

# ride2stride

29 April - 5 May 2025

The Settle-Carlisle Walking Festival

## PROGRAMME

ride2stride is a festival of walks, talks and music along the fabulous Settle-Carlisle railway line.

All walks are free and all walks will start and finish at a railway station.

It's a week long celebration of the wonderful culture and landscape of the western Dales & Eden Valley.



The festival is made up of lots of events and things will be happening along the length of the line. Walks will be led from stations by experienced walk leaders, speakers will share their local knowledge and love of the area, and in local pubs/club there will be music and a quiz.

ride2stride is for everyone who loves the Yorkshire Dales.

Whether you travel to an event by train, live along the line or book your holiday to take advantage of the festival, we're sure you'll have a great time.

### 1975-2025

Celebrating fifty years of the Dales Rail Services and promoting walking from the Settle and Carlisle line with FoSCL, FDR and ride2stride.

Ride2stride - The Settle-Carlisle Walking & Music Festival  
www.ride2stride.co.uk



ride2stride - a week long festival of walks, talks and music

### ride2stride Led Walks - notes for walkers.

» All led walks start and finish at a station. They are free and require no advance booking.

Your walk leader will meet you on the station platform at the start of the walk.

\*All walks will finish at the latest in time to catch the train arriving at Leeds at 19:08 / at Carlisle at 19:28. Shorter mileage walks may finish in time to catch an earlier train. Please check with the walk leader at the start of the walk.

» **NO DOGS** - except registered assistance dogs - on all ride2stride walks.

Spring is a crucial time of year for wildlife and livestock in the Yorkshire Dales. Fields are full of young lambs and newly turned out cattle and the fells are home to ground nesting birds. The festival attracts large numbers of walkers and this decision has been taken in the interest of safety and enjoyment for everyone.

» Walk grades are advisory and relative.

The Dales countryside is hilly and even Easy-graded walks may include some steep climbs and rough terrain with muddy sections.

» Appropriate clothing and footwear are essential - including waterproofs.

Walk leaders reserve the right to refuse participation on the grounds of unsuitable clothing and footwear.

» The pace of the walk is appropriate to the distance and time available.

Walkers should accept the pace set. Anyone getting ahead of the leader will be deemed to have left the walk.

» Please bring enough food and plenty to drink.

**Please remember on led walks - your comfort and safety are your own responsibility**

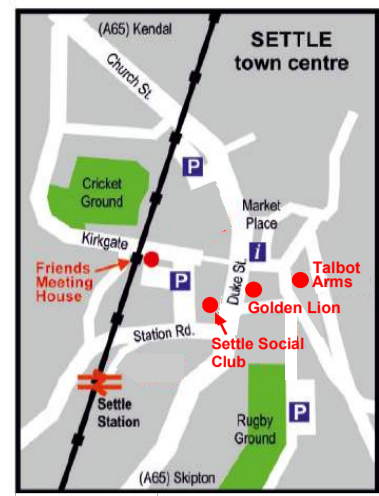
In the event of "no trains running" during the festival all scheduled walks on the programme for the day affected will be cancelled and alternative walks will be organized starting from Settle Station commencing at 10:30am. Talks & Music on the affected day will take place as scheduled on the programme see [www.ride2stride.co.uk](http://www.ride2stride.co.uk) for updates.

The festival programme is made up of lots of events and activities, all organised by different groups.

The festival is co-ordinated by an ad-hoc Festival Committee who produce this programme.

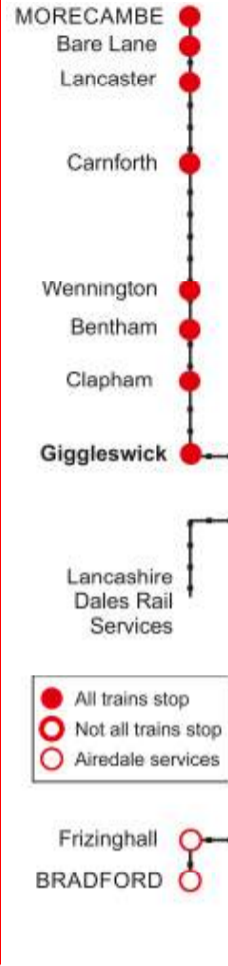
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For up-to-date information check out: [www.ride2stride.co.uk](http://www.ride2stride.co.uk)



- CARLISLE
- Armathwaite
- Lazonby
- Langwathby
- Appleby
- KIRKBY STEPHEN
- Garsdale
- Dent
- Ribblehead
- Horton-in-Ribblesdale
- SETTLE
- Long Preston
- Hellfield
- Gargrave
- Skipton
- Cononley
- Steeton & Silsden
- Keighley
- Crossflatts
- Bingley
- Saltair
- Shipley
- Apperley Bridge
- Kirkstall Forge
- LEEDS

**Train Information**  
Train Timetables are available from stations along the line or telephone National Rail Enquiries on 08457 484950  
Information about the Settle-Carlisle Line can be found online at [settle-carlisle.co.uk](http://settle-carlisle.co.uk)



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## FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

Every day of the festival there are a number of walks on offer, all leaving from stations along the line. The walks are organised by different groups, each one led by an experienced walk leader. There are 27 led walks from 5 to 15 miles and 2 walk & talk. They all start directly from the station, where you will be met from the train by your walk leader.

