



## 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](http://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 the route will usually include a hill or two, 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.

### What walk is right for you?



#### Walker

*Try this grade if you are comfortable with shorter walks.*  
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...



#### Hiker

*Suitable for those who like a faster walk and lots of up!*  
A full day's walking at a brisk pace across varied terrain. There will be hills...



#### Explorer!

*Perfect if you prefer challenging hikes in tough terrain.*  
Fast pace. Distance. Moorland. Mountains. All that the Leeds - Settle - Carlisle Line has to offer. Are you up for it?

For any last minute changes, cancellations or surprise additions! visit [foscl.org.uk/guided-walks](http://foscl.org.uk/guided-walks) or follow:

@FriendsSettleCarlisle

[instagram.com/fosclsc](https://www.instagram.com/fosclsc)

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## APRIL

Sat 4<sup>th</sup>

### Garsdale Circular

A short walk in the wild countryside around Garsdale.

Arrive: 10:52 Garsdale  
Depart: 16:00 Garsdale

6mi / 10km



WALKER

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>

### Horton to Clapham via Nappa Scars

A chance to use the Bentham Line with a chance of tea and cake in Clapham. **Two separate train lines are used, ask for best ticket option.**

Arrive: 08:58 Horton  
Depart: 15:23 Clapham

8mi / 13km



HIKER

Sat 18<sup>th</sup>

### A Longhouse, a Chapel and a Shanty Town

Visit a quarry that's now a National Nature Reserve, a longhouse and lesser seen views of Ribblesdale Viaduct.

Arrive: 10:37 Ribblesdale  
Depart: 16:15 Ribblesdale

7mi / 11km



HIKER

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>

### Kirkby Stephen Circular

An opportunity to visit the beautiful countryside around Kirkby Stephen with views of the River Eden.

Arrive: 09:34 Kirkby Stephen  
Depart: 15:47 Kirkby Stephen

9mi / 15km



HIKER

## MAY

Sat 9<sup>th</sup>

### Smearsett Scar and Catrigg Force from Settle

A visit to the unloved top of Smearsett Scar.

Arrive: 10:21 Settle  
Depart: 17:58 Settle

12mi / 19km



EXPLORER!

Sun 10<sup>th</sup>

### Gunnerside Circular via Melbecks Moor

Spectacular views and lead mines on this high-level walk around Gunnerside Gill. **Alight Ribblesdale for 830 DalesBus to Gunnerside (fare payable).**

Arrive: 10:33 Ribblesdale  
Depart: 18:51 Ribblesdale

7.5mi / 12km  
Train + Bus



EXPLORER!

Sat 16<sup>th</sup>

### Magic Roundabout

Ever walked around a mountain before? Now's your chance when we circumnavigate the base of Pen-y-Ghent.

Arrive: 08:58 Horton  
Depart: 17:49 Horton

14mi / 23km



EXPLORER!

Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>

### Wandering Around Winskill

A leisurely paced walk through Winskill Stones Nature Reserve and a chance to see *Orchis mascula*.

Arrive: 10:21 Settle  
Depart: 16:30 Settle

8mi / 13km



WALKER

Sat 30<sup>th</sup>

### Lazonby Circular

A walk through the beautiful countryside in the Eden Valley.

Arrive: 10:07 Lazonby  
Depart: 16:39 Lazonby

10.5mi / 17km



HIKER

## JUNE

Sat 6<sup>th</sup>

### Ingleborough

Twists and turns aplenty during our different approach to Ingleborough, one of the Yorkshire Three Peaks.

Arrive: 08:58 Horton  
Depart: 17:42 Ribblesdale

12mi / 19km



EXPLORER!

Sat 13<sup>th</sup>

### The First Step is a Biggie!

Come see Gaping Gill on a circular walk from Horton-in-Ribblesdale.

Arrive: 10:30 Horton  
Depart: 16:21 Horton

9.5mi / 15km



HIKER

Sat 20<sup>th</sup>

### Kirkby Stephen Circular via Smardale

Admire the magnificent Smardale Gill Viaduct and walk along disused railway tracks through Smardale Nature Reserve home to red squirrels and rare butterflies.

Arrive: 09:34 Kirkby Stephen  
Depart: 17:14 Kirkby Stephen

10.5mi / 17km



HIKER

Sun 21<sup>st</sup>

### Around Kisdon Hill

Walk in Upper Swaledale to one of the most remote villages in the Dales. **Alight Ribblesdale for 830 DalesBus to Muker (fare payable).**

Arrive: 10:33 Ribblesdale  
Depart: 18:51 Ribblesdale

7mi / 11km  
Train + Bus



EXPLORER!

