

# Yorkshire Dales *Explorer*

## **Guided Walks Programme**



**23 May to 26 September 2026**





## Yorkshire Dales Explorer

Welcome to the Lancashire Rail Ramblers guided walk programme from the Saturday only Yorkshire Dales Explorer rail service.

### Guided walk programme from the YDE

An extensive programme of guided walks with experienced leaders provides a great opportunity to see the best of the Yorkshire Dales. You are very welcome to join any of these guided walks. At all times safety is your own responsibility. Leaders reserve the right to vary walks dependent upon the weather conditions and the capabilities of the walking parties.



The walks are arranged by the voluntary 'Lancashire Rail Ramblers' and you can visit their website at [railramblers.wordpress.com/about](http://railramblers.wordpress.com/about)

Each walk is graded so choose one to suit yourself. Should you have any doubts about your capabilities on the hills, avoid 'strenuous' graded walks.

### Grades of Walk

<b>A B</b>	<b>Strenuous:</b> Walks may be rough, steep, lengthy or against the clock
<b>C</b>	<b>Moderate:</b> No scrambling and suitable for experienced walkers
<b>D</b>	<b>Moderately Easy:</b> Generally an easy walk which may include a steep climb
<b>F</b>	<b>Easy:</b> A slower pace than for moderately easy walks with short rest periods
<b>F G H</b>	<b>Easy Stroll:</b> Suitable for those not accustomed to walking in the countryside

For all walks, except town tours or strolls, you should wear strong, comfortable walking boots, warm outdoor clothing and outer wind and waterproofs if the weather warrants it. On most walks stops are made, often in the countryside, for lunch and tea, so remember to bring your own food, snacks and a drink, especially when it is hot. Where an additional coach or train journey is required as part of the walk an additional fare may be payable.



Further details about the Yorkshire Dales Explorer can be found at [communityraillancashire.co.uk/lines/yorkshire-dales-explorer](http://communityraillancashire.co.uk/lines/yorkshire-dales-explorer) or scan this QR code.

## Saturday 23 May

## Walk 1

**C** Moderately Strenuous / 13 miles :  
Alight Hellifield & return Settle

Hellifield, Haw Lane, Dacre Lane, Otterburn, Kirkby Malham, Malham, Pikedaw Hill, Attermire Cave, Sugar Loaf Hill, Settle

## Walk 2

**E** Easy / 8 miles :  
Alight Horton in Ribblesdale & return Settle

Horton in Ribblesdale, Ribble Way, Cragg Hall Fm, Arcow Quarry, Foredale, Swarth Moor, Pennine Bridleway, Lower Bark House, Feizor, Feizor Thwaite, Pennine Journey, Stackhouse, Ribble Way, Settle

## Saturday 30 May

## Walk 1

**B** Moderately Strenuous / 14 miles :  
Alight Garsdale & return Dent

Garsdale, Moorcock Inn, Yore House, Thwaite Br, Birkrigg, Appersett, Widdale, Below Great Knoutberry, Coal Road, Dent

## Walk 2

**D** Moderately Easy / 7.5 miles :  
Alight Horton in Ribblesdale & return Settle

*Holes, Pots, Gills and Caves: An Exploration of Underground Ingleborough Without Leaving the Surface*

Horton in Ribblesdale, Sulber Nick, Nick Pot, Long Scar, Clapham Bottoms, Gaping Gill, Pennine Journey, Trow Gill, Ingleborough Cave, Clapdale, Clapham, *Coach to Settle (Fare Extra)*



## Saturday 6 June

## Walk 1

**B** Moderately Strenuous / 15.5 miles :  
Alight Hellifield & return Clitheroe

Hellifield Green, Halton Bridge, Town End, Paythorne, Gisburn Park, Long Holme Row, Sawley, Bank Wood, Clitheroe

## Walk 2

**D** Moderate / 8 miles :  
Alight & return Garsdale

Garsdale Station, Pennine Bridleway, Cobbles Plantation, High Dyke, The High Way, Cotter End, Thwaite Bridge, Yore House, Moorcock Inn, Garsdale station

## Walk 3

**F** Gentle stroll / 4 – 5 miles :  
Alight & Return Settle

Giggleswick - Come to Ghigel's Wick for Elgar's Retreat and a famous Public School. Look for Sir Richard's Warhorse and that missing Market Cross. Follow in the footsteps of George Fox, Oliver Cromwell, and those 'ruffian' Jacobltes.

