

SAINT AELRED'S PILGRIM TRAIL MOORSBUS ACCESS 2026

OPTION 2

A	All Saints, Helmsley	St Mary Magdalene, East Moors	6 miles	3 hours
	St Mary Magdalene, East Moors	St John's, Bilsdale	7 miles	3.5 hours
			13 miles	6.5 hours
B	St John's, Bilsdale	All Saints, Hawnby	5.5 miles	3 hours
	All Saints, Hawnby	All Saints, Old Byland	3.5 miles	2 hours
	All Saints, Old Byland	Sutton Bank	3.5 miles	1.5 hours
			12.5 miles	6.5 hours
C	Sutton Bank	All Saints, Old Byland	3.5 miles	1.5 hours
	All Saints, Old Byland	St Mary's, Scawton	2.5 miles	1 hour
	St Mary's, Scawton	St Michael's, Cold Kirby	1.5 miles	1 hour
	St Michael's, Cold Kirby	Rievaulx Abbey	4.5 miles	2.5 hours
			12 miles	6 hours
D	Rievaulx Abbey	St Chad's, Sproxton	7.5 miles	4 hours
	St Chad's, Sproxton	All Saints, Helmsley	3.5 miles	2 hours
			11 miles	6 hours

Note: the distance between Scawton and Sutton Bank can be shortened considerably by meeting the bus at Scawton lane end on the A170.

BUS TIMES FOR OPTION 2 (2026 timetable)

Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays until end September 2026.

A: Starting at Helmsley walk the full section to St Mary Magdalene and then on to St John's, Bilsdale (you'll need to set off at about 09:00 to get to St John's for the 16:00 Saturday bus or 15:30 or 16:30 for the Sunday or public holiday bus back to Helmsley). Catch the M4 bus back from the B1257 road near the church (give a clear signal to the driver): the journey is just under 30 minutes.

B: Starting from Helmsley, take the M4 bus up to St John's Bilsdale (Fangdale Beck is the nearest place). The bus leaves Helmsley at 11:27 on a Saturday, arriving at Fangdale Beck at about 11:46. On a Sunday, the M4 bus leaves Helmsley at 10:27, getting to Fangdale Beck at about 10:46. Then walk all three sections to Sutton Bank. The last bus to Helmsley on both Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays leaves Sutton Bank Visitor Centre at 17:09, so you are really restricted to six hours of walking.

C. Starting from Helmsley at 10:32 (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) catch the M4 bus to Sutton Bank (arrive 10:45) and walk all 4 sections to Rievaulx Abbey. The last bus to Helmsley leaves Rievaulx Abbey at 16:18 on Saturdays, and 16:48 on Sundays and public holidays, so you have five and a half hours to complete this leg on Saturdays, and half an hour longer on Sundays and public holidays..

D. Starting from Helmsley, catch the M4 bus at 10:27 or 11:27 towards Guisborough and get off at Rievaulx Abbey (10:36 or 11:36). Walk the 2 sections back to Helmsley.