



Welcome to Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line free guided walks

Our free guided walks date back to the earliest FoSCL 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 and how we continue to support England's most scenic railway.

All of our walks start and/or finish from train stations, usually 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.

OCTOBER

Saturday 5th



Ribble Valley Line: Ramsgrave to Whalley

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

Arrive:12:09 **Ramsgrave & Wilpshire** Depart:16:31 **Whalley**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **8mi / 12.9km**

Sunday 6th



Ivelet Moor in Glorious Swaledale

Alight Ribblehead for Northern DalesBus to Gunnerside (return fare payable) for a fabulous walk to Ivelet Moor.

Arrive:10:36 **Ribblehead** Depart:18:50 **Ribblehead**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **9mi / 14.5km** Train + Bus

Sunday 13th



Semerwater and Bainbridge from Hawes

We take the Northern DalesBus to Hawes (return fare payable) and walk to Semerwater, a place of myths and legends!

Arrive:10:36 **Ribblehead** Depart:18:50 **Ribblehead**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **12mi / 19.3km** Train + Bus

Saturday 19th



A Walk in Bronte Country from Haworth

A trip through history to where the Bronte Sisters lived and walked. Bus from Keighley to Haworth: see our website for details.

Arrive: 09:45 **Keighley** Depart:17:31 **Keighley**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **11mi / 17.7km** Train + Bus

NOVEMBER

Saturday 2nd



In Search of Ursus and Salmo

On this riverside walk we are unlikely to see Ursus Arctos but we might see his favourite food Salmo Salar leaping Stainforth Force!

Arrive:10:20 **Settle** Depart:16:30 **Settle**
Grade: **Walker** Distance: **8mi / 12.9km**

Saturday 16th



Hellfield to Skipton

A walk from Hellfield through pretty villages and over rolling hills, following the River Aire and Leeds Liverpool canal to Skipton.

Arrive:10:11 **Hellfield** Depart:16:59 **Skipton**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **12mi / 19.3km**

Saturday 30th



Hike around Horton-in-Ribblesdale

A shorter, slower paced scenic walk in the environs of Horton-in-Ribblesdale with plenty of time to admire the views.

Arrive:10:30 **Horton** Depart:16:21 **Horton**
Grade: **Walker** Distance: **7.5mi / 12.1km**

DECEMBER

Saturday 14th



Settle Festive Circular via Nappa Cross

Let's get into the Christmas mood - bring Santa hats and nibbles to share! We'll round off the day with refreshments in Settle.

Arrive:10:20 **Settle** Depart:17:58 **Settle**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **10mi / 16.1km**

Saturday 28th



Walk off that Crimbo Excess!

You will be desperate to get out of the house by now so join us on this walk from Gargrave to burn off some of those Christmas treats!

Arrive:10:03 **Gargrave** Depart:16:47 **Gargrave**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **10.5mi / 16.9km**



A snowy day at Ribblehead Viaduct

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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Become a Friend of the Settle-Carlisle Line

Help support the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Line by joining the Friends. We always welcome new members and there are many opportunities for volunteering. Apply online at:

membermojo.co.uk/foscl

JANUARY

Saturday 11th



The Only Trig Point in the Village!

Our first walk to welcome in 2025 is from Long Preston visiting the trig point on the top of Newton Moor then finishing at Hellfield.

Arrive: 08:43 **Long Preston** Depart:15:13 **Hellfield**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **10mi / 16.1km**

Saturday 25th



Ribblehead to Horton via the Pennine Way

A chance to walk part of the Pennine Way with great views of the Yorkshire Three Peaks.

Arrive:10:38 **Ribblehead** Depart:16:21 **Horton**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **9mi / 14.5km**

FEBRUARY

Saturday 8th



Snowdrops around Appleby

February Fairmaids, Dingle-dangles, Candlemas Bells, Mary's Tapers galore. One of our favourite walks at this time of year!

Arrive:11:19 **Appleby** Depart:17:01 **Appleby**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **11mi / 17.7km**

Saturday 22nd



Bingley and the Two Mortons

A walk full of interest from Bingley station past the famous Five Rise Locks to East and West Morton and return along the canal.

Arrive:09:38 **Bingley** Depart:15:44 **Bingley**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **9mi / 14.5km**



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.

MARCH

Saturday
8th



Long Preston to Settle via the Ribble Way

Follow the Ribble Way through gently rolling countryside from Long Preston to the picturesque market town of Settle.

Arrive: 10:14 Long Preston Depart: 16:30 Settle
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 10mi / 16.1km

Saturday
15th



St Ives Estate and Altar Crag

A walk from Keighley to Bingley passing through the historic St Ives estate, the former home of the Ferrands family.

Arrive: 09:45 Keighley Depart: 16:26 Bingley
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 10mi / 16.1km

Saturday
22nd



Ribble Valley Line: Langho to Clitheroe

Another opportunity to use the Yorkshire Dales Explorer train to visit the Ribble Valley. **Important: see our website for train info.**

Arrive: 12:04 Langho Depart: 16:38 Clitheroe
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 11mi / 17.7km

Saturday
29th



Moorland Walk and the Doubler Stones

A beautiful moorland walk from Bingley to Keighley via the impressive gritstone rocks of the Doubler Stones.

Arrive: 09:38 Bingley Depart: 17:09 Keighley
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: 12mi / 19.3km



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

Volunteer for the Friends of Settle-Carlisle Line

Interesting roles include On Train Guides, Station Adopters, Walk Leaders and Heritage Tour Guides. Or what about helping in our Shops, Cafés or Workshop? We would love to have you on-board!

If you are interested please email

volunteers@settle-carlisle.com

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