## Saturday 13 June

## Walk 1

**B** Strenuous / 13 miles :  
Alight Horton in Ribblesdale & return Settle

*Three Summits Walk*

Horton in Ribblesdale, Pen y Ghent, Dale Head, Fountains Fell, Knowe Fell, Henside, Catrigg Force, Langcliffe, Settle

## Walk 2

**E** Moderately Easy / 8 miles :  
Alight Hellifield & return Settle

Hellifield, Nursery Hill, New House, Long Preston, Green Gate Lane, The Edge, Pennine Bridleway, Hunter Bark, Lambert Lane, Sugar Loaf Hill, Dales High Way, Settle



Saturday 20 June

Walk 1

**C** Moderate / 10 miles :  
Alight & return Kirkby Stephen

Kirkby Stephen, Smardale Fell, Smardale Bridge, Smardale Nature Reserve, Waitby, Bloody Bones Lane, Kirkby Stephen Town, Kirkby Stephen

Walk 2

**E** Moderately Easy / 7.5 miles :  
Alight Horton in Ribblesdale & return Settle

Horton in Ribblesdale, Ribble Way, Cragg Hall Fm, Helwith Bridge, Near Intake Barn, Moor Head Lane, A Pennine Journey, Stainforth, Hoffman Kiln, Langcliffe, Settle

Saturday 27 June

Kirkby Lonsdale

Walk 1

**C** Moderate / 13.5 miles :  
Alight & return Ribbleshead

Ribbleshead, *Coach to Kirkby Lonsdale (Fare Extra)*, Devils Bridge, Fleets Lane, New House, Leck, Anneside, Bullpot Farm, Barbondale, Barbon, Langthwaite, Bindless Farm, *Coach to Ribbleshead*

Walk 2

**D** Moderately Easy / 8 miles :  
Alight & return Ribbleshead

Ribbleshead, *Coach to Kirkby Lonsdale (Fare Extra)*, Devil's Bridge, Whoop Hall Inn, New House, Overtown, Leck Beck, Cowan Bridge, Hagg Brow, Leck, Todgill Fm, Ireby, Masongill Hall, Fell Side, Cowgill Fm, Thornton Hall, Ingleton, *Coach to Ribbleshead*



Saturday 4 July

Walk 1

**C** Moderate / 10 miles :  
Alight & return Settle

*The Elgar Way: Sir Edward Elgar stayed in Settle on Holiday and loved to walk in the vicinity. One such walk was as follows:*

Settle, Upper Settle, Lambert Lane, Sugar Loaf Hill, Attermire, Victoria and Jubilee Caves, Catrigg Force, Stainforth, Feizor, Schoolboy's Tower, Giggleswick, Settle

Walk 2

**E** Moderately Easy / 8 miles :  
Alight & return Settle

Settle, Giggleswick, Tarn Barn, Settle Golf Course, Ebbing & Flowing Well, Buck Haw Brow, Feizor Thwaite, Dales High Way, Little Stainforth, River Ribble, Stackhouse Weir, Langcliffe, Settle

Saturday 11 July

Walk 1

**B** Moderately Strenuous / 11 miles :  
Alight Dent & return Ribbleshead

*Ascent of Whernside:*

Dent, Dales Way, Dent Head, Blea Moor, Force Gill, Knoutberry Hill, Whernside, High Pike, Ivescar, Batty Moss, Ribbleshead.

Walk 2

**E** Easy / 6 miles :  
Alight & return Kirkby Stephen

*Kirkby Stephen 1940's Weekend:*

Kirkby Stephen, Lane Head, Moor End, Pudding Howe Hill, Croop House, Pennine journey, Wharton Hall, Halfpenny House, Kirkby Stephen East Station, Old Railway, Halfpenny House. Kirkby Stephen



## Saturday 18 July

## Walk 1

**B** **Strenuous / 15 miles :**  
Alight Horton in Ribblesdale & return Settle

*Pen y Ghent:*

Horton in Ribblesdale, Pennine Way, Hull Pot, Pen y Ghent, Dale Head, Fountains Fell, Tenant Gill, Waterhouses, Capon Hall, Settle

## Walk 2

**D** **Moderately Easy / 8.5 miles :**  
Alight Garsdale & return Ribblehead

Garsdale, Dandry Mire, Cobbles Plantation, The High Way, Cotter End, Thwaite Bridge, Mossdale Head, Mossdale, Appersett, Apersett Viaduct, Spillian Green, Hawes, *Bus to Ribblehead (Fare Extra)*

## Saturday 25 July

*Swaledale*

## Walk 1

**C** **Moderately Strenuous / 9 miles :**  
Alight & return Ribblehead

Ribblehead, *Coach to Muker (Fare Extra)*, Muker, Crackpot Hall, Lownathwaite, Merryfield, Moor House, Gunnerside, *Coach to Ribblehead*

