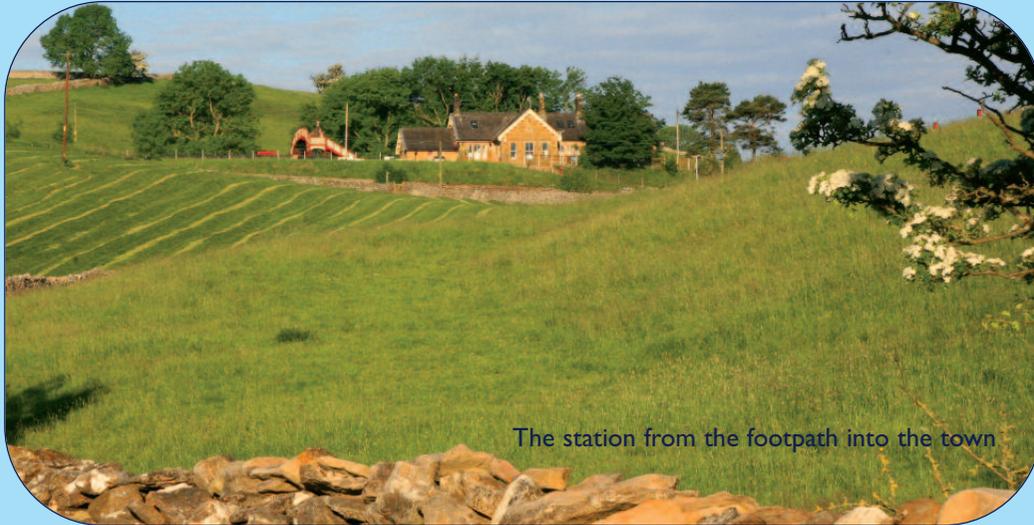


# Grand Days Out on the Settle - Carlisle Line



The station from the