### WALKS



In each case you should arrive properly prepared with good walking boots and clothes (including waterproofs) and enough food and drink for a full day. Led walks are free (\*some use a bus link - fares payable) and don't require advanced booking.

The walks are graded:

**EASY** - Leisurely walks with regular stops for viewing & refreshment. Any climbs will be of a fairly modest gradient & length.

**MODERATE** - These cater for the more experienced walkers. Expect a full day at a steady pace. You may well encounter steeper gradients & more difficult terrain.

**STRENUOUS** - A full day's walk at a brisk pace; you probably will encounter steep slopes and difficult terrain. The walk may also include yomping and/or short scrambles. There could be time constraints.

**EASY/MOD & MOD/STREN** - These walks fit in between the respective upper and lower grades.

### TALKS

The festival features talks by Archaeologists, Authors and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust who will share their knowledge and love of the area.

The talks all take place in Settle. There is a small charge to cover the costs of the room hire. - \*light refreshments included.



Tues, April 29, 19:00.  
Friends Meeting House,  
Settle. £3.00\*

An interesting talk by **Bill Fraser** about the **Dent Marble Industry**. A local stone with curious fossil patterns. Learn how and where the stone was quarried and worked into many different structures and products in the Dales.



Wed, April 30, 19:00.  
Friends Meeting House,  
Settle. £3.00\*

**History Underfoot**. A fascinating talk about aspects of Ingleborough's past by **Dr David Johnson** the author of *Ingleborough, Landscape and History* and chairman of the Ingleborough Archaeology Group.



Thur, May 1, 19:00.  
Friends Meeting House,  
Settle. £3.00\*

**Rewilding Ingleborough**. From the valley floor to the top of the mountain, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust talk about restoring a flourishing habitat for wildlife and wildflowers.

### MUSIC

During the festival week pubs will be buzzing with the sound of music & song.

Thursday May 1st 8pm  
at The Talbot Arms, Settle.  
The Black Horse Jazzmen.

Meals are available until 8pm. Free Entry.

Friday May 2nd 8.30pm  
at The Golden Lion, Settle.

A music session by local musicians with a lively mixture of instruments and singers. Meals are available until 8pm. Free Entry.

Saturday May 3rd 8.30pm  
at The Station Inn, Ribblesdale.

A music session by local musicians with a lively mixture of instruments and singers. Meals are available until 8.30pm. Free Entry.

### Ride2stride Quiz Night

Friday, May 2, 19:00. Settle Social Club, Settle. £2.00 entry per person.  
The ride2stride Festival Yorkshire Quiz

Categories include -

- >famous Yorkshire people, ?
- >Yorkshire dialect and sayings
- >Yorkshire History
- >Yorkshire Geology and archaeology
- >Folklore and Customs of Yorkshire
- >General Knowledge and more!!

Get thi thinkin caps on an join in wi 't' fun



**Ribblesdale Station Visitor Centre.**  
The Visitor Centre is open daily and is home to an exhibition celebrating the famous Settle-Carlisle Line. Refreshments are also available in the Tearoom run by the Friends of the Settle Carlisle Line Volunteers. Well worth a visit.

### WALK & TALK

The festival features 2 walks where experienced leaders & guests will share their specialist knowledge of the area and subject of the walk.



Wed, April 30, meet  
Ribblesdale Stn 10:38, Free.

A 4.5 mile easy/Mod walk visiting the site of the shanty town built for the Navvies during the construction of the Ribblesdale viaduct. The walk goes via Ribblesdale viaduct, Winterscales, Blea Moor Sidings, Tramway, Brickworks, Batty Green, site of Hospital and Offices.



**Craven Museum & Gallery**  
Culture, Heritage & Community

A history walk around Skipton  
Thur, May 1, meet  
Skipton Stn 10:27, Free.

Local Historian, **Sue Wrathmell** will lead a short walk around the North of Skipton with commentary on places of interest to the history of the town. The walk will end at the recently refurbished Craven Museum & Gallery for those wishing to view the displays.

