

# ride2stride

28 April - 4 May 2026

The Settle-Carlisle Walking Festival

## PROGRAMME

ride2stride is a festival of **walks, talks and music** along the fabulous Settle-Carlisle railway line.

**All walks are free and all walks will start and finish at a railway station.**

It's a week long celebration of the wonderful culture and landscape of the western Dales & Eden Valley.



The festival is made up of lots of events and things will be happening along the length of the line. Walks will be led from stations by experienced walk leaders, speakers will share their local knowledge and love of the area, and in local pubs/clubs there will be music and a quiz.

ride2stride is for everyone who loves the Yorkshire Dales.

Whether you travel to an event by train, live along the line or book your holiday to take advantage of the festival, we're sure you'll have a great time.



[www.ride2stride.co.uk](http://www.ride2stride.co.uk)

Ride2stride - The Settle-Carlisle Walking & Music Festival

ride2stride - a week long festival of walks, talks and music

### ride2stride Led Walks - notes for walkers.

» All led walks start and finish at a station. They are free and require no advance booking.

Your walk leader will meet you on the station platform at the start of the walk.

\*All walks will finish at the latest in time to catch the train arriving at Leeds at 19:08 / at Carlisle at 19:28. Shorter mileage walks may finish in time to catch an earlier train. Please check with the walk leader at the start of the walk.

» **NO DOGS** - except registered assistance dogs - on all ride2stride walks.

Spring is a crucial time of year for wildlife and livestock in the Yorkshire Dales. Fields are full of young lambs and newly turned out cattle and the fells are home to ground nesting birds. The festival attracts large numbers of walkers and this decision has been taken in the interest of safety and enjoyment for everyone.

» Walk grades are advisory and relative.

The Dales countryside is hilly and even Easy-graded walks may include some steep climbs and rough terrain with muddy sections.

» Appropriate clothing and footwear are essential - including waterproofs.

Walk leaders reserve the right to refuse participation on the grounds of unsuitable clothing and footwear.

» The pace of the walk is appropriate to the distance and time available.

Walkers should accept the pace set. Anyone getting ahead of the leader will be deemed to have left the walk.

» Please bring enough food and plenty to drink.

**Please remember on led walks - your comfort and safety are your own responsibility**

In the event of "no trains running" during the festival all scheduled walks on the programme for the day affected will be cancelled and alternative walks will be organized starting from Settle Station commencing at 10:30am. Talks & Music on the affected day will take place as scheduled on the programme see [www.ride2stride.co.uk](http://www.ride2stride.co.uk) for updates.

The festival programme is made up of lots of events and activities, all organised by different groups. The festival is co-ordinated by an ad-hoc Festival Committee who produce this programme.

Whilst every effort is made to ensure the information herein is accurate and the events are as advertised, the Festival Committee cannot accept responsibility for any errors or omissions or for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience resulting from any event in this programme.

For up-to-date information check out: [www.ride2stride.co.uk](http://www.ride2stride.co.uk)



Celebrating 150 years of passenger transport on the Settle-Carlisle Railway

In 2026 we have a full calendar of events taking place throughout the year including new Footsteps in Time activities, a 'Walk 150km challenge', a Walk/Cycle/Ride the Line Passport and much more.

For event details follow us on:-

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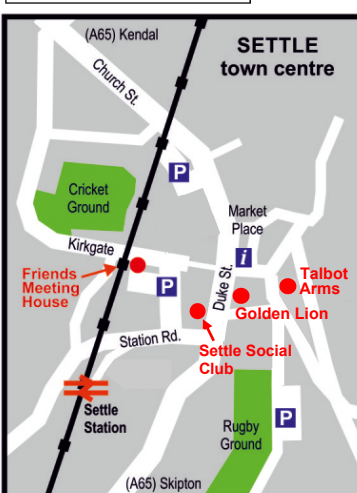
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Every day of the festival there are a number of walks on offer, all leaving from stations along the line. The walks are organised by different groups, each one led by an experienced walk leader. There are 24 led walks from 3.5 to 15 miles and 6 led themed walks. They all start directly from the station, where you will be met from the train by your walk leader.

## WALKS



In each case you should arrive properly prepared with good walking boots and clothes (including waterproofs) and enough food and drink for a full day. Led walks are free (if buses are used bus fares are payable) and don't require advanced booking.

The walks are graded:

**EASY** - Leisurely walks with regular stops for viewing & refreshment. Any climbs will be of a fairly modest gradient & length.

**MODERATE** - These cater for the more experienced walkers. Expect a full day at a steady pace. You may well encounter steeper gradients & more difficult terrain.

**STRENUOUS** - A full day's walk at a brisk pace; you probably will encounter steep slopes and difficult terrain. The walk may also include yomping and/or short scrambles. There could be time constraints.

