

ESCAPE TO THE DALES - WITH DALESBUS



Bolton Abbey

Bored with staring at four walls every weekend? Fed up with the concrete jungle? Around an hour's bus ride away there's some of the most fantastic countryside in England: **the Yorkshire Dales**. There's an abundance of heather moors and mountain crags, deep river valleys, waterfalls and caves, unspoiled villages, lonely farms, and romantic castles. Discover the stunning scenery of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Nidderdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Miles of footpaths and challenging trails, and vast areas of wild fell country where you can wander freely over open public access land, await you. There are great country pubs (the Yorkshire Dales are famous for real ale), tea shops, youth hostels, bunkhouses, camp sites and B&Bs to suit every budget.

DalesBus is an integrated network of Sunday and Bank Holiday leisure bus services, linked to Metrotrain services from West and North Yorkshire. There are special value-for-money tickets for students and for young people to travel on Sundays and Bank Holidays from all the major towns and cities in West Yorkshire to the heart of the Dales by DalesBus.

Catch DalesBus directly to Upper Nidderdale, Wharfedale, Malhamdale or Wensleydale, or take the scenic Leeds-Settle-Carlisle line with special linking buses to spectacular Swaledale or the glorious Ingleborough National Nature Reserve, with mountain walks across Yorkshire's famous Three Peaks.



Barden Bridge over the River Wharfe

SIX DALES BUS DAYS OUT WITH A DIFFERENCE

Fancy some cultural heritage or just a great day's fun? Here are some great ideas for a different kind of day out:

- 1 Hawes** A picturesque market town full of character, where you can enjoy a visit to the Dales Countryside Museum, Hawes Rope Works, the celebrated Hawes Creamery where Wallace and Gromit's favourite Wensleydale cheese is made. You can also stroll to see the amazing Hardraw Force Waterfall behind the Green Dragon Inn at Hardraw. (Limited Sunday opening).
Buses: Yorkshire Dalesman 800, Northern Dalesman 832.
- 2 Richmond** With its spectacular castle (discount entry for DalesBus ticket holders) and dramatic setting above the River Swale, Georgian Theatre and restored Station Arts Centre Richmond is one of the most beautiful towns in the North of England. You can also walk to the nearby ruins of Easby Abbey.
Bus: Eastern Dalesman 820.
- 3 Lightwater Valley** North Yorkshire's popular leisure park with over 40 white knuckle rides and other attractions to appeal to all age groups. Special entry price for DalesBus ticket holders (£11.95 for 2009 season).
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- 4 White Scar Cave** (near Ingleton) and **Ingleborough Cave** (Clapham). Two of the finest show caves in England are easily accessed by DalesBus. Ingleborough Cave is a mile lakeside walk from Clapham village. During August you can take the winch underground to visit **Gaping Gill**.
Bus: Ingleborough Pony 832/833 from Settle or Ribbleshead.
- 5 How Stean Gorge** A deep romantic gorge with walkways, potholes and caves to explore – excellent café from where bikes can be hired to cycle to nearby Scar House Dam. **Bus:** Nidderdale Rambler 825.
- 6 Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal** This awe-inspiring World Heritage site (National Trust) has magnificent water gardens around the great Cistercian ruins, plus statues, lakes, temples, a deer park. Half price entry for bus ticket holders. **Buses:** Eastern Dalesman 820 (from Leeds), Ripon Roweller 139 (from Ripon).

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Wherside Summit

SIX SUGGESTED MAGNIFICENT WALKS

These six suggested hikes are suitable for experienced walkers, but some can be shortened for the less experienced by picking up a DalesBus at an intermediate point. For excellent pathfinding take an Ordnance Survey Outdoor Leisure 1:25,000 map with you, plus warm outdoor clothing, waterproofs, boots and emergency food and drink.

- 1 The Dales Way from Bolton Abbey to Grassington** [10 miles] A classic stretch of one of Britain's most popular footpaths, easy riverside walking. **Buses:** Cravenlink 884 or Yorkshire Dalesman 800, 874.
Map: Explorer OL2.
- 2 Buckden Pike** [9 miles] A spectacular ridge walk from Kettlewell over Cam Head, Top Mere Top and the high ridge to the summit of Buckden Pike (702 metres). **Buses:** Yorkshire Dalesman 800, 874, 872 (late bus back from Buckden). **Maps:** Explorer OL2, OL30.
- 3 Upper Nidderdale** [8 miles] From How Stean Gorge (Caves) via Middlesmoor, a rare Pennine hill village, to Lofthouse and Ramsgill, then alongside Gouthwaite Reservoir to Pateley Bridge. **Buses:** Eastern Dalesman 820 then Nidderdale Rambler 825. **Map:** Explorer 298.