## Walk 2

**E** **Easy / 6 miles :**  
Alight & return Ribblehead

*A riverside walk through Swaledale*

Ribblehead, *Coach to Gunnerside New Bridge (Fare Extra)*, Hag Wood, Dubbing Garth Lane, Isles Bridge, River Swale, Featham Wood, Barney Beck, Healaugh, Hutton Garth, Reeth, *Coach to Ribblehead*

## Walk 3

**F** **Gentle stroll / 3 miles :**  
Alight & return Ribblehead

*Richmond*

Ribblehead, *Coach to Richmond (Fare Extra)*, Roam in Richmond for Carnforth Hill, Culloden Tower and the Good Intent Inn, Find Friar's Wynd, Frenchgate and the Earl of Westmoreland's Tower. Nipping into Newbiggin in search of Old Richmond Gaol, *Coach to Ribblehead (Fare Extra)*

## Saturday 1 August

## Walk 1

**B** **Moderately Strenuous / 14 miles :**  
Alight & return Ribblehead

*Ascent of Ingleborough*

Ribblehead, Colt Park, Park Fell, Ingleborough Summit, Skirwith Br, Beesleys, Chapel le Dale, Ellerbeck, Winterscales, Ribblehead.

## Walk 2

**D** **Moderate / 9 miles :**  
Alight & return Ribblehead

*To the Source of the River Ribble & Pennine Way*

Ribblehead, *Coach to Newby Head Gate (Fare Extra)*, Ribble Way, Gavel Gap, Pennine Bridleway, Kidhow Gate, Pennine Way, West Cam Rd, Rottenstone Hill, Gaudy Lane, Gayle, Hawes, *Coach to Ribblehead (Fare Extra)*

## Saturday 8 August

## Walk 1

**B** **Moderately Strenuous / 10.5 miles :**  
Alight Dent & return Ribblehead

Dent, Coal Road, Sikes Pitt Gill, Thwaite Bridge, Mossdale Head, Birkrigg, Appersett, Hawes, *Coach to Ribblehead (Fare Extra)*

## Walk 2

**E** **Easy / 8 miles :**  
Alight & return Kirkby Stephen

*Kirkby Stephen Circular*

Kirkby Stephen, Lane Head, Christopher Brow Top, Tommy Rd, Croop House, Pennine Journey, Lammerside Castle, Mire Bridge Close, Thringill, Nateby, Bollam Bridge, Frank's Bridge, Kirkby Stephen, Stenkrith Park, Halfpenny House, Kirkby Stephen



## Saturday 15 August

## Walk 1

**B** Moderately Strenuous / 13 miles :  
Alight & return Settle

## Settle Circular

Settle, Mitchell Lane, Lambert Lane, High Hill Lane, Scalebar Force, Langbar Lane, Scalehaw Lane, Long Preston, Cow Bridge, Ribble Way, Cappleside, Hollin Hall, Penny Bridge, Settle

## Walk 2

**D** Moderately Easy / 9 miles :  
Alight & return Garsdale

Garsdale, Blake Mire, Rowantree, Moor Rigg, East House, Grisedale Common, High Shaw Paddock, Aisgill Moor Cottages, Hellgill, The High Way, High Dyke, Pennine Bridleway, Moorcock Inn, Garsdale

## Saturday 22 August

## Walk 1

**B** Strenuous / 14 miles :  
Alight Ribblesdale & return Horton in Ribblesdale

Ribblesdale, Colt Park, Park Fell, Simon Fell, Long Scar, Crummack, Wharfe, Helwith Bridge, Horton in Ribblesdale

## Walk 2

**E** Easy / 6 miles :  
Alight & return Appleby

## Appleby Circular

Appleby, Brandley Bridge, Nether Hoff, Colby, Colby Beck, Limekiln Hill, Thistley Hill, Dowpits Wood, Appleby

## Walk 3

**F** Stroll / 3 miles :  
Alight & Return Settle

Settle, Settle for Tanner House and Howson's Yard. For James Lund's Crown and Gilbert Scott's Gem. Looking out for Bishopdale, Spookey Alley and the Pig Jury Room, Settle.