**EASY/MOD & MOD/STREN** - These walks fit in between the respective upper and lower grades.

## FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

**MUSIC** During the festival week pubs will be buzzing with the sound of music & song.

**Thursday April 30th 8.30pm**  
at The Talbot Arms, Settle.

The Black Horse Jazzmen.

Meals are available until 8pm. Free Entry.

**Friday May 1st 8.30pm**  
at The Golden Lion, Settle.

A music session by local musicians with a lively mixture of instruments and singers. Meals are available until 8pm. Free Entry.

**Saturday May 2nd 8.30pm**  
at The Station Inn, Ribbleshead.

A music session by local musicians with a lively mixture of instruments and singers. Meals are available until 8.30pm. Free Entry.

## ride2stride Quiz Night

**Friday, May 1, 19:00. Settle Social Club, Settle. £2.00 entry per person.**

The ride2stride Festival Yorkshire Quiz

Categories include -

- >Famous Yorkshire people.
- >Yorkshire dialect and sayings.
- >Yorkshire history.
- >Yorkshire geology and archaeology.
- >Folklore and customs of Yorkshire.
- >General knowledge and more!!

**Ribbleshead Station Visitor Centre.**  
The Visitor Centre is open daily and is home to an exhibition celebrating the famous Settle-Carlisle Line. Refreshments are also available in the Tearoom.

**Horton Station Cafe & Bar.**  
The Cafe & Bar will be open over the 150th celebration weekend serving delicious drinks & snacks plus tasty homemade cakes.

**TALKS** The festival features talks by Conservation Volunteers and S&C On Train Guides who will share their knowledge and love of the area & line. The talks all take place in Settle. There is a small charge to cover the costs of the room hire. - \*light refreshments included.



**Tues, April 28, 19:00.**  
Friends Meeting House, Settle. £3.00\*

**Wild Ingleborough:** a landscape-scale conservation project. YWT volunteer **Paul Rodgers** will give an illustrated talk about the trusts work planting native trees, restoring vegetation, wildflowers and wildlife.



**Weds, April 29, 19:00.**  
Friends Meeting House, Settle. £3.00\*

**150 years on the S&C**  
Nick Abbey from the S&C On Train Guide Team will give a fascinating talk about the 150 years of passenger transport on the Settle-Carlisle Railway and the celebrations taking place throughout 2026.

## WALK / TALK / VISIT

The festival features 6 themed walks where experienced leaders & guests will share their specialist knowledge of the area and subject of the walk.



**Tue, April 28, meet Horton in Ribbs Stn 10:30, Free.**

**Ingleborough Nature Reserves**  
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust will lead a 7 mile easy walk from Horton to Ribbleshead via Sulber Nick and the Ribbleshead Nature Reserve talking about ground nesting birds & the Nature Reserves.



**Tue, April 28, meet Settle Stn 10:21, Free.**

**Trees that tell a story**  
Join "Respect Our Old Trees Settle" for a fascinating 5 mile easy walk looking at Settle through its ancient trees. Learn about the history, conservation and the interesting stories behind some of Settle's fabulous old trees.



**Wed, April 29, meet Horton in Ribbs Stn 10:30, Free.**

**Across the Craven Faults**  
A 10.5 mile moderately strenuous **Geology Walk** from Horton to Settle across the Craven faults with **Bill Fraser** looking at the geological fault lines in the area. (A good level of fitness is needed for this walk).



**Fri, May 1, meet Settle Stn 10:21, Free.**

**Limestone by Rail information walk**  
A 9 mile moderately strenuous walk from Settle to Horton via Helwith Bridge, Dry Rigg, Arcow, Foredale & new quarry sidings at Horton



**Fri, May 1, meet Skipton Stn 11:38, Walk & Visit\***

**Skipton Woods, Castle & Church**  
A 3.5 mile easy **Skipton circular** walk via the ancient woodland of Skipton Woods finishing with a visit to Skipton Castle and Church to Learn about Lady Anne Clifford. (Castle entrance fee \*£11.80).



**Sat, May 2, meet Ribbleshead Stn 10:52, Free.**

**Shanty Town Explorer**  
A 5 mile easy moderate walk visiting the site of the shanty town built for the Navvies during the construction of the Ribbleshead Viaduct. The walk goes via Ribbleshead Viaduct, Winterscales, Blea Moor Sidings, Tramway, Brickworks, Batty Green, site of Hospital and Offices.

