

DalesBus Ramblers

Free Guided Walks by DalesBus

SEPTEMBER 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.



September 6th Sunday Hawes Circular via Hardraw Force

7.5 miles Moderate /Strenuous

Out Catch train from Leeds (0909) Skipton (0954) with connections at Shipley & Bingley, alight Ribbleshead stn (1033). Catch Bus 830 from Ribbleshead stn (1042) alight Muker (1132)

Return on bus 830 Hawes (1810) to Ribbleshead stn (1832) for train (1851) via Settle & Shipley to Leeds arr (2008).

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

September 13th Thwaite, Keld, Gunnerside Swaledale A mostly low-level walk starting in pretty village of Thwaite, heading to top of Swaledale at Keld & finishing in Gunnerside with a pub for refreshments & cafe if we are early enough. Beautiful views of Swaledale valley along the way.

8 miles Moderate

OUT Catch train from Leeds (0909) Shipley (0922) Skipton (0954) alight Ribbleshead Station (1033). Catch bus 830 from Ribbleshead Station (1042) alight Thwaite (11:25).

RETURN on bus 830 from Gunnerside (1732) to Ribbleshead stn. (1832) for (1851) train via Settle & Shipley to Leeds arr (2008).

Led by Amelia Letima amelialetima@hotmail.com

September 20th Snaizholme -Hawes. Train & bus. Alighting from the 830 at Newby Head (before Hawes) we will follow the Ribbles Way climbing towards the top of Snaizholme valley then descend into Snaizholme & through the Red Squirrel viewing area following the path back to Hawes. This is moderate- strenuous walk with some possible off path walking & boggy ground around Snaizholme . Ending in Hawes with time for refreshments.

OUT Catch train from Leeds (0909) Shipley (0922) Skipton (0954) alight Ribbleshead Station (1033). Catch bus 830 from Ribbleshead Station (1042) alight Newby Head (10:50)

RETURN on bus 830 from Hawes (18:07) to Ribbleshead stn. (1832) for (1851) train via Skipton & Shipley to Leeds arr (2008).

10 miles (but with a 6hr window for route). **Moderate /Strenuous**

Led by Amelia Letima amelialetima@hotmail.com

September 27th Monks Walk -A Guided walk following on the footsteps of the Cistercian Monks to Fountains Abbey. Along the way, you'll be met with expansive views from Riva Hill to Brimham Rocks.

Meet at the Welcome Hut in the car park at 11am.

8 miles Moderate/ Strenuous

Out Catch bus 825 York Railway Stn (0917), Harrogate (1015), Ripley Cross (1028) alight Brimham Rocks (1043).

Return on 825 from Fountains Abbey (1639) via Brimham Rocks to Ripley Cross to Harrogate(1727) & arr. York (1815).

Led by The National Trust brimhamrocks@nationaltrust.org.uk **tel:01423 780688**

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.