



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. 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/or 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.

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.

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...



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?



Duo

Walk near, walk far, walk together. Two distances in one walk so you can choose what works for you.

APRIL 2023

Saturday
1st



Saltaire Circular: a World Heritage Site

Walk from Saltaire passing Five Rise Locks, an incredible feat of engineering. Enjoy long distance views across the Aire Valley.

Arrive: 10:15 **Saltaire** Depart: 16:00 **Saltaire**
Grade: **Walker** Distance: **8mi / 12.8km**

Saturday
8th



Horton to Settle via Norber Erratics

One of our most popular walks. Stroll amongst huge boulders deposited by glaciers and marvel at nature.

Arrive: 10:31 **Horton** Depart: 17:56 **Settle**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **12mi / 19.3km**

Saturday
15th



Appleby Circular via Murton Pike

Admire the fine views of the Lake District and Mallerstang Valley from the top of Murton Pike.

Arrive: 09:48 **Appleby** Depart: 17:00 **Appleby**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **12mi / 19.3km**

Saturday
22nd



Horton to Settle via A Pennine Journey

A favourite from last year. Walk in the Great Man's footsteps on a section of Wainwright's epic Pennine Journey.

Arrive: 10:31 **Horton** Depart: 16:28 **Settle**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **8mi / 12.8km**

MAY

Saturday
6th



Nine Standards Rigg via Nateby

After a steep climb, visit nine mysterious cone shaped stones steeped in folklore. An iconic section of the Coast to Coast.

Arrive: 09:34 **Kirkby Stephen** Depart: 17:14 **Kirkby Stephen**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **12mi / 19.3km**

Saturday
13th



3 Peaks, 3 Weeks, 3 Tweaks! Pen-y-Ghent

We climb up the nose of Pen-y-Ghent on the first of our Peaks then use the alternative route down Plover Hill - that's the tweak!

Arrive: 10:31 **Horton** Depart: 16:20 **Horton**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **10mi / 16km**

Saturday
20th



3 Peaks, 3 Weeks, 3 Tweaks! Whernside

A different way to reach the summit of Whernside, the highest of the Yorkshire Three Peaks, via Dentdale and Deepdale.

Arrive: 10:48 **Dent** Depart: 17:42 **Ribblehead**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **12mi / 19.3km**

Sunday
21st



Long Preston to Settle

Short, leisurely walk for a Sunday with lovely views and plenty of time to wander around Settle when we finish.

Arrive: 11:26 **Long Preston** Depart: 16:58 **Settle**
Grade: **Walker** Distance: **5mi / 8km**

MAY

Saturday
27th



3 Peaks, 3 Weeks, 3 Tweaks! Ingleborough

We finish our alternative Three Peaks with Ingleborough and a beautiful ridge walk offering superb views from Simon Fell.

Arrive: 09:06 **Ribblehead** Depart: 17:42 **Ribblehead**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **15mi / 24.1km**

Sunday
28th



Skipton Perambulation

A Sunday stroll around the fine market town of Skipton visiting parks, woods, canal and possibly an emu!

Arrive: 11:52 **Skipton** Depart: 17:23 **Skipton**
Grade: **Walker** Distance: **5mi / 8km**

JUNE

Saturday
3rd



Duo: Hellifield to Gargrave or Skipton

A Duo walk where you can stop at 8 miles and explore Gargrave or carry on along the canal to Skipton for a longer 13 mile walk.

Arrive: 10:12 **Hellifield** Depart: 15:22 **Gargrave** 16:59 **Skipton**
Grade: **Duo** Distance: **8mi / 12.8km** or **13mi / 20.9km**

Saturday
10th



Horton to Ribbleshead via Hull Pot

This lower level walk includes potholes and a hidden valley ending at the famous Ribbleshead Viaduct.

Arrive: 10:31 **Horton** Depart: 16:14 **Ribbleshead**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **10mi / 16km**

Saturday
17th



Lazonby Circular via Kirkoswald

Discover historic Kirkoswald including its community run shop and take away alongside a stroll through beech woods.

