



## 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. It is a pleasure to still offer free guided walks all these years later and we are proud of the contribution FoSCL made to safeguard England's most scenic railway for everyone to enjoy.

All of our walks start and finish from stations 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.

Often, they are linear walks where the route takes us from one station to another making it more of an adventure! For full details of the routes, please see our website. Our volunteers lead walks every Saturday and some Sundays from April to September.

Everyone is welcome to come along 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 almost always 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 more and feel comfortable with the pace.

We look forward to you joining us to explore the beautiful countryside and experience a wonderful trip on the fantastic Leeds-Settle-Carlisle line.

### Walk Grades



#### 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...



#### Hiker

A full day's walking at a brisk pace across varied terrain. There will be hills...



#### Explorer

Pace. Distance. Moorland. Mountains. All that the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Line has to offer. Are you up for it?

SAT  
2 APR



#### Settle Circular Introductory Walk

A chance to see the Dales around Settle at a relaxed pace on one of our shorter walks. Perfect for a first walk!

Arrive: 11:51 **Settle** Depart: 16:28 **Settle**

Grade: **Walker** Distance: 6ml / 9.6km

SAT  
9 APR



#### Wherside and Ribblesdale Circular

Climb one of the Yorkshire Three Peaks and explore the area around Ribblesdale Viaduct.

Arrive: 10:39 **Ribblehead** Depart: 17:42 **Ribblehead**

Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 9ml / 14.5km

SAT  
16 APR



#### Appleby and Flakebridge Woods

A great day out along the line with a scenic ride to Appleby and a chance to see the bluebells at Flakebridge Woods.

Arrive: 11:19 **Appleby** Depart: 17:00 **Appleby**

Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 9ml / 14.5km

SAT  
23 APR



#### Kirkby Stephen Circular

Explore the area around Kirkby Stephen and visit a hidden valley and farmstead abandoned many years ago.

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

Grade: **Explorer** Distance: 14ml / 22.5km

SAT  
30 APR



#### Ribblehead Circular

Visit a quarry that helped build the railway, a Viking Longhouse and lesser seen views of Ribblesdale Viaduct.

Arrive: 10:39 **Ribblehead** Depart: 16:14 **Ribblehead**

Grade: **Walker** Distance: 7ml / 11.3km

SAT  
7 MAY



#### Horton to Settle via Oxenber Wood

See the stunning wildflowers of Oxenber and Wharfe woods in a beautiful part of the Yorkshire Dales.

Arrive: 10:31 **Horton in Ribblesdale** Depart: 17:56 **Settle**

Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 10ml / 16km

SAT  
14 MAY



#### Langwathby to Armathwaite

Enjoy views of the Lake District, see one of the Eden benchmark sculptures plus Long Meg and Her Daughters stone circle.

Arrive: 10:01 **Langwathby** Depart: 16:32 **Armathwaite**

Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 12ml / 19.3km

SAT  
21 MAY



#### Two Dales Ways

A taste of two great long distance trails. First, the iconic Dales Way then climb out of Dentdale on the glorious Dales High Way.

Arrive: 10:48 **Dent** Depart: 17:42 **Ribblehead**

Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 10ml / 16km

SAT  
28 MAY



#### Hawes to Garsdale

Alight Garsdale for bus to Hawes (single fare to Hawes). Walk back to Garsdale via Hardraw, Cotterdale and Lady Anne's Way.

Arrive: 09:21 **Garsdale** Depart: 17:27 **Garsdale**

Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 8ml / 12.8km

Train + Bus

SAT  
4 JUNE



#### Spectacular Norber Erratics

The Norber Erratics are a must see! Walk amongst these huge boulders deposited by a glacier.

Arrive: 10:31 **Horton in Ribblesdale** Depart: 17:56 **Settle**

Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 11ml / 17.7km

SAT  
11 JUNE



#### Horton in Ribblesdale via Pen-y-ghent

Peaks and Pots! - a chance to walk one of the famous Yorkshire Three Peaks and see one of the striking Dale's potholes.

Arrive: 10:31 **Horton in Ribblesdale** Depart: 16:20 **Horton**

Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 9ml / 14.5km

SUN  
12 JUNE



#### Gunnerside to Reeth

Alight Ribblesdale for the bus to Gunnerside (return fare to Reeth) A scenic walk via Calver Hill. Bus back from Reeth to Ribblesdale.

Arrive: 10:24 **Ribblehead** Depart: 18:50 **Ribblehead**

Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 7ml / 11.3km

Train + Bus

SAT  
18 JUNE



#### Settle Circular via Hoffman Kiln

Mills and kilns: industrial heritage then steep climbs to reveal stunning limestone scenery and views across the countryside.

Arrive: 10:22 **Settle** Depart: 16:28 **Settle**

Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 8ml / 12.8km

SAT  
25 JUNE



#### Nine Standards Rigg via Nateby

After a steep climb, visit nine mysterious cone shaped stones steeped in folklore and enjoy fine views along Mallerstang.

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

Grade: **Explorer** Distance: 12ml / 19.3km

SUN  
26 JUNE



#### Grisedale, the Dale that died ...

A remote valley with an interesting tale to tell of the history and area around Garsdale. This walk will be at a relaxed pace.

Arrive: 10:40 **Garsdale** Depart: 16:28 **Garsdale**

Grade: **Walker** Distance: 7ml / 11.3km

SAT  
2 JULY



#### Horton to Settle via Crummackdale

Visit limestone country with this walk through the enchanting landscape of Crummackdale.

