

DalesBus Ramblers

Free Guided Walks by DalesBus

OCTOBER 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 or train 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 details of the walk 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.



October 4th Semer Water Getting off the bus almost at the top of the Kidstones Pass, we will head over the Moors down to Stalling Busk, heading along the shores of Semer Water. We'll then climb up to the Cam Road for some nice views of upper Wensleydale, finishing in Bainbridge.

9.5 miles Moderate/ Strenuous

Out: Catch bus 875 from York (0820), Leeds (0915), Ilkley (1020) & Grassington (1103) alight Kidstones (1145).

Or catch bus 864 from Bradford (0925); Ilkley (1015), connect to 875 as above.

Or catch 72 from Skipton (1030) to Grassington (1050) connect to 875 as above.

Return: catch bus 875 from Bainbridge (1638) to Grassington (1753), Ilkley (1834) Leeds York Street (1929) arr. York Rail Stn (2014).

Or alight Grassington (1753) connect to 72 bus to Skipton.

Or alight Ilkley (1834) connect to trains for Bradford.

Led by Paul Wood paul_wood91@hotmail.co.uk

October 4th Gunnerside Circular via Melbecks Moor Gunnerside, Wintering Scar, Melbecks Moor, Lead mines, Jingle Pot Edge, Gunnerside.

7.5 Miles Strenuous

Out Catch train from Leeds (0909) Skipton (0954) with connections at Shipley & Bingley, alight Ribbleshead station (1033) then catch bus 830 from Ribbleshead stn (1042), alight Gunnerside (1142).

Return on 830 bus from Gunnerside (1732), alight Ribbleshead stn (1832) for (1851) train via Settle & Shipley to Leeds arr (2028).

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

October 11th - Castle Bolton - Gunnerside 8m (or Muker 11m) depending on timing.

This walk starts at Castle Bolton then over the hill to Apedale & down to river Swale, following the Swale to either Gunnerside (or Muker if timing allows).

8 or 11 miles – Moderate.

Out Catch train from Leeds (0909) Skipton (0954) with connections at Shipley & Bingley, alight Garsdale (1048). Catch 857 bus at Garsdale station, alight Castle Bolton (1140).

Return on bus 830 from Gunnerside (1732) or Muker (1742) to alight Ribbleshead stn (1832), to catch train (1851) back via Skipton & Shipley to Leeds arr (2028).

Led By Amelia Letima - amelialetima@hotmail.com

October 25th Burnsall to Grassington via Hebden Ghyll. Starting at Burnsall on Dales Way then up through Hebden & Hebden Ghyll, Yarnbury, ending at Grassington village.

7.5 miles – Moderate

Out Catch bus 874 from Leeds bus station (0910), Otley (0950), Ilkley (1015), alight Burnsall at (1050).

Or catch bus 864 from Bradford (0925); Ilkley (1015), connect to bus 874 above.

Return on bus 874 (1700) from Grassington via Ilkley & Otley arr Leeds (1843).

Or bus 72 (1600) from Grassington to Skipton

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DalesBus Ramblers - Walk Gradients.

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 for **Moderate / Strenuous** 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.