



Welcome to Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line Free Guided Walks

Our free guided walks date back to the earliest campaign aimed at preventing closure of the Settle-Carlisle train line. Visit our website at foscl.org.uk to find out more about our history, the work of our volunteers and how we continue to support England's most scenic railway.

All of our walks usually start and/or finish from stations on the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Line and do not require a car. There is no need to book in advance so just buy your train ticket and meet us at the station! See our website for train ticket tips.

Everyone is welcome 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 usually 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 and feel comfortable with the pace. You can read more about each grade of walk and what to expect in the box below. We look forward to meeting you on one of our walks!

What walk is right for you?



Walker

A good walk in beautiful countryside. May be challenging but not too hard. You'll look forward to that cup of tea at the end...
Try this grade if you are comfortable with shorter walks.



Hiker

A full day's walking at a brisk pace across varied terrain. There will be hills...
Suitable for those who like a faster walk and lots of up!



Explorer!

Fast Pace. Distance. Moorland. Mountains. All that the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Line has to offer. Are you up for it?
Perfect if you prefer challenging hikes in tough terrain.

APRIL 2025

Saturday
5th



ShIPLEY to SALTAIRE: A World Heritage Site

Walk from Shipley passing Five Rise Locks, an incredible feat of engineering. We finish at historic Saltaire built by Sir Titus Salt.

Arrive: 09:33 **Shipley** Depart: 15:12 **Saltaire**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **10mi / 16km**

Saturday
12th



SKIPTON Circular via FARNHILL MOOR

Explore the countryside surrounding the pretty market town of Skipton and enjoy glorious views of the Aire Valley.

Arrive: 09:56 **Skipton** Depart: 17:00 **Skipton**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **11.5mi / 18.5km**

Saturday
19th



TWO VALLEYS WALK

A wonderful walk around Horton-in-Ribblesdale exploring spectacular Crummackdale and the intriguing Whetstone Hole!

Arrive: 10:30 **Horton** Depart: 16:21 **Horton**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **7.5mi / 12km**

Saturday
26th



SOUTH OF GARGRAVE

It's the 60th anniversary of the Pennine Way, Britain's first national trail! Get a taster of the route on this section from Gargrave.

Arrive: 10:03 **Gargrave** Depart: 16:47 **Gargrave**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **11mi / 17.7km**

MAY

Saturday
10th



CLAPHAM Circular via NORBER ERRATICS

We are off to the picturesque village of Clapham on the Bentham Line to visit two of Yorkshire's famous caves!

Arrive: 09:29 **Clapham** Depart: 18:21 **Clapham**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **11mi / 17.7km**

Saturday
17th



RIBBLEHEAD to CLAPHAM via INGLEBOROUGH

An energetic hike from one of the highest tops to one of the deepest holes in the Yorkshire Dales!

Arrive: 09:06 **Ribblehead** Depart: 18:21 **Clapham**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **10mi / 16km**

Saturday
24th



NAPPA SCARS from HORTON

A circular walk from Horton taking in Nappa Scars, a fine example of Sub-Carboniferous unconformity!

Arrive: 10:30 **Horton** Depart: 16:21 **Horton**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **11mi / 17.7km**

Saturday
31st



WINSKILL WANDER

A leisurely paced walk through Winskill Stones Nature Reserve. Meadow flowers and fine views of limestone country.

Arrive: 10:21 **Settle** Depart: 16:30 **Settle**
Grade: **Walker** Distance: **8mi / 13km**

JUNE

Saturday
7th



HORTON to SETTLE via FOUNTAINS FELL

Discover Fountains Fell, a lesser-known neighbour of Pen-y-Ghent, on this long and challenging walk to Settle.

Arrive: 08:58 **Horton** Depart: 17:58 **Settle**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **16mi / 26km**

Saturday
14th



LONG PRESTON to SETTLE via CLEATOP WOOD

Short, leisurely walk with lovely views and plenty of time to visit the shops, cafes and pubs of Settle when we finish.

Arrive: 10:14 **Long Preston** Depart: 15:06 **Settle**
Grade: **Walker** Distance: **5mi / 8km**

Saturday
21st



HIGH CUP NICK and GREAT RUNDAL TARN

A choice of two walks on the longest day of the year! This is a very strenuous walk for fit, experienced longer distance walkers.

Arrive: 09:47 **Appleby** Depart: 19:06 **Appleby**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **17mi / 27.4km**

Saturday
21st



APPLEBY Circular

The second choice of walk is for those who prefer a shorter, less strenuous day starting from Appleby with a visit to beautiful Dufton.

