



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 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.

OCTOBER

Sat
4th

Horton to Settle via Crumackdale

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

Arrive: 10:30 Horton
Depart: 16:30 Settle

11mi / 17.7km



HIKER

Sat
18th

Kirkby Stephen Circular

A chance to explore the countryside around Kirkby Stephen and visit the town.

Arrive: 09:34 Kirkby Stephen
Depart: 17:15 Kirkby Stephen

12mi / 19.3km



HIKER

NOVEMBER

Sat
1st

Saltaire and Baildon Hill Circular

From the dark satanic mill to the highest point in Baildon and beyond.

Important: see our website for train info.

Arrive: 09:10 Saltaire
Depart: 16:42 Saltaire

12mi / 19.3km



EXPLORER!

Sat
15th

The Great Stainforth Run and Leap

On this leisurely paced walk in Ribblesdale we might see Salmo Salar!

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

8mi / 12.9km



WALKER

Sat
29th

Hellifield to Settle via Malham

A lovely walk passing through the popular village of Malham on the way to Settle.

Arrive: 08:40 Hellifield
Depart: 16:30 Settle

14mi / 22.5km



EXPLORER!

DECEMBER

Sat
13th

Horton to Settle via Dry Rigg

Let's get into the Christmas spirit, bring Santa hats and nibbles to share. We'll round the day off taking in the delights of the cafés and pubs of Settle.

Arrive: 10:30 Horton
Depart: 16:30 Settle

8mi / 12.9km



HIKER

Sat
27th

Skipton Circular via Flasby

Post Christmas Skipton circular, get your hats on, we're still in the season of goodwill!

Arrive: 09:56 Skipton
Depart: 16:59 Skipton

13mi / 21km



EXPLORER!

JANUARY

Sat
10th

Ribblehead to Horton

A low-level walk through "Wild Ingleborough".

Arrive: 10:38 Ribblesdale
Depart: 16:21 Horton

7mi / 11.3km



WALKER

Sat
24th

Cleatop Wood Settle Circular

A circular walk from Settle taking in Cleatop Wood, Scaleber Force and Attermire Scar.

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

10mi / 16.1km



HIKER

FEBRUARY

Sat
7th

Gargrave Circular via Coniston Cold

A chance to walk some lesser known sections of the Pennine Way.

Arrive: 10:03 Gargrave
Depart: 16:47 Gargrave

9mi / 14.5km



HIKER

Sat
21st

Kirkby Stephen Track and Trail

A slower paced scenic walk incorporating the 'Northern Viaduct Round'.

Arrive: 11:05 Kirkby Stephen
Depart: 17:15 Kirkby Stephen

7mi / 11.3km



WALKER



Winter along the Settle-Carlisle Line

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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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?

MARCH

Sat
7th

Skipton Moor
Skipton Moor and beyond.

Arrive: 09:56 Skipton
Depart: 16:59 Skipton

11mi / 17.7km



HIKER

Sat
21st

Dent to Ribbleshead via Craven Way
Heading from remote Dent station we take in a section of the Craven Way en-route to the iconic Ribbleshead Viaduct.

Arrive: 09:16 Dent
Depart: 16:15 Ribbleshead

9.5mi / 15.3km



HIKER

Sat
28th

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

Arrive: 11:53 Clitheroe
Depart: 16:38 Clitheroe

8.5mi / 13.7km



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 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
- **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 the Settle-Carlisle Line

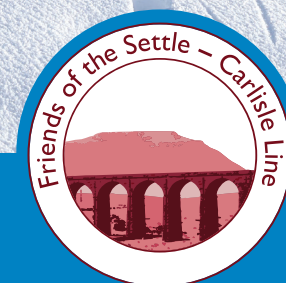
Interesting roles include On Train Guides, Station Adopters, Walk Leaders and Heritage Tour Guides. Or what about helping in our Shops, Cafés or Workshop? We would love to have you on-board!

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

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