

DalesBus Ramblers

Free Guided Walks by DalesBus

MAY 2026



Join us on a guided walk with an experienced leader in the Yorkshire Dales. All are welcome.

For all walks, please wear boots, carry a packed lunch and drink, rainwear and warm clothing. Distances and routes may vary depending on weather conditions and walk leaders retain the right to ask people not to join the walk if they have inadequate footwear/clothing.

Details of which bus to catch and start/finish points are given for each walk. You can also contact the walk leader using the phone number or email address given if you would like more information or advice, but there's usually no need to book in advance. For full details of all bus times, connecting services and tickets see the [DalesBus timetable](#) or visit: friendsofdalesbus.org/dalesbus-ramblers/

You don't have to be a member of Friends of DalesBus to join the walks, but we warmly welcome you as a member if you want to support our work and become a regular walker with us – visit friendsofdalesbus.org/dalesbus-ramblers/

Please note that the DalesBus Rambler walks have been regraded. Details of the new gradings follow at the end of this document.

Please check the friendsofdalesbus.org/dalesbus-ramblers/ website and Facebook pages for late updates on walks. There are times when we have late information about issues including weather conditions (winter), road closures for summer events etc.

May 3rd The High Level Dales Way - Grassington to Kettlewell, with an option to extend to Starbotton (to be decided on the day).

6 miles Moderate

Out – Catch bus 874 from Wetherby (0835); Seacroft (0845); Leeds City Bus station (0910); Otley Bus station (0953); Ilkley bus station (1015) with connection from Bradford Interchange on 864; Grassington (1106), with connection from Skipton on 72.

Return from Kettlewell on 874 (1635); from Grassington on 72 (1700).

Led by Colin Speakman 07722 162957

May 10th - Gunnerside Circular via Melbecks Moor

7.5 miles Strenuous

Out catch train from Leeds (0909) Skipton (0954) with connections at Shipley & Bingley, arriving at Ribbleshead (1033). Catch bus 830 (1042) to Gunnerside Bridge (1142).

Return on 830 bus from Gunnerside (1732) to Ribbleshead Station (1832) for (1851) train via Settle & Shipley to Leeds.

Led by Friends of Settle to Carlisle Railway(FoSCL) guidedwalks@settle-carlisle.com

May 17th Pateley Bridge - Brimham Rocks circular. This is a fabulous walk and was voted as one of Britain's top 100 favourites in a poll carried out by the Ordnance Survey. The walk from the river Nidd up to Brimham Rocks is moderate/strenuous and there will be a brief opportunity to climb up some of the rocks if desired. Return is via a Llama farm and Tiplady Farm with a water wheel, gypsy caravan and other features, descending into Pateley Bridge along the famous Panorama Walk. The expected finish time is around 1600 just in time for a pint / ice cream / coffee.

8 miles Moderate/ Strenuous

Out Catch bus 821 from Keighley (0925), Shipley (0950) connecting with 820 from Bradford Interchange, Otley (1020) Pateley Bridge King Street (1110) **OR** the 822 from York (0930), Ripon (1030) **OR** the 24 from Harrogate bus station (1015).

Return is via the 821 (1630) to Otley (1715) Shipley (1742) connects to 820 to Bradford (1822,) to Keighley **OR** the 822 to Ripon (1703) and York, **OR** the 24 to Harrogate (1719).

Led by John Waterhouse john00waterhouse@gmail.com

May 24th Kidstones-Thoralby -West Burton

9 miles Strenuous

Out Catch bus 875 York opp rail station (0820); Leeds City bus station (0915); Guiseley Morrisons (0952); Ilkley (1016) connecting with 874 from Otley & 864 from Bradford Interchange; Grassington (1058) connects with 72 from Skipton; Kidstones (1140).

Return From West Burton on bus 875 (1656); Grassington (1753); Ilkley (1834) for trains to Bradford; Guiseley Morrisons (1855) for bus 34 to Otley (1902) or onwards to Leeds & York.

Led by Amelia Letima amelialetima@hotmail.com

May 31st Nidderdale Way - Ramsgill, Lofthouse Gouthwaite Reservoir -Wath - Pateley Bridge. This is a relatively low-level walk, through farmland & meadows and keeping to Nidderdale Way path.

8 miles – Moderate

Out Catch bus 821 from Keighley (0925), Shipley (0950), Guiseley (1002) with connection from 874 in Otley (1015) Pateley Bridge (1108) connects with 820 (1036) from Bradford Interchange and 822 from Pocklington and York, arriving at Ramsgill Village Green(1130).

Return From Pateley Bridge (or Wath if people prefer to end walk here) on 821 (1625) with connections at Otley, or onward to Keighley and Bradford.

Led by Amelia Letima amelialetima@hotmail.com

DalesBus Ramblers - Walk Gradings.

EASY

These walks are for anyone who does not have a mobility difficulty. Walks are on clear maintained paths & any river crossings are on bridges. Walking is mostly on the flat, there are gates rather than stiles.

Comfortable shoes or trainers can usually be worn but if bad weather, winter boots may be more appropriate.

Distance- 3-5miles

EASY-MODERATE

If you have a bit of experience walking in the countryside and a reasonable level of fitness these walks will be suitable for you. They may include unsurfaced rural paths, open countryside and some stiles. They may include some small hills.

We recommend you bring walking boots and warm & waterproof clothing suitable for the season.

Distance 5-8miles

MODERATE

These walks may be in open countryside and include some steep paths, stiles, or small crossings without bridges. Walks may be at a brisker pace so you will need a decent level of fitness and some experience of walking in the countryside. Walking boots and warm & waterproof clothing essential.

Distance 7-9miles

MODERATE-STRENUOUS

These walks may be in open countryside with hills & steep paths, stiles or small crossings and some rough terrain. They will be at a brisk pace so are recommended only for experienced walkers with good levels of fitness.

Walking boots (or trail shoes) and warm & waterproof clothing appropriate for the season are essential.

Distance 8-10miles

STRENUOUS

As above but may be longer walks at a faster pace, or significant ascent or large sections of walk may be over pathless terrain..

Distance between 8-12m

All interested walkers, please note:

Whilst every care will be taken by our experienced leaders, anyone joining the walk must be responsible for their own safety. Anyone without adequate footwear or clothing will be asked not to join the walk as this could put the safety of others at risk especially during winter months. Walk leaders also reserve the right to alter or curtail the walk in the event of poor or difficult weather conditions.