

## TRAMWAY TOURS 2019

The Tours start at Ribblehead Station at 12.30.

This connects with the 10.49 from Leeds and the 10.49 from Carlisle.

Return times from Ribblehead Station are 16.14 to Leeds and 16.36 to Carlisle.

**For other connecting trains see [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)**

**Please check current timetable for any changes.**

**Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks can be obtained from the Visitor Centre Café. Strong footwear is advisable together with waterproofs in case of bad weather.**

***The walks are not suitable for people with limited mobility. All dogs must be on a lead.***

**The walking route is about 2 1/2 miles at a leisurely pace, mainly along paths, with short stretches of rough ground which can be boggy at times.**

**For further information or group bookings, contact: [m350simpson@btinternet.com](mailto:m350simpson@btinternet.com) or Tel 01524 811492**

**Everyone is welcome on these *FREE* tours.**



**Ribblehead Visitor Centre is open 7 days a week from Easter - October 10.00-15.30.**

**Displays in the Centre illustrate the history of the line and the building and restoration of the viaduct.**

**[www.foscl.org.uk](http://www.foscl.org.uk)**



Ribblehead Viaduct

The tour provides a fascinating insight into how, in the 1860-70s the Midland Railway planned a route for trains to run at 90mph, through wild country at over 1,000 feet.

It required heavy engineering work, such as the iconic Ribblehead Viaduct (Batty Moss).

To enable this to take place a workforce of several thousand navvies worked in the Shanty Towns (such as Inkerman, Jericho, Sebastopol and Belgravia). They had shops, Post Office, Schools, Mission Houses, Pubs and a Hospital. Also, there is evidence of the Brickworks, Stonemasons yard and an extensive Contractor's tramway system.



Ribblehead Viaduct under construction, ca 1873 - B M Gray collection

SETTLE-CARLISLE RAILWAY LINE

## RIBBLEHEAD VIADUCT TOURS 2019

**THE BUILDING OF AN ICON**

**Including a short journey to Garsdale Station. Starting from RIBBLEHEAD STATION.**



A painting by Alan Fernley - Image courtesy of David Joy

**Free guided tours to take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

The opportunity for a history-packed visit to the world famous Ribblehead Viaduct, to take a short ride on the train and to meet Ruswarp, 'the dog that saved the line' at Garsdale Station.



## RIBBLEHEAD VIADUCT TOURS

### THE BUILDING OF AN ICON

The guided tours start and finish at Ribblehead Station. The tour begins at 12.30.

This connects with the 10.49 train from Leeds and the 10.49 from Carlisle.

Car Parking is available.

Please check current timetable for any changes. Meet at Ribblehead Station Visitor Centre where information panels and various artefacts can be viewed. FoSCL Guides discuss the work and life of several thousand navvies and their families living in Shanty Towns between 1869 and 1875.

Guides take groups to the foot of the Viaduct where to appreciate the immense scale of its construction. This is an easy half mile walk along a stony farm track, where there is evidence of temporary tramways which served the brickworks, stone masons' yard and shanty towns.

We return to the Visitor Centre for the 14.34 train (fare payable) over the Viaduct to Garsdale passing the isolated Blea Moor Signal Box, before entering Blea Moor Tunnel. Emerging high above Dentdale the train pauses at Dent Station - the highest main line station in the country and five miles from Dent Village. After Rise Hill Tunnel we come to Garsdale and leave the train. This isolated station with its vivid history was formally a junction with a branch line to Hawes in Wensleydale. The brave but sad story of Ruswarp is commemorated with a bronze statue.

The return journey to Ribblehead will be on the 15.59 train to Leeds.(arr.17.38)

**The Tour is free of charge. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks can be obtained from the Visitor Centre Café. Strong footwear is advisable together with waterproofs. The walks are not suitable for people with limited mobility.**

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## NAVVIES - who were they?

It is generally accepted that navvies originated with canal construction - i.e. Navigators. The Settle-Carlisle Railway was in a sparsely populated region so recruitment from more distant parts of the country was made.

Navvies' dress was flamboyant but became dowdier as time went on. In the early railway days, a navvy would wear a scarlet waistcoat, glowing neckerchief, velveteen coat, white felt hat, breeches buttoned at knees, and high laced boots.



Navvies, the working men of the railway ca 1890 - SCRT Collection

By the 20th century they wore the knee breeches with thick blue stockings, moleskin waistcoats, blue and white spotted neckerchiefs.

Food to a navvy was Tommy. He carried it to work in a tommy handkerchief, generally red with white spots. Shanty Towns often had their own bakeries, breweries and grocers. Ale and beer was drunk as well as whisky and gin when it could be afforded.

There were several clusters of huts, which developed as Shanty Towns such as - Jericho, Sebastopol and Jerusalem.

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Starting from  
**RIBBLEHEAD STATION**



Ribblehead Viaduct - ImageRail.com

*Free* guided tours to take place on  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July,  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August,  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>  
August and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August  
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