For more information and additional events please check the website: [www.ride2stride.co.uk](http://www.ride2stride.co.uk)



DATE	EVENT TYPE	FESTIVAL PROGRAMME DETAILS (for more info see <a href="http://www.ride2stride.co.uk">www.ride2stride.co.uk</a> )	WALK GRADE	VENUE / START STN. (RETURN)	START TIME	MEET TRAIN departing:	RUN BY
Tue Apr 29		<b>Welcome to the festival: Chris Grogan</b> the founder of <b>ride2stride</b> opens the 2025 festival. Refreshments available from the pop-up Gazebo coffee shop on the station forecourt from 09.30.		Settle	10.30		
	Walk	<b>Settle circular</b> via the spectacular Malham Cove.	14 miles Strenuous	Settle (Settle)	10.40	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Walk	<b>Settle circular</b> via Clea Top Park, Hunter Bark, Langber Lane and Sugar Loaf Hill.	10 miles Moderate	Settle (Settle)	10.40	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 08.24	FoSCL
	Walk	<b>Settle circular</b> via the Spring wild flowers of Oxenber Woods.	10 miles Moderate	Settle (Settle)	10.40	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Walk	<b>Settle circular.</b> Trees that tell a story, a fascinating and different look at Settle through its ancient trees.	5 miles Easy	Settle (Settle)	10.40	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 08.24	ROOTS
Talk	<b>The Dent Marble Industry. Bill Fraser</b> will talk about the curious stone with white fossil pattern known locally as Dent Marble. - £3.00.			Friends Meeting House, Settle.	19.00		FoSCL
Wed Apr 30	Walk	<b>Dent to Ribblesdale</b> via Blea Moor. A walk from the highest station to the famous viaduct.	14 miles Strenuous	Dent (Ribblesdale)	09.16	Leeds 07.48	FDR
	Walk	<b>Dent to Ribblesdale, Dent Marble.</b> A look at Geology with <b>Bill Fraser</b> following on from Tuesday's talk, via Arten Gill and Blea Moor.	10 miles Strenuous	Dent (Ribblesdale)	10.47	Leeds 09.20	FoSCL
	Walk/Talk	<b>Shanty Town Explorer</b> via Ribblesdale viaduct, Winterscales, Blea Moor Sidings, Tramway, Brickworks Batty Green, and site of Hospital and Offices.	4.5 miles Easy/Mod	Ribblesdale (Ribblesdale)	10.38	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 08.24	FoSCL
	Walk	<b>Gone to Pot.</b> A circular walk around Horton in Ribblesdale via the impressive Hull Pot.	7 miles Easy	Horton in Ribbs (Horton in Ribbs)	10.30	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Talk	<b>Ingleborough - Aspects of its history and Archaeology</b> with <b>Dr David Johnson</b> - £3.00.			Friends Meeting House, Settle.	19.00	
Thur May 1	Walk	<b>Skipton circular</b> via Carleton, Cononley, Jubilee Tower and across Skipton Moor. (Walk starts after the arrival of the train from Carlisle)	12 miles Strenuous	Skipton (Skipton)	10.27	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Walk	<b>Skipton circular</b> via Carleton and Pinhaw Beacon. (Walk starts after the arrival of the train from Carlisle)	10 miles Moderate	Skipton (Skipton)	10.27	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Walk	<b>Horton circular</b> via Crummackdale.	10 miles Moderate	Horton in Ribbs (Horton in Ribbs)	10.30	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Walk/Talk	<b>A history walk around Skipton.</b> Local Historian <b>Sue Wrathmell</b> will lead a short walk around Skipton with commentary on places of interest and the history of the town ending with a visit to the Craven Museum. (Walk starts after the arrival of the train from Carlisle)	4-5 miles Easy	Skipton (Skipton)	10.27	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 08.24	FoSCL
	Talk	<b>Yorkshire Wildlife Trust</b> will give an interesting talk about the re-wilding of Ingleborough and restoring wildlife and wild flowers - £3.00.			Friends Meeting House, Settle.	19.00	
Music	<b>Music in the pub.</b> The Black Horse Jazzmen, Free entry, Meals available until 20:00.			The Talbot Arms, Settle.	20.00		TTAS
Fri May 2	Walk	<b>Settle to Ribblesdale</b> via Norber Erratics and Ingleborough.	14 miles Strenuous	Settle (Ribblesdale)	10.21	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Walk	<b>Kirkby Stephen circular</b> via Smardale Fell, Smardale Bridge, Witches Stride, Waitby Crossing and Kirkby Stephen Town.	10.5 miles Strenuous	Kirkby Stephen (Kirkby Stephen)	09.34	Leeds 07.48 Carlisle 08.24	FoSCL
