Carlisle changing to the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Ribbleshead 11:08 and arriving Langho at 12:04. Return – travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer departing Clitheroe at 16:37 arriving Ribbleshead at 17:26 and then change trains to the 18:06 departure from Ribbleshead.

Rochdale/Manchester direction: Outward - travel on the 10:21 departure from Rochdale arriving Langho at 11:48. Return – travel on the 16:25 departure from Clitheroe.