## Saturday 29 August

## Forest of Bowland

## Walk 1

**C** Moderate / 12 miles :  
Alight & return Clitheroe

Clitheroe, *Coach to Slaidburn (Fare Extra)*, Tenter Hill, Myttons, House Lane, Roman Road, Hard Hill Top, Whitendale, Dunsop Head and back via House Lane, *Coach to Clitheroe (Fare Extra)*

## Walk 2

**D** Moderate / 8 miles :  
Alight & return Clitheroe

Clitheroe, *Coach to Dunsop Bridge (Fare Extra)*, Closes Barn, Bishop's House, Foot Holme, Costy Clough, Whitendale, Dunsop Head, Clough Barn, Lanshaw, Myttons, Tenter Hill, Slaidburn, *Coach to Clitheroe (Fare Extra)*



Saturday 5 September

**Kirkby Stephen Weekend**

Walk 1

**C Moderate / 10 miles :**  
Alight & return Kirkby Stephen

Kirkby Stephen, Stenkrith Bridge, Ewbank Scar, Ladthwaite, Fell House, Little Long Rigg, Fell Lane, Winton, Hartley Fold, Kirkby Stephen Town, Kirkby Stephen

Walk 2

**D Moderately Easy / 8 miles :**  
Alight & return Kirkby Stephen

Kirkby Stephen, Lane Head, Christopher Brow Top, Tommy Road, Ash Fell Edge, Fell Road, The Riggs, Smardale Fell Road, Limekiln Hill, Kirkby Stephen Intake, A685, Whinny Hill, Kirkby Stephen

Saturday 12 September

Walk 1

**C Moderately Strenuous / 13 miles :**  
Alight Dent & return Horton in Ribblesdale

Dent, Coal Road, Green Bank, Swineley Cowm, Newby Head, Gearstones, Ribble Way to God's Bridge and Horton in Ribblesdale

Walk 2

**E Moderately Easy / 8 miles :**  
Alight & return Settle

**Craven Countryside**

Settle, Castlebergh Plantation, Pennine Bridleway, Claypits Plantation, Victoria Cave, Attermire Scar, Sugar Loaf Hill. Lambert Lane, Hudsa Plantation, Hunter Bark, Mearbeck Wood, Cleatop Park, Lodge Rd, Brockhole Lane, Settle

Walk 3

**F Stroll / 4 – 5 miles :**  
Alight & Return Appleby

Aim for Appleby for Smithie's Cave and Scattergate Green. For Medieval St. Michael's and the Earls' Bongate Mill. For Watchmakers and Cheese Makers and their Royalist Taverns. We'll not talk about the Church Organist's Sins!

Saturday 19 September

Walk 1

**C Moderately Strenuous / 14 miles :**  
Alight & return Settle

Settle, Jubilee Cave, Capon Hall, Malham Tarn, Malham Cove, Fair Sleet's Gate, Stockdale Farm, Stockdale Lane, Settle

Walk 2

**E Easy / 8.5 miles :**  
Alight & return Settle

Hellfield, Little Newton, Water Fall Rock, Newton Moor, Bookilber Barn, Langber Lane, Scalebar Force, Lambert Lane, Cow Pasture Plantation, Lodge Road, Toll Bar Cottage, River Ribble, Settle

Saturday 26 September

**Wensleydale**

Walk 1

**C Moderate / 9 miles :**  
Alight & return Ribbleshead

Ribbleshead, *Coach to Aysgarth (Fare Extra)*, Carperby, Castle Bolton, Redmire, Preston under Scar, Leyburn Shawl, Leyburn. *Coach to Ribbleshead (Fare extra)*

Walk 2

**E Easy / 7.5 miles :**  
Alight & return Ribbleshead

Ribbleshead, *Coach to Wheeling Bridge (Fare Extra)*, Castle Bolton, Redmire, Elm House, Preston under Scar, Gillfield Wood, Lady Alghitha's Cave, Leyburn Shawl, Leyburn, *Coach to Ribbleshead (Fare Extra)*

Walk 3

**F Stroll / 4 – 5 miles :**  
Alight & Return Ribbleshead

**Middleham**

Ribbleshead, *Coach to Middleham (Fare Extra)*, Mooch in Middleham for the Swinemarket, for St. Alkeda's and Abbot Thornton's Tomb. Call in the Castle for all its surprises and let's remember those successive equestrian prizes, *Coach to Ribbleshead (Fare Extra)*