Sat 27<sup>th</sup>

### Great Knoutberry and Wold Fell

A taste of the wild side as we make our way from Dent to Ribblesdale via Great Knoutberry.

Arrive: 09:16 Dent  
Depart: 17:42 Ribblesdale

10mi / 16km



EXPLORER!

## JULY

Sat 4<sup>th</sup>

### Ribblesdale Circular via Dentdale

Glorious views, an iconic signal box, three viaducts, the Dales Way and the Dales High Way all in one walk!

Arrive: 09:06 Ribblesdale  
Depart: 17:42 Ribblesdale

15mi / 24km



EXPLORER!

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>

### Kirkby Stephen Room

Marvellous views of the Westmorland countryside on this meandering route close to Kirkby Stephen.

Arrive: 11:04 Kirkby Stephen  
Depart: 17:14 Kirkby Stephen

8.5mi / 14km



WALKER

Sat 11<sup>th</sup>

### Cross Fell: 150th Anniversary Walk

The high point of the FoSCL year! **Booking essential. See separate panel overleaf for further information about this special walk.**

Arrive: 10:01 Langwathby  
Depart: 19:06 Appleby

13mi / 21km  
Train + Bus



EXPLORER!

Sat 18<sup>th</sup>

### Wherside

Tops and Tarns as we tackle the highest of the Three Yorkshire Peaks - mighty Wherside.

Arrive: 09:06 Ribblesdale  
Depart: 17:42 Ribblesdale

11mi / 18km



EXPLORER!

Sat 25<sup>th</sup>

### Ribblesdale Valley Line: Clitheroe Circular

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

Arrive: 11:54 Clitheroe  
Depart: 16:37 Clitheroe

8mi / 13km



HIKER

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>

### Fremington Edge

Climb up to Fremington Edge and be rewarded with stunning views of Swaledale. **Alight Ribblesdale for 830 DalesBus to Reeth (fare payable).**

Arrive: 10:33 Ribblesdale  
Depart: 18:51 Ribblesdale

8mi / 13km  
Train + Bus



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The Friends of the Settle - Carlisle Line are pleased to sponsor and participate in the **2026 ride2stride Festival**.

Our walks are listed below and the full programme is available at [ride2stride.co.uk](http://ride2stride.co.uk) or you can pick up a leaflet at train stations.



### Wed 29th April

Geology walk and talk from Horton to Settle across the Craven faults with **Bill Fraser**. *A good level of fitness is needed for this walk.* **10.5 miles**

### Fri 1st May

**Settle to Horton** via Oxenber Woods, glorious wild flowers and spectacular Crummackdale. **11 miles**

### Fri 1st May

**Limestone by rail information walk, Settle to Horton** via Helwith Bridge, Dry Rigg, Arcow, Foredale and new quarry sidings at Horton. **9 miles**

### Sat 2nd May

**Garsdale to Kirkby Stephen** via Mallerstang Edge, a wild and beautiful walk. **14 miles**

### Sat 2nd May

**Shanty Town Explorer** via Ribblesdale Viaduct, Winterscales, Blea Moor Sidings, Tramway, Brickworks Batty Green and the site of Hospital and Offices. **5 miles**

### Sun 3rd May

**Settle Circular** via Cleatop Wood, Scaleber Force and Attermire Scar. **10 miles**

### Mon 4th May

**Lazonby to Langwathby** via Kirkoswald Castle and Long Meg. **8 miles**



## AUGUST

Sat  
1<sup>st</sup>

**Ribblehead to Hawes**  
Enjoy the views on this lovely walk into Wensleydale. The walk leaders will be arriving at 09:18 on the southbound train. Little White Bus from Hawes to Garsdale Station (fare payable).

Arrive: 09:06 Ribblehead  
Depart: 17:28 Garsdale

11mi / 18km  
Train + Bus



EXPLORER!

Sat  
8<sup>th</sup>

**We have High Standards**  
Rock cairns have stood atop Nine Standards Rigg since the 13th century and no-one really knows why...

Arrive: 09:34 Kirkby Stephen  
Depart: 17:14 Kirkby Stephen

13mi / 21km



EXPLORER!

Sat  
15<sup>th</sup>

**In Search of the Straw Man**  
Splendid views of the Ribble Valley on this leisurely paced walk and at the end a chance to explore Settle flowerpot trail.