Arrive: 10:07 **Lazonby & KO** Depart: 16:39 **Lazonby & KO**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **12.5mi / 20km**

Saturday
24th



Horton to Settle via Studrigg Scar

A dramatic walk via Studrigg Scar with limestone pavements and views of Crummackdale.

Arrive: 10:31 **Horton** Depart: 16:28 **Settle**
Grade: **Hiker** Distance: **10mi / 16km**

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JULY

Saturday
1st



In Search of the Fragrant Orchid

A slower paced walk through Winskill Stones Nature Reserve. Meadow flowers and fine views.

Arrive: 10:22 **Settle** Depart: 16:28 **Settle**
Grade: **Walker** Distance: **5mi / 8km**

Saturday
8th



High Cup Nick from Appleby

Come along on this fabulous walk with jaw dropping views from the top of a glaciated U shaped valley. A definite must see!

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

Saturday
15th



Dent to Ribbleshead via Great Knoutberry

A classic walk with added extras! Join us for a walk from Dent via Great Knoutberry and Blea Moor to Ribbleshead.

Arrive: 10:48 **Dent** Depart: 17:42 **Ribbleshead**
Grade: **Explorer!** Distance: **10mi / 16km**

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, Café or Workshop? We would love to have you on-board!

If you are interested please email volunteers@settle-carlisle.com



ride2stride, the Settle-Carlisle Walking & Music Festival is back! Tuesday 25th April to Monday 1st May 2023

We are pleased to announce that FoSCL will be taking part and our walks are listed below. The full programme with all the walks and more information is available at www.ride2stride.co.uk or pick up a leaflet at train stations along the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Line.

Tuesday 25th April

Settle circular via Giggleswick. Explore the School Chapel and 20th C Observatory then on to Giggleswick Scar and Stackhouse. **6mi**

Wednesday 26th April

Six Peaks Trail Day 1. Settle to Horton via Pen-y-ghent. **12mi**

Rock for Ribbleshead Viaduct. A look at the local geology and visit to Littledale. **8mi**

Footsteps in Time. Walk through the Nature Reserve at Gauber and visit Chapel le Dale while learning more about the history of the Ribbleshead area. **8mi**

Thursday 27th April

A lovely walk along the Leeds and Liverpool Canal from Gargrave to Skipton. **7mi**

Friday 28th April

Six Peaks Trail Day 3. Garsdale to Ribbleshead via Great Knoutberry and Arten Gill. **11.5mi**

Saturday 29th April

Kirkby Stephen circular via Smardale Nature Reserve and Kirkby Stephen town. **12mi**

Sunday 30th April

Settle circular via Smearsett Scar and Oxenber Woods (wild flowers) and Feizor. **12mi**

Monday 1st May

Appleby circular climbing High Cup Nick and High Cup Nick Gill. **14mi**

Settle circular via the Hoffman Kiln, Archimedes Screw and along the River Ribble. **6mi**

JULY

Saturday 22 nd	On the Trail of the Lonesome Pine Some new routes following forest tracks put a different twist on this walk from Horton to Ribbleshead. Arrive: 10:31 Horton Depart: 17:42 Ribbleshead Grade: Hiker Distance: 12mi / 19.3km
Saturday 29 th	Appleby Circular via Great Rundale Tarn Walk through beautiful Dufton village climbing a miners path to Great Rundale Tarn. Arrive: 09:48 Appleby Depart: 17:00 Appleby Grade: Explorer! Distance: 15mi / 24.1km
Sunday 30 th	Gargrave Circular A lovely walk from Gargrave with a taster of the mighty Pennine Way and glorious views of the Yorkshire countryside. Arrive: 09:50 Gargrave Depart: 16:56 Gargrave Grade: Hiker Distance: 11mi / 17.7km