For more information and additional events please check the website: [www.ride2stride.co.uk](http://www.ride2stride.co.uk)



DATE	EVENT TYPE	FESTIVAL PROGRAMME DETAILS (for more info see <a href="http://www.ride2stride.co.uk">www.ride2stride.co.uk</a> )	WALK GRADE	VENUE / START STN. (RETURN)	START TIME	MEET TRAIN departing:	RUN BY
Tue Apr 28	Walk	<b>Settle circular</b> via Malham Nature Reserve and Tarn, an impressive and unusual lake.	15 miles Strenuous	Settle (Settle)	10.21	Leeds 09.18 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Walk	<b>Settle circular</b> via Catrigg Force.	10 miles Moderate	Settle (Settle)	10.21	Leeds 09.18 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Walk/ Talk	<b>Horton to Ribbleshead</b> via Sulber Nick and the Ribbleshead Nature Reserve talking about ground nesting birds & the Nature Reserve.	7 miles Easy	Horton in Ribbs (Ribbleshead)	10.30	Leeds 09.18 Carlisle 08.24	YWT
	Walk/ Talk	<b>Settle circular.</b> Trees that tell a story, a fascinating walk looking at Settle through its ancient trees.	5 miles Easy	Settle (Settle)	10.21	Leeds 09.18 Carlisle 08.24	ROOTS
	Talk	<b>Wild Ingleborough:</b> a landscape-scale conservation project with <b>Paul Rodgers</b> (See Highlights Page) - £3.00.		Friends Meeting House, Settle.	19.00		FDR
Wed Apr 29	Walk	<b>Garsdale to Kirkby Stephen</b> via Wild Boar Fell (2050 ascent). (Walk starts after the arrival of the train from Carlisle)	13 miles Strenuous	Garsdale (Kirkby Stephen)	09.33	Leeds 07.47 Carlisle 08.24	HR
	Walk/ Talk	<b>Geology Walk</b> from <b>Horton to Settle</b> across the Craven faults with <b>Bill Fraser</b> . A good level of fitness is needed for this walk and talk.	10.5 miles Mod/Stren	Horton in Ribbs (Settle)	10.30	Leeds 09.18 Carlisle 08.24	FoSCL/ FDR
	Walk	<b>Settle circular</b> via Oxenber Woods renowned for its Spring flowers.	10 miles Moderate	Settle (Settle)	10.21	Leeds 09.18 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Walk	<b>Horton to Settle</b> via Helwith Bridge and Stainforth Force.	7 miles Easy	Horton in Ribbs (Settle)	10.30	Leeds 09.18 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Talk	<b>150 years on the S&amp;C:</b> with <b>Nick Abbey</b> from the <b>S&amp;C On Train Guide Team</b> (See festival highlights) - £3.00.		Friends Meeting House, Settle.	19.00		FoSCL
Thur Apr 30	Walk	<b>Appleby circular</b> via High Cup Nick.	14 miles Strenuous	Appleby (Appleby)	09.47	Leeds 07.47 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Walk	<b>Kirkby Stephen circular.</b> Climb a Peak slowly, Nine Standards Rigg.	11 miles Moderate	Kirkby Stephen (Kirkby Stephen)	11.06	Leeds 09.18	FDR
	Walk	<b>Kirkby Stephen circular</b> via Lammerside and Pendragon Castles.	10 miles Moderate	Kirkby Stephen (Kirkby Stephen)	11.06	Leeds 09.18	FDR
	Walk	<b>Ribbleshead circular</b> via Blea Moor Sidings and Brunt Scar.	5.7 miles Easy	Ribbleshead (Ribbleshead)	10.39	Leeds 09.18 Carlisle 08.24	HR
	Music	<b>Music in the pub.</b> The Black Horse Jazzmen, Free entry, Meals available until 20:00.		The Talbot Arms, Settle.	20.30		TTAS



Friday 1st May ride2stride Festival Celebrates 150 years of passenger services on the Settle-Carlisle Line.

Please join us at 10:30 on Settle Station to celebrate this before heading off on the various walks from Settle Station. There will be a Pop-Up Cafe provided by the Settle Carlisle Development Co for walkers to enjoy a good cup of tea-coffee and a selection of confectionary.