Arrive: 09:47 **Appleby** Depart: 17:01 **Appleby**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **10mi / 16km**

Saturday
28th



EDEN ROAM

A meandering route close to Kirkby Stephen with marvellous views of the Eden countryside.

Arrive: 11:05 **Kirkby Stephen** Depart: 17:15 **Kirkby Stephen**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **9mi / 14.5km**



JULY

Saturday
5th



POTTERING around HORTON-IN-RIBBLESDALE

Short, leisurely walk around Horton-in-Ribblesdale with lots of pots to marvel at including some of the lesser visited spots!

Arrive: 10:30 **Horton** Depart: 16:21 **Horton**
Grade: **Walker** Distance: **6mi / 9.7km**

Saturday
12th



RIBBLE VALLEY LINE: LANGHO to WHALLEY

Travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer train service to the beautiful Ribble Valley. **Important: see our website for train info.**

Arrive: 12:04 **Langho** Depart: 16:31 **Whalley**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **9.5mi / 15.3km**

Saturday
19th



APPLEBY to LANGWATHBY

A walk through the Eden Valley with views of the Lake District and North Pennines.

Arrive: 09:47 **Appleby** Depart: 18:52 **Langwathby**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **15mi / 24.2km**

Saturday
26th



WILD BOAR FELL: the Fourth Peak?

A remote hike to one of the highest peaks in the northern Yorkshire Dales. An exhilarating walk with great views of the Howgills.

Arrive: 09:34 **Kirkby Stephen** Depart: 17:28 **Garsdale**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **14mi / 22.5km**

Saturday
26th



RIBBLEHEAD to HORTON

Our second walk starts at Ribblehead with its famous viaduct before journeying to Thorns, a long deserted hamlet, and finishes at Horton.

Arrive: 10:38 **Ribblehead** Depart: 16:21 **Horton**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **8mi / 13km**



ride2stride, the Settle-Carlisle Walking & Music Festival Tuesday 29th April to Monday 5th May 2025

The Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line are pleased to sponsor and participate in the 2025 ride2stride Festival. Our walks are listed below and the full programme is available at ride2stride.co.uk or pick up a leaflet at train stations.

Tuesday 29th April

Settle Circular. Via Cleatop Park, Hunter Bark and Sugar Loaf Hill. **10mi**

Wednesday 30th April

Dent to Ribblehead. Exploring the history of Dent Marble with **Geologist, Bill Fraser.** **10mi**

Ribblehead: Shanty Town Explorer. Learn more about the history of the area. **4.5mi**

Thursday 1st May

Skipton. A history walk around the town plus a visit to Craven Museum. **5mi**

Friday 2nd May

Kirkby Stephen Circular. Via Smardale Fell, Waitby and Kirkby Stephen town. **10.5mi**

Saturday 3rd May

Langwathby to Lazonby. Enjoy the beautiful countryside of the Eden valley and visit Long Meg and her Daughters stone circle. **9mi**

Ribble Valley Line: Whalley to Clitheroe. A walk in the beautiful Ribble Valley. **9mi**

Sunday 4th May

Horton to Settle. A favourite walk via the wild flowers of Oxenber Woods. **11mi**

Monday 5th May

Lazonby Circular. Via Kirkoswald, Raven Beck, Raven Bridge and Eden Bridge. **12mi**

Appleby Circular. A scenic train ride to Appleby followed by a fabulous walk. **9mi**





The traditional pointing photo!

For more photos and to check for any last minute changes, cancellations or surprise additions visit foscl.org.uk/guided-walks or follow:

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AUGUST

Saturday 2nd
Ribblehead Circular
 A circular walk with impressive views of the iconic Ribblehead Viaduct so plenty of photo opportunities!
 Arrive: 10:38 **Ribblehead** Depart: 16:15 **Ribblehead**
 Grade: **Walker** Distance: 7.5mi / 12km

Saturday 9th
Flowerpot Frenzy with Bill and Ben
 Splendid views of the Ribble Valley on this leisurely paced walk and a chance to enjoy the Settle Flowerpot Festival.
 Arrive: 10:21 **Settle** Depart: 16:30 **Settle**
 Grade: **Walker** Distance: 7mi / 11.3km