Gouthwaite Reservoir, Nidderdale AONB

- 4 Malham Tarn and Mastiles Lane** [9 miles] A stunning walk through classic limestone country from Malham village past The Cove through Trow Gill to Malham Tarn then along a famous medieval drove road to Kilnsey. **Buses:** Cravenlink 884 or Malham Tarn Shuttle 890, return on 800, 872 or 874.
Map: Explorer OL2.
- 5 Pennine Way from Hawes to Horton in Ribblesdale** [13 miles] From Hawes follow the Pennine Way over Dodd Fell Cam End and Birkwith into Ribblesdale. **Train & Bus:** Leeds-Settle-Carlisle morning train to Ribbleshead then the Northern Dalesman 832 bus. **Map:** Explorer OL2.
- 6 Upper Swaledale Keld to Gunnerside** [7 miles] A lovely walk by Kisdon Fell, through spectacular landscape dominated by barns and walls. **Train & Bus:** Leeds-Settle-Carlisle morning train to Ribbleshead then the Northern Dalesman 832 bus. **Map:** Explorer OL30.

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COME AND JOIN US



Old green lane - Walden Road

The **Yorkshire Dales Public Transport Users Group**, of which **DalesBus Ramblers** is a part, has campaigned for more than ten years to safeguard DalesBus - the greener way to enjoy the Yorkshire Dales.

We provide a programme of guided walks with experienced leaders to increase the use of and to promote the DalesBus network. See the full DalesBus walks programme at www.dalesbus.org

Faced with losing most DalesBus services in 2007, we worked with the Yorkshire Dales Society to set up the Dales & Bowland Community Interest Company which now manages most Sunday and Bank Holiday DalesBus services. But for YDPTUG's hard work, much of the Dales might now be inaccessible on Sundays without a car.

I'd like to invite you to support our work, and join the YDPTUG for a mere £6 per year (£10 per household). You'll get a regular newsletter, the latest timetables and information posted to your home, free guided walks, and knowledge that you are helping to support one of the best integrated public transport networks in any UK National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

To join us send your name and address, together with a cheque or postal order payable to **YDPTUG** to:

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Howard Handley, Chairman, YDPTUG



ESCAPE TO THE DALES – THE DALESBUS WAY

You don't need a car to discover the Yorkshire Dales. Help the environment by causing less global warming, congestion and pollution when using the popular DalesBus services. There's nothing to beat a good day's hike in the open air to improve fitness and cure stress.

Catching the bus

It's so easy. Get yourself to your nearest Bus Station or DalesBus stop (give a clear signal to the driver), buy your ticket on the bus showing proof of age or student status if you want a discounted ticket (no need to book in advance), and the Dales are yours for the day - or even a full weekend.

Tickets and Times

An All Dales Rover ticket for £10 covers all DalesBus services for the day, a Southern Dales Rover at £7.50 takes you as far as Buckden, Malham or Middlesmoor, but if you are a student or young person, you can buy a special **Student DalesBus 800 Rover £5 ticket** valid on all Sunday/Bank Holiday DalesBus services numbered with an "8" in front (800, 820 etc.). Dales Rover tickets described here are only available on Sundays & Bank Holidays. If you have a MetroCard or Student MetroCard you can even travel free on services from/to the Metro area! Up to two children can travel free with any adult - but only on these Dalesbus services. Seniors with an All-England Concession Pass can travel free on all services. See the full map of routes you can use overleaf.

For detailed bus times and list of places to catch your DalesBus pick up a Metro DalesBus timetable booklet at any travel or information centre in West Yorkshire, Harrogate or Skipton or visit www.dalesbus.org

Traveline provides public transport timetable information. You can phone Traveline from anywhere in Britain on 0871 200 22 33 at National call-rate charges or log on www.traveline.info

Going for a walk?

Every Sunday and Bank Holiday throughout the year DalesBus Ramblers organise a programme of great public walks, varying from around 3 to 12 miles in length - all free of charge. If you prefer to walk on your own or with friends, DalesBus offers a magnificent choice of linear walks, along the Dales, or for the really adventurous, hike across a choice of ancient green tracks across the hills to the next valley where, with a little planning you can find another DalesBus (on which you can use your Rover ticket) or even a train service to bring you home - perhaps after a welcoming pint or afternoon tea in a Dales inn.



The Yorkshire Dales Public Transport Users Group
www.dalesbus.org



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*Great trips out -
on Summer Sundays
and Bank Holidays*



includes bus route map