Arrive: 10:31 **Horton in Ribblesdale** Depart: 16:28 **Settle**

Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 11ml / 17.7km

SAT  
9 JULY



#### Appleby to Langwathby

A long, tranquil walk through the countryside of the Eden valley incorporating a Roman road.

Arrive: 09:48 **Appleby** Depart: 16:46 **Langwathby**

Grade: **Explorer** Distance: 13ml / 20.9km

SAT  
16 JULY



#### Dent to Ribblesdale memorial walk

A walk in memory of Peter Davies and Ruth Evans. They both volunteered for FoSCL for many years and will be missed by all.

Arrive: 10:48 **Dent** Depart: 17:42 **Ribblehead**

Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 10ml / 16km

SAT  
23 JULY



#### Garsdale to Kirkby Stephen

Magnificent views and impressive sculpture - The Cut, Outhgill with family history of Michael Faraday.

Arrive: 09:21 **Garsdale** Depart: 17:14 **Kirkby Stephen**

Grade: **Explorer** Distance: 13ml / 20.9km

SAT  
30 JULY



#### Settle Circular via Catrigg Force

Waterfalls and Caves - see more of the natural wonders of the Settle and Stainforth areas.

Arrive: 10:22 **Settle** Depart: 16:28 **Settle**

Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 9ml / 14.5km

SUN  
31 JULY



#### Great Shunner Fell: Hawes to Muker

Alight Ribblesdale for bus to Hawes (return fare to Muker) and follow the glorious Pennine Way from Wensleydale to Swaledale.

Arrive: 10:24 **Ribblehead** Depart: 18:50 **Ribblehead**

Grade: **Explorer** Distance: 11ml / 17.7km

Train + Bus

SAT  
6 AUG

### Wild Boar Fell Circular

Truly beautiful views from atop the fell and you visit "Hell" twice on this challenging walk.

Arrive: 09:21 **Garsdale** Depart: 17:27 **Garsdale**  
Grade: **Explorer** Distance: 15ml / 24.1km

SAT  
13 AUG

### Kirkby Stephen Circular

Enjoy a long walk around beautiful Kirkby Stephen. Wooded valley. Fields and fells. Cracking views.

Arrive: 09:34 **Kirkby Stephen** Depart: 17:14 **Kirkby Stephen**  
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 11.5ml / 18.5km

SAT  
20 AUG

### Horton to Settle

Riverside woodland walk with a close up view of a working quarry and some fine open vistas.

Arrive: 10:31 **Horton in Ribblesdale** Depart: 16:28 **Settle**  
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 9ml / 14.5km

SAT  
27 AUG

### Long Preston to Settle

Riverbank, interesting architecture and views across the valley on this linear walk from Long Preston over Sugar Loaf Hill.

Arrive: 10:15 **Long Preston** Depart: 16:28 **Settle**  
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 11ml / 17.7km

SAT  
3 SEPT

### Horton to Ribblesdale via Hull Pot

This low level walk includes potholes and a hidden valley ending at the famous Ribblesdale Viaduct.

Arrive: 10:31 **Horton in Ribblesdale** Depart: 16:14 **Ribblesdale**  
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 10ml / 16km

SUN  
4 SEPT

### Fremington Edge: Reeth Circular

Alight Ribblesdale for bus to Reeth (return fare to Reeth). Stunning views of Swaledale, Arkengarthdale and the lead mines.

Arrive: 10:24 **Ribblesdale** Depart: 18:50 **Ribblesdale**  
Grade: **Explorer** Distance: 9ml / 14.5km Train + Bus

SAT  
10 SEPT

### Gargrave Circular along the Aire

Circular riverside walk from Gargrave alongside the Aire, fabulous views and fascinating architecture.

Arrive: 10:04 **Gargrave** Depart: 16:45 **Gargrave**  
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: 10ml / 16km

SAT  
17 SEPT

### Horton to Settle via A Pennine Journey

Step in the Great Man's footsteps on a section of Wainwright's epic "Pennine Journey".

Arrive: 10:31 **Horton in Ribblesdale** Depart: 16:28 **Settle**  
Grade: **Walker** Distance: 8ml / 12.8km

SAT  
24 SEPT

### Appleby Circular via River Eden

A lovely walk to finish the season. Journey to Appleby to walk along the River Eden plus visits to Rutter Force and Hoff Beck.

Arrive: 09:48 **Appleby** Depart: 17:00 **Appleby**  
Grade: **Explorer** Distance: 13ml / 20.9km

## COME AND JOIN US at FoSCL

Help support the Settle-Carlisle railway by joining Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line.

Many improvements have taken place since the line was under threat of closure in the 1980s and Friends of the Settle-Carlisle Line work closely with the rail authorities to ensure it has a successful future. Your subscription or donation will help to enhance the route.

We always welcome new members to help us with this work and there are many opportunities for volunteering.

Apply online at [foscl.org.uk](http://foscl.org.uk) or email [membership@settle-carlisle.com](mailto:membership@settle-carlisle.com)



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

- **Don't forget this is Yorkshire and Cumbria.** 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.** When the sun comes out, 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** without notice. Wherever possible, updates will be placed on the FoSCL website.
- Timings are given in good faith but cannot be guaranteed. Changes or cancellations to these walks will be notified on the FoSCL website.
- Most walks are timed to use the **09:19** train from Leeds to Carlisle (**08:59** 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 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

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Car free walks from stations along the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Railway at weekends throughout April to September 2022.