Fri May 1	Walk	<b>Dent to Ribbleshead</b> via the Snaizeholme red squirrel reserve. This walk is for experienced mountain hikers only. After seeing the stunning red squirrels we will need to conquer 'Hillmageddon'. This involves sustained extreme yomping for 500 metres on rough terrain up a near vertical hillside.	14 miles Strenuous	Dent (Ribbleshead)	09.16	Leeds 07.47	FDR
	Walk	<b>Settle to Horton</b> via Oxenber Woods, glorious wild flowers and spectacular Crummackdale.	11 miles Mod/Stren	Settle (Horton in Ribbs)	10.21	Leeds 09.18 Carlisle 08.24	FoSCL
	Walk	<b>Settle circular</b> Three waterfall walks.	10 miles Moderate	Settle (Settle)	10.21	Leeds 09.18 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Info/ Walk	<b>Limestone by rail information walk, Settle to Horton</b> via Helwith Bridge, Dry Rigg, Arcow, Foredale & new quarry sidings at Horton.	9 miles Mod/Stren	Settle (Horton in Ribbs)	10.21	Leeds 09.18 Carlisle 08.24	FoSCL
	Walk/ Talk	<b>Skipton circular</b> via Skipton Woods finishing with a visit to Skipton Castle (entrance fee £11.80) and church. Learn about Lady Anne Clifford. (See Website for further travel information for this walk)	3.5 miles Easy	Skipton (Skipton)	11.38	Leeds 10.56 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Music	<b>Music in the pub.</b> A music Session by local musicians, Free entry, Meals available until 20:00.		The Golden Lion, Settle.	20.30		TGLS
	Quiz Night	<b>The ride2stride Festival Yorkshire Quiz.</b> An evening Quizzing about all things Yorkshire. (See festival highlights).		Settle Social Club Settle.	19.00		r2s/ SSC
Sat May 2	Walk	<b>Kirkby Stephen circular</b> via Nine Standards Rigg, a curious group of cairns.	14 miles Strenuous	Kirkby Stephen (Kirkby Stephen)	09.34	Leeds 07.47 Carlisle 07.53	FDR
	Walk	<b>Garsdale to Kirkby Stephen</b> via Mallerstang Edge, a wild and beautiful walk.	14 miles Strenuous	Garsdale (Kirkby Stephen)	09.21	Leeds 07.47 Carlisle 07.53	FoSCL
	Walk	<b>Horton to Settle</b> via Sulber Nick and the Norber erratics.	12 miles Moderate	Horton in Ribbs (Settle)	10.30	Leeds 09.18	LRR
	Walk	<b>Settle circular</b> via Attermire Scar and the Hoffman Kiln and back along the Ribble.	8.5 miles Moderate	Settle (Settle)	10.21	Leeds 09.18	FDR
	Walk/ Talk	<b>Shanty Town Explorer</b> via Ribbleshead Viaduct, Winterscales, Blea Moor Sidings, Tramway, Brickworks Batty Green, and site of Hospital and Offices. (Walk/Talk starts after the arrival of the train from Carlisle)	5 miles Easy/Mod	Ribbleshead (Ribbleshead)	10.52	Leeds 09.18 Carlisle 09.28	FoSCL
	Music	<b>Music in the pub.</b> A music session at the Station Inn Ribbleshead with local musicians, Free entry, Meals available until 20:30.		The Station Inn, Ribbleshead.	20.30		TSIR
Sun May 3	Walk	<b>Horton to Settle</b> via glorious Crummackdale.	13 miles Strenuous	Horton in Ribbs (Settle)	10.25	Leeds 09.09	HR
	Walk	<b>Settle circular</b> via Cleatop Wood, Scaleber Force and Attermire Scar.	10 miles Strenuous	Settle (Settle)	10.16	Leeds 09.09	FoSCL
	Walk	<b>Dent to Ribbleshead</b> via Blea Moor.	10 miles Moderate	Dent (Ribbleshead)	10.43	Leeds 09.09 Carlisle 09.24	FDR
	Walk	<b>Settle circular</b> via Sugar Loaf Hill and Attermire Scar.	7 miles Easy	Settle (Settle)	10.16	Leeds 09.09	FDR
Mon May 4	Walk	<b>Settle circular</b> via Winskill and three scars, Stainforth Scar, Smearsett Scar and Giggleswick Scar.	13 miles Strenuous	Settle (Settle)	10.21	Leeds 09.18 Carlisle 08.24	FDR
	Walk	<b>Garsdale circular</b> via Hell Gill and Lunds Church.	10 miles Moderate	Garsdale (Garsdale)	10.54	Leeds 09.18	FDR
	Walk	<b>Lazonby to Langwathby</b> via Kirkoswold Castle and Long Meg.	8 miles Moderate	Lazonby and Ko (Langwathby)	11.39	Leeds 09.18 Carlisle 10.58	FoSCL
	Walk	<b>Settle circular</b> via Mearbeck Woods.	8 miles Easy	Settle (Settle)	10.21	Leeds 09.18 Carlisle 08.24	FDR

**Walks.** All walks start and finish at a station, where you will be met by your walk leader. Start times mark the arrival of a train from Leeds or Carlisle and may be subject to delay. \*See note on finish times. Walkers are responsible for their own travel arrangements to and from the start and finish of each walk. All walks are free and do not require booking. Guided Tours may involve a fee payable. NO DOGS on any walk, except approved assistance dogs. Please be aware that weather conditions can result in the walk grade and/or route changing significantly. Walk leaders reserve the right to refuse participation to anyone judged to be not fit or adequately clothed or equipped for the walk concerned, and to vary the walk if conditions so dictate. Under 18's accompanied by a responsible adult. **Walk Grades** - See walks section inside programme for details. Whilst walk leaders take every care, your comfort and safety are your own responsibility. The Festival organisers cannot accept responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience resulting from these events.



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