	Walk	<b>Ribblesdale circular Climb a peak slowly</b> via Whernside, Yorkshire's highest peak at 736 metres / 2415 feet.	8 miles Moderate	Ribblesdale (Ribblesdale)	10.38	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Walk	<b>Settle circular</b> looking at the Hoffman Kiln.	6 miles Easy	Settle (Settle)	10.21	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Music	<b>Music in the pub.</b> A music Session by local musicians, Free entry, Meals available until 20:00.			The Golden Lion, Settle.	20.30	
Quiz Night	<b>The ride2stride Festival Yorkshire Quiz.</b> An evening Quizzing about all things Yorkshire. See details in festival highlights.			Settle Social Club Settle.	19.00		r2s/ SSC
Sat May 3	Walk	<b>Garsdale to Dent</b> via Garsdale Foot and Dent Village.	15 miles Strenuous	Garsdale (Dent)	09.21	Leeds 07.48 Carlisle 07.53	FDR
	Walk	<b>Langwathby to Lazonby.</b> Enjoy the beautiful countryside of the Eden valley and be awed by the impressive Long Meg and her Daughters stone circle.	9 miles Moderate	Langwathby (Lazonby and Ko)	10.01	Leeds 07.48 Carlisle 09.27	FoSCL
	Walk	<b>A Settle circular walk</b> via Three Waterfalls.	10 miles Moderate	Settle (Settle)	10.21	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 07.53	FDR
	Walk	<b>Whalley to Clitheroe</b> via Ribblesdale Valley Line via Whalley, Wiswell Moor and Nick of Pendle. Alight at Hellifield to catch the 11.30 Rochdale service, Your walk leaders will meet you at Hellifield. The return train departs Clitheroe 16.38 change at Hellifield or Settle.	9 miles Mod/Stren	Whalley (Clitheroe)	12.00	Leeds 10.18 Carlisle 09.27	FoSCL
	Walk	<b>Horton to Ribblesdale</b> via Sulber Nick and the Ingleborough Nature Reserve.	7 miles Easy	Horton in Ribbs (Ribblesdale)	10.30	Leeds 09.20	FDR
Music	<b>Music in the pub.</b> A music session at the Station Inn Ribblesdale with local musicians, Free entry, Meals available until 20:30.			The Station Inn, Ribblesdale.	20.30		TSIR
Sun May 4	Walk	<b>Horton to Settle</b> via Stainforth, Feizor and Crummackdale.	13 miles Strenuous	Horton in Ribbs (Settle)	10.28	Leeds 09.09	FDR
	Walk	<b>A favourite walk from Horton to Settle</b> via glorious Crummackdale and the wild flowers of Oxenber Woods.	11 miles Moderate	Horton in Ribbs (Settle)	10.28	Leeds 09.09	FoSCL
	Walk	<b>Horton to Ribblesdale</b> Via Moughton Scar, Long Scar and Nick Pot to Sulber Nick, Selside and the Nature Reserve.	9 miles Moderate	Horton in Ribbs (Ribblesdale)	10.28	Leeds 09.09	FDR
	Walk	<b>Kirkby Stephen circular</b> via Nateby, Millennium and Frank's bridges and the town centre.	5 miles Easy	Kirkby Stephen (Kirkby Stephen)	11.05	Leeds 09.09	FDR
Mon May 5	Walk	<b>Lazonby circular</b> via Kirkoswald, Raven Beck, Raven Bridge and Eden Bridge.	12 miles Strenuous	Lazonby and Ko (Lazonby and Ko)	10.07	Leeds 07.48 Carlisle 08.24	FoSCL
	Walk	<b>Appleby circular.</b> Enjoy the scenic train ride to Appleby followed by a fabulous walk to Flakebridge Woods and beyond.	9 miles Moderate	Appleby (Appleby)	09.47	Leeds 07.48 Carlisle 08.24	FoSCL
	Walk	<b>Settle circular</b> via Attermire Scar, Catrigger Force, Stainforth Force and the River Ribble.	10 miles Moderate	Settle (Settle)	10.21	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Walk	<b>South of Settle</b> via The Ribble, Turnpike House, Cleatop and Upper Settle.	5 miles Easy	Settle (Settle)	10.21	Leeds 09.20 Carlisle 08.24	FDR

**Walks.** All walks start and finish at a station, where you will be met by your walk leader. Start times mark the arrival of a train from Leeds or Carlisle and may be subject to delay. \*See note on finish times. Walkers are responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from the start and finish of each walk. All walks are free and do not require booking. Guided Tours may involve a fee payable. NO DOGS on any walk, except approved assistance dogs. Please be aware that weather conditions can result in the walk grade and/or route changing significantly. Walk leaders reserve the right to refuse participation to anyone judged to be not fit or adequately clothed or equipped for the walk concerned, and to vary the walk if conditions so dictate. Under 18's accompanied by a responsible adult. **Walk Grades** - See walks section inside programme for details. Whilst walk leaders take every care, your comfort and safety are your own responsibility. The Festival organisers cannot accept responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience resulting from these events.

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