Saturday 16th
Mallerstang Edge
 This has to be one of the wildest and most breathtaking walks in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Definitely one of our favourites!
 Arrive: 09:21 **Garsdale** Depart: 17:15 **Kirkby Stephen**
 Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: 14mi / 22.5km

Saturday 23rd
Kirkby Stephen Circular
 Smardale Nature Reserve is just one of the highlights on this stunning walk in the area around Kirkby Stephen.
 Arrive: 09:34 **Kirkby Stephen** Depart: 15:47 **Kirkby Stephen**
 Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 10.5mi / 16.9km

Saturday 30th
Ribble Valley Line: Ramsgrave to Whalley
 Travel on the Yorkshire Dales Explorer train service to the beautiful Ribble Valley. **Important: see our website for train info.**
 Arrive: 12:09 **Ramsgrave** Depart: 16:31 **Whalley**
 Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: 8mi / 13km

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 6th
Lunch with Pendragon
 You will have plenty of time to admire the views on this leisurely paced circular walk from Kirkby Stephen.
 Arrive: 11:05 **Kirkby Stephen** Depart: 17:15 **Kirkby Stephen**
 Grade: **Walker** Distance: 8mi / 13km

Saturday 13th
Langwathby to Armathwaite
 A long walk through the Eden Valley with time for a visit to a must see: Long Meg and Her Daughters ancient stone circle.
 Arrive: 10:01 **Langwathby** Depart: 16:32 **Armathwaite**
 Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: 13mi / 21km

Saturday 20th
Hellifield to Settle via Scaleber Force
 This walk offers a chance to visit the impressive Scaleber Force, a stunning 40ft waterfall within Scaleber Wood Nature Reserve.
 Arrive: 10:12 **Hellifield** Depart: 16:30 **Settle**
 Grade: **Walker** Distance: 7.5mi / 12km

Saturday 27th
Gargrave Circular along the Aire
 Circular riverside walk from Gargrave following the Aire with fabulous views and fascinating architecture.
 Arrive: 10:03 **Gargrave** Depart: 16:47 **Gargrave**
 Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 10mi / 16km

Volunteer for Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line
 Interesting roles include On Train Guides, Station Adopters, Walk Leaders and Heritage Tour Guides. Or what about helping in our Shops, Café or Workshop? We would love to have you on-board!
 If you are interested please email volunteers@settle-carlisle.com



IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- **Don't forget this is the North.** No matter the walk, there will nearly always be stiles to clamber over, streams to cross, rough ground, hills to climb, slippery bits and boggy bits...
- It rains. A lot. We get snow in April. **Suitable clothing and footwear for the walk is essential.** If it's sunny, don't forget your sunscreen!
- **Bring food and water** for a day's walk plus anything else you feel you may need. Remember, you are responsible for your own comfort and safety on any walks.
- Due to the number of livestock in the area **we do not allow dogs** on any of our walks except for registered assistance dogs. Apologies to our four-legged friends.
- Young people under 18 and vulnerable adults **must be accompanied** at all times by a responsible adult/carer.
- **Walks may be subject to cancellation or alteration.** Check our website and/or Facebook page for any changes before travelling.
- Most walks are timed to use the **09:19** train from Leeds to Carlisle (**09:09** on Sundays). However, some walks use the earlier or later trains so **please check train times and stations carefully** when reading the walk details.
- Return trains are shown **for guidance only** - these may be varied on the day by the Walk Leaders due to prevailing or forecast weather conditions or the pace of the group. You are strongly advised NOT to purchase Advance Tickets for specific timed trains.
- Please check the current timetable northernrailway.co.uk to see what time the relevant train arrives at the start station. Details of connecting trains are available online from National Rail Enquiries via nationalrail.co.uk
- Please refer to our website for full conditions of participation for Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line free guided walks programme.

If you have any queries, please email guidedwalks@settle-carlisle.com or visit foscl.org.uk
All train times correct at time of printing.



Become a Friend! Adult membership starts from £20

Support the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle railway a scenic main line and a sustainable journey through history - and help contribute to the upkeep and development of England's most beautiful railway.

Friends' membership benefits include:

- **10% Discount:**
- in our shops at Settle and Appleby Stations
- on food and drink purchases at Ribblehead Station Cafe, Horton in Ribblesdale Station Cafe Bar and the On Train Trolley Service
- when you book a stay at Dent, Horton, Kirkby Stephen and Ribblehead holiday lets

Quarterly magazine

Optional Dales Railcard offering discounts on fares

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Car Free walks from stations along the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Line
April to September 2025

