

# Guide to Scenic Runs

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## 1. The White Horse Run

Heading north east this is a gentle run into the North Yorkshire Moors national park. Suggested visit - The Mouseman Visitor Centre is a journey through the life and times of oak furniture craftsman, Robert Thompson. Enjoy some Yorkshire hospitality at the 'T' café and terrace with views of the Kilburn White Horse. Parking & Toilets available on site. Web site for more information [www.robertthompsons.co.uk](http://www.robertthompsons.co.uk) Postcode YO61 4AH. Then on via the White Horse of Kilburn in a circular route through a selection of villages to return to Harrogate. Total Distance 75 miles (120 kilometres).

## 2. The Battlefields Run

Heading east initially and then south-east this run passes the sites of many of the historic battlefields from the Middle Ages such as Marston Moor, Towton, Seacroft Moor and Bramham. Suggested visit at half way point – Lotherton Hall an Edwardian house with collections of fine and decorative arts. The Bird garden is particularly impressive with many rare & endangered birds in a spectacular free flight aviary. Ample parking (small charge) Toilets and a small café available on site. Web-site for more information [www.leeds.gov.uk/lothertonhall](http://www.leeds.gov.uk/lothertonhall) Postcode LS25 3EB. Total Distance 82 miles (131 kilometres).

## 3. The Bronte Run

Heading south west this run has been devised for literature lovers to visit the bleak Pennine village of Haworth home of the Bronte Sisters. Travelling through the picturesque Washburn valley the landscape becomes harsher as you reach the Pennine mill villages where there are some very narrow streets. Suggested visits – The Bronte Parsonage Museum and the Bronte weaving shed. Web-site for more information [www.bronte.org.uk](http://www.bronte.org.uk) Postcode BD22 8DR. Pay & Display parking in centre of village- please make sure that you are in a marked bay. Wide choice of shops, cafes & toilets. Total distance 70 miles (112 kilometres).

## 4. The Western Dales & Watershed Mill

Heading west this route travels via Grassington through many scenic villages to Settle. Suggested visit – Watershed Mill with country kitchen café, extensive clothing and a real ale and whisky shop. Ample parking. Web-site for more information [www.watershedmill.co.uk](http://www.watershedmill.co.uk) Postcode BD24 9LR. Returning through Settle and Rylstone (home of the original calendar girls). Total distance 84 miles (135 kilometres).

## 5. Wensleydale & Wharfedale Run

Heading north this run is a real scenic spectacular through rural villages to Middleham home of many race horse trainers. Passing several castles, waterfalls and a historic AA box for the perfect Morgan photo opportunity. Suggested visit – Bolton Castle. Excellent café & toilets in a historic setting where Mary Queen of Scots was held prisoner. Optional tour of 14<sup>th</sup> century castle (small charge). Ample parking. Web-site for more information [www.boltoncastle.co.uk](http://www.boltoncastle.co.uk) Postcode DL8 4ET. Total Distance 95 miles (152 kilometres).

## 6. The 3 Valleys Run

A circular run around Harrogate devised as a scenic route to Bolton Abbey for those who would like a scenic route to/from the Steam Trains at Bolton Abbey but equally attractive as a scenic run in its own right. Travelling through Washburn, Wharfe & Aire Valleys this route showcases much of what there is to like about driving in Yorkshire. Suggested visit – The Steam railway (if pre-booked) and Bolton Abbey village – the Yorkshire estate of the Duke of Devonshire. Web-site for more information [www.boltonabbey.com](http://www.boltonabbey.com) Postcode BD23 6EX. Total distance 65 miles (104 kilometres).