Arrive: 10:21 Settle  
Depart: 16:30 Settle

8mi / 13km



WALKER

Sun  
16<sup>th</sup>

**Gunnerside to Muker**  
Rugged moorland and industrial archaeology on this lovely walk in Swaledale. Alight Ribblehead for 830 DalesBus to Gunnerside (fare payable).

Arrive: 10:33 Ribblehead  
Depart: 18:51 Ribblehead

7.5mi / 12km  
Train + Bus



EXPLORER!

Sat  
22<sup>nd</sup>

**Westmorland Meander**  
An opportunity to discover some wonderful trails with stunning views along the way.

Arrive: 11:04 Kirkby Stephen  
Depart: 17:14 Kirkby Stephen

9.5mi / 15km



HIKER

Sun  
23<sup>rd</sup>

**Great Shunner Fell**  
Walk the glorious Pennine Way from Swaledale to Wensleydale. Alight Ribblehead for 830 Northern DalesBus to Muker (fare payable).

Arrive: 10:33 Ribblehead  
Depart: 18:51 Ribblehead

11mi / 18km  
Train + Bus



EXPLORER!

Sat  
29<sup>th</sup>

**Carlisle Circular along the River Eden**  
An opportunity to walk along the River Eden and see some of the beautiful architecture in historic Carlisle.

Arrive: 10:30 Carlisle  
Depart: 16:17 Carlisle

10.5mi / 17km



HIKER

## SEPTEMBER

Sat  
5<sup>th</sup>

**We Talk to the Trees**  
If a tree does fall in the forest, FoSCL Guided Walks will be there to hear it. Today we go to the remote Cam Woodlands.

Arrive: 09:06 Ribblehead  
Depart: 17:49 Horton

15mi / 24km



EXPLORER!

Sun  
6<sup>th</sup>

**Hawes Circular via Hardraw Force**  
A chance to visit the highest single drop waterfall in England. (Entrance fee payable). Alight Ribblehead for 830 DalesBus to Hawes (fare payable).

Arrive: 10:33 Ribblehead  
Depart: 18:51 Ribblehead

7.5mi / 12km  
Train + Bus



HIKER

Sat  
12<sup>th</sup>

**Appleby Circular via Kirkby Thore**  
Walking along the old Roman Road and the River Eden in the beautiful Eden Valley.

Arrive: 09:46 Appleby  
Depart: 17:01 Appleby

11.5mi / 19km



HIKER

Sat  
19<sup>th</sup>

**Ribblehead to Hawes**  
A scenic walk to Hawes via the Roman Road and Wether Fell. The walk leaders will be arriving at 09:18 on the southbound train. Little White Bus from Hawes to Garsdale Station (fare payable).

Arrive: 09:06 Ribblehead  
Depart: 17:28 Garsdale

13mi / 21km  
Train + Bus



EXPLORER!

Sat  
26<sup>th</sup>

**Pen-y-ghent and Plover Hill**  
An ascent of the Lion of Ribblesdale and moorland bird of the dales.

Arrive: 10:30 Horton  
Depart: 16:21 Horton

10mi / 16km



EXPLORER!



### 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](http://northernrailway.co.uk) to see what time the relevant train arrives at the start station. Details of the connecting trains are available online from National Rail Enquiries via [nationalrail.co.uk](http://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](mailto:guidedwalks@settle-carlisle.com) or visit [foscl.org.uk](http://foscl.org.uk)

#### Volunteer for the Friends of the 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](mailto:volunteers@settle-carlisle.com)

### Guided Walks 150km Challenge

As part of our 150th year celebrations, we are challenging you to walk 150km during the Summer Walks Programme!

Those of you who successfully complete the challenge will be rewarded with **free FoSCL membership and a choice of complimentary 150 years merchandise.**

Lace up your boots, track your distance, have your leaflet stamped and join us in celebrating this special milestone year! When you've completed your 150km, fill in your details below and hand it to the walk leader.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

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Saturday 11th July 2026

#### Cross Fell: 150th Anniversary FoSCL Walk

Celebrate the 150th anniversary with this special FoSCL walk over Cross Fell. The route will start from Kirkland and finish in Dufton, taking in the finest upland scenery in the North Pennines. Minibus transport will be provided from Langwathby returning to Appleby **at a cost of £10 return per person (payable in cash on the day).** **Advance booking is essential as numbers are limited.** Places will be allocated on a **first come, first served** basis. Email [guidedwalks@settle-carlisle.com](mailto:guidedwalks@settle-carlisle.com) to book and we will send confirmation of a seat on the minibus.

Join us for this landmark anniversary walk across one of England's most iconic fells.

#### 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](http://membermojo.co.uk/foscl)



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