AUGUST

Saturday 5 th	Two Weirs Walk A pleasant circular walk from Settle following in part the Ribble Way and visiting two weirs. Arrive: 10:22 Settle Depart: 16:28 Settle Grade: Walker Distance: 7mi / 11.3km
Sunday 6 th	Duo: Long Preston Circular Want to walk with a friend but you like different length walks? Stop at Settle after 6.5 miles while they carry on to Long Preston! Arrive: 11:26 Long Preston Depart: 17:04 or Settle 16:58 Grade: Duo Distance: 6.5mi / 10.4km or 10mi / 16km
Saturday 12 th	Long Preston to Settle Interesting architecture and views across the valley on this riverside walk from Long Preston. Arrive: 10:15 Long Preston Depart: 16:28 Settle Grade: Walker Distance: 8mi / 12.8km

AUGUST

Sunday 13 th	Grisedale, the Dale that died ... A remote valley with an absorbing 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: 7mi / 11.3km
Saturday 19 th	Appleby Circular via Dufton Pike Climb Dufton Pike to be rewarded with views of the Lake District, Cross Fell and Great Dun Fell. Arrive: 09:48 Appleby Depart: 17:00 Appleby Grade: Explorer! Distance: 13mi / 20.9km
Saturday 26 th	On Top of the World at Mallerstang Edge Start at Garsdale to experience incredible views of Wild Boar Fell, the Mallerstang Valley and the Howgills from Mallerstang Edge. Arrive: 09:21 Garsdale Depart: 17:14 Kirkby Stephen Grade: Explorer! Distance: 14mi / 22.5km
Sunday 27 th	Whelpstone Crag from Settle A Settle Circular walk via Whelpstone Crag, the highest point of Gisburn Forest in the Forest of Bowland. Arrive: 10:07 Settle Depart: 17:34 Settle Grade: Hiker Distance: 12mi / 19.3km

Ribbleshead: Footsteps in Time

April to September 2023: Free Heritage Walks Trails, Tours, Talks, Theatre and Exhibitions.

Discover the remote and stunning Dales landscape, home to the Victorian legacy of the iconic Ribbleshead Viaduct and the lives of those who built it.



For more details visit:
www.foscl.org.uk/content/heritage-tours

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 2 nd	FoSCL Summer Social at Ribbleshead A fascinating walk around Ribbleshead including lesser known views of Ribbleshead Viaduct. This walk is followed by an optional Summer Social at the Station Inn, Ribbleshead. There will be a buffet at £12.95 per head bookable in advance. Places are limited so early booking is advised. Contact Andy on 01768 88668. Arrive: 10:31 Ribbleshead Depart: 17:42 Ribbleshead Grade: Walker Distance: 8mi / 12.8km
Saturday 9 th	Sweet Settle Circular via Sugar Loaf Marvel at glorious Settle on this circular walk via Mearbeck, Sugar Loaf and Attermire Scar. Arrive: 10:22 Settle Depart: 17:56 Settle Grade: Hiker Distance: 8mi / 12.8km
Saturday 16 th	Kirkby Stephen Circular via Ravenstonedale Views of Wild Boar Fell and the Howgills, a walk over Smardale Gill Viaduct and a visit to Ravenstonedale. Arrive: 11:06 Kirkby Stephen Depart: 17:14 Kirkby Stephen Grade: Hiker Distance: 11mi / 17.7km
Sunday 17 th	Hellifield to Skipton An exhilarating walk through the moors and villages to the West of Skipton, the Gateway to the Dales. Arrive: 09:59 Hellifield Depart: 17:58 Skipton Grade: Explorer! Distance: 14mi / 22.5km
Saturday 23 rd	Ribbleshead to Hawes Great views down Wensleydale and of Semerwater. We catch the bus back to Garsdale (single fare to Garsdale). N.B. Walk leaders will arrive at 09:18 on Southbound train. Arrive: 09:06 Ribbleshead Depart: 17:27 Garsdale Grade: Explorer! Distance: 12mi / 19.3km Train + Bus
Saturday 30 th	Horton to Settle via Crummockdale Another chance to visit limestone country on this walk through the enchanting landscape of Crummockdale. Arrive: 10:31 Horton Depart: 16:28 Settle Grade: Hiker Distance: 11mi / 17.7km



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 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

All train times correct at time of printing.
 Train + Bus walks are subject to service availability.

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