





**MOORLAND DISCOVERY**

The North York Moors National Park is home to the largest expanse of open heather moorland in England and on the Moorland Discovery you can get a real sense of this magical landscape as it spreads out in all directions as far as the eye can see. Taking you through lush green dales and up to Urra, the highest point of the North York Moors, this route also offers some great family fun with stops at The Moors National Park Centre and Ryedale Folk Museum.

This leaflet aims to give you an idea of just some of the great places Moorsbus can take you. It is not intended as a circular tour and you won't be able to visit them all in one day, but there is always tomorrow!

**KEY**

Moorland Discovery Moorsbus Route

Scarborough & District Service 128



**Park and Ride**

Why not leave your car at one of our National Park car parks? Take the bus from Sutton Bank, The Moors Centre, Danby, Hutton-le-Hole, Thornton-le-Dale or Newton under Roseberry and get your all day parking fee of £2.20 (£1 after 4pm) refunded when you buy an all-day Moorsbus ticket. Use the special voucher with the car park ticket.

**MOORSBUS CO-ORDINATORS**

Look out for our Co-ordinators who are recognisable by their badges and uniform. They are normally based at Helmsley and Pickering or may be mobile anywhere on the Network.

If you are travelling on the Moorsbus Network and need help planning your journey please speak to a Co-ordinator or telephone Moorsbus Enquires: 01845 597000



**Helmsley**

Helmsley is a charming market town where you could easily lose a day in its shops, eateries and fascinating historic sites. Duncombe Park with its historic house and extensive gardens is just a short stroll from the town as is the verdant Helmsley Walled Garden with its collections of 52 Yorkshire apples and over 250 clematis varieties. Surrounded by spectacular banks and ditches, there is also the impressive ruin of Helmsley's medieval castle to explore.



**Captain Cook's Monument**

The explorer, Captain James Cook has a strong connection to the North York Moors. He grew up in the shadow of Roseberry Topping and also lived in Staithes and Whitby, from where he first set sail in 1747. In 1827, a simple 51 foot high obelisk was erected in his memory on the moor top. Get off at Great Ayton or Guisborough for a walk to the monument and some stunning views.



**The Moors National Park Centre**

Bring the people, places and wildlife of the North York Moors to life at The Moors National Park Centre. Interactive exhibitions and breathtaking audio visual provide a wonderful introduction to the National Park and a well stocked-shop sells maps and guides to the area as well as a range of gifts. There's also an outdoor play area, indoor children's climbing wall and a lively events programme. With a tea room and Inspired By...Gallery displaying local arts and crafts, The Moors Centre is a fun day out for all the family. Admission is free.



**Ralph's Cross**

The National Park is dotted with an intriguing collection of ancient stone crosses and waymarkers – many of which have quirky tales associated with them. Ralph Cross, is the emblem of the North York Moors National Park Authority and – so local legend says – was erected by a farmer called Ralph in memory of a poor traveller who died from exhaustion at the spot where the cross now stands.



**Guisborough Forest and Walkway Visitor Centre**

This diverse woodland planted on the extensive site of disused mineworkings is a lovely place to walk and is home to wildlife such as newts, kingfishers and waxwings. The visitor centre has displays about the history and geology of the area and rocky outcrops provide views over Teesside.



**Ryedale Folk Museum**

Jump off in the picturesque village of Hutton-le-Hole for Ryedale Folk Museum, a quirky slice of rural life. Set over three acres, the museum features a range of beautifully restored buildings through the ages from a crofter's cottage and 16th Century manor house to the intriguingly named Witches Hovel and Hearse House.



**Moorland Discovery Walk**

Pick a clear day for this five mile circular walk as you'll be heading to Urra Moor, the highest point in the North York Moors National Park with spectacular views to Roseberry Topping and Teesside. Starting at Clay Bank you quickly climb to the high moorland before heading back through woodland and farmland. *Pick up the Bilsdale Waymark Walk leaflet priced 40p from the North York Moors National Park Authority's offices in Helmsley, at The Moors National Park Centre in Danby or buy online at [www.moors.uk.net/shop](http://www.moors.uk.net/shop)*



**Roseberry Topping**

Affectionately known as the Yorkshire Matterhorn, Roseberry Topping is one of the most iconic features of the North York Moors. The hill's distinctive shape is due to a geological fault and a mining collapse early in the 20th century. On a clear day you can see as far as Teesside in one direction and the Yorkshire Dales in another from its summit. Hop off at Great Ayton to explore Roseberry Topping.