Saturdays Only

DalesBus 80



Summer Saturdays from  
4 April until 17 October 2026

## Carlisle to Rochdale

		A	YDE	A	YDE
Carlisle	d	09:28		16:17	
Armathwaite	d	09:43		16:32	
Lazonby & Kirkoswald	d	09:50		16:40	
Langwathby	d	09:57		16:47	
Appleby	d	10:12		17:02	
Kirkby Stephen	d	10:25		17:15	
Garsdale	d	10:37		17:28	
Dent	d	10:42		17:33	
Ribblehead	d	10:52	11:08	17:42	18:05
Horton in Ribblesdale	d	10:58	11:14	17:49	18:12
Settle	d	11:06	11:22	17:58	18:21
Hellifield	d	11:14	11:30	18:07	18:28
Clitheroe	d		11:53		18:52
Whalley	d		11:59		18:59
Langho	d		12:04		19:04
Ramsgreave & Wilpshire	d		12:09		19:09
Blackburn	d		12:17		19:18
Darwen	d		12:28		19:28
Bromley Cross	d		12:39		19:39
Hall i' Th Wood	a		12:42		19:42
Bolton	a		12:47		19:47
Salford Crescent	a		12:59		20:02
Salford Central	a		13:02		20:05
Manchester Victoria	a		13:06		20:08
Moston	a		13:15		20:16
Mills Hill	a		13:19		20:20
Castleton	a		13:25		20:26
Rochdale	a		13:29		20:30

## Rochdale to Carlisle

		YDE	B	YDE	B
Rochdale	d	07:52		14:52	
Castleton	d	07:55		14:55	
Mills Hill	d	08:00		15:00	
Moston	d	08:03		15:03	
Manchester Victoria	d	08:15		15:15	
Salford Central	d	08:18		15:18	
Salford Crescent	d	08:22		15:22	
Bolton	d	08:35		15:35	
Hall i' Th Wood	a	08:40		15:40	
Bromley Cross	a	08:44		15:44	
Darwen	a	08:56		15:56	
Blackburn	a	09:03		16:04	
Ramsgreave & Wilpshire	a	09:14		16:21	
Langho	a	09:19		16:26	
Whalley	a	09:24		16:31	
Clitheroe	a	09:30		16:37	
Hellifield	a	09:53	10:12	17:00	17:41
Settle	a	10:02	10:22	17:09	17:50
Horton in Ribblesdale	a	10:11	10:30	17:18	17:58
Ribblehead	a	10:18	10:37	17:25	18:05
Dent	a		10:47		18:15
Garsdale	a		10:52		18:20
Kirkby Stephen	a		11:04		18:32
Appleby	a		11:18		18:45
Langwathby	a		11:32		18:59
Lazonby & Kirkoswald	a		11:38		19:05
Armathwaite	a		11:46		19:13
Carlisle	a		12:01		19:31

### NOTE

A – Train continues to Leeds via Skipton  
YDE – Yorkshire Dales Explorer

### NOTE

B – Train originates from Leeds  
YDE – Yorkshire Dales Explorer

### NOTE

For connections to Carlisle and for more information visit [yorkshiredalesexplorer.com](http://yorkshiredalesexplorer.com) or scan the QR Code



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DalesBus services



DalesBus 80



## Lancaster - Ingleton - Ribbleshead - Hawes

Lancaster Bus Station	09:00	15:30
Caton Medical Centre	09:12	15:42
Hornby Station Road	09:20	15:50
Wray Proctors Farm	09:24	15:54
Wennington Railway Station	09:28	15:58
Low Bentham Punch Bowl	09:33	16:03
High Bentham Bentham Club	09:37	16:07
Rivers Edge Park	09:42	16:12
Ingleton Community Centre arr.	09:48	16:18
Ingleton Community Centre dep.	09:55	16:25
White Scar Cave	10:00	16:30
Chapel-le-Dale Hill Inn	10:05	16:35
Ribblehead Station arr.	10:15	..
Ribblehead Station dep.	10:25 C	..
Ribblehead Station Inn	10:27	16:43
Hawes Market Place Board Inn	10:45	17:01
Hawes National Park Centre	10:50	17:05
YDE train arr. Ribbleshead	10:18	

Hawes National Park Centre	11:05	17:25
Hawes Market Hall	11:08	17:28
Ribblehead Station Inn	11:28	17:48
Ribblehead Station arr.		17:50
Ribblehead Station dep.		17:52
Chapel-le-Dale Hill Inn	11:35	17:58
White Scar Cave	11:40	18:03
Ingleton Community Centre arr.	11:48	18:11
Ingleton Community Centre dep.	11:50	18:15
Rivers Edge Park	11:55	18:20
High Bentham Bentham Club	12:00	18:25
Low Bentham Main Street	12:03	18:28
Wennington Railway Station	12:08	18:33
Wray Proctors Farm	12:11	18:36
Hornby Station Road	12:15	18:40
Caton Medical Centre	12:23	18:48
Lancaster Bus Station	12:35	19:00
YDE train dep. Ribbleshead		18:05

C = this journey will wait up to 10 minutes after scheduled departure time in the event of a delay to connecting train

All single fares cost no more than £3 (£1 for under 19s) Concessionary bus passes for the elderly and disabled are valid for free travel on DalesBus 80.

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