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?

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**

Winter along the Settle–Carlisle Line

For more photos and to check for any last minute changes, cancellations or surprise additions! visit **settlecarlislerailway.org.uk/explore-the-line/guided-walks**

or follow: **@FriendsSettleCarlisle** **@fosclsc** **@foscl** **@foscl.bsky.social**

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 09:18 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 settlecarlislerailway.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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• WALK THE LINE •

SETTLE-CARLISLE LINE

Scenic. Historic. Sustainable.

Car Free walks from stations along the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle Line October 2026 to March 2027

• FREE GUIDED WALKS •

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 settlecarlislerailway.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 3rd — WALKER
Ribble Roam
Marvellous views of the Ribble Valley on this meandering route close to Settle.
Arrive: 10:22 **Settle**
Depart: 16:30 **Settle**
7mi / 11km

Sun 4th — EXPLORER!
Gunnerside Circular via Melbecks Moor
Spectacular views and lead mines on this high-level walk around Gunnerside Gill. **Alight Ribblehead for 830 DalesBus to Gunnerside (fare payable).**
Arrive: 10:33 **Ribblehead**
Depart: 18:51 **Ribblehead**
7mi / 11km Train + Bus

Sat 10th — HIKER
Ribblehead to Horton-in-Ribblesdale
A walk in the Ribble Valley with views of the iconic Ribblehead Viaduct and the Three Peaks.
The walk leaders will be arriving at 10:52 on the southbound train.
Arrive: 10:37 **Ribblehead**
Depart: 17:49 **Horton**
9mi / 14km

Sat 17th — EXPLORER!
A Cove, a Point and a Knot
Part coastal, part woodland walk with panoramic views of Morecambe Bay and the distant Lake District.
Make sure to change at Carnforth for Arnside.
Arrive: 10:34 **Arnside**
Depart: 17:31 **Arnside**
12mi / 19km

Sat 31st — HIKER
Dent to Ribblehead via the source of the Ribble
Visit the point where it all begins for the River Ribble.
Arrive: 09:15 **Dent**
Depart: 17:42 **Ribblehead**
13mi / 20km

NOVEMBER

Sat 7th — WALKER
Settle Roundabout
This is definitely not the direct route and there are a few twists as well as turns as we make our way to Settle.
Arrive: 10:15 **Long Preston**
Depart: 16:30 **Settle**
8mi / 12km

Sat 14th — HIKER
Horton-in-Ribblesdale Circular
Just when you thought you knew your way around Horton . . . A circular walk with a difference.
Arrive: 10:30 **Horton**
Depart: 16:21 **Horton**
9mi / 14km

Sat 28th — WALKER
Cottingley Woods from Bingley
A lovely circuit of the many magical corners of Cottingley Woods.
Arrive: 10:14 **Bingley**
Depart: 15:25 **Bingley**
7mi / 11km

DECEMBER

Sat 12th — HIKER
Settle Circular via Sugar Loaf Hill (up and over or around!)
Festive Fun with FoSCL: get into the Christmas spirit, wear your Santa hats and bring nibbles to share!
Arrive: 10:22 **Settle**
Depart: 16:30 **Settle**
9mi / 14km

JANUARY

Sat 2nd — HIKER
Skipton Circular via Gargrave
Join us on our first walk of 2027 and walk off a few of those mince pies!
Arrive: 10:15 **Skipton**
Depart: 16:47 **Skipton**
11mi / 18km

Sat 9th — HIKER
Bingley Circular via Hewenden Viaduct
A chance to walk over the iconic Hewenden Viaduct with views across the Aire Valley.
Arrive: 09:38 **Bingley**
Depart: 15:45 **Bingley**
10mi / 16km

Sat 23rd — HIKER
Settle Circular
An always popular route taking in the hamlets and villages around Settle.
Arrive: 10:22 **Settle**
Depart: 16:30 **Settle**
10mi / 16km

FEBRUARY

Sat 6th — HIKER
Clapham to Settle
Views of peaks, walking through woodland and a waterfall, it's got it all.
Arrive: 09:29 **Clapham**
Depart: 15:05 **Settle**
9mi / 14km

Sat 20th — HIKER
Long Preston to Settle
Two Stations and two Trig Points.
Arrive: 10:15 **Long Preston**
Depart: 17:58 **Settle**
11mi / 18km

MARCH

Sat 6th — HIKER
Cracking Crummackdale
Experience one of the nicest walks in the Yorkshire Dales. We never tire of this fabulous walk from Horton to Settle taking in the awesome views of Crummackdale!
Arrive: 10:30 **Horton**
Depart: 16:30 **Settle**
11mi / 18km

Sat 20th — EXPLORER!
Ribblehead to Hawes
Enjoy the views on this lovely walk to Hawes.
The walk leaders will be arriving at 09:18 on the southbound train. Bus to Garsdale Station (fare payable in cash).
Arrive: 09:06 **Ribblehead**
Depart: 17:28 **Garsdale**
11mi / 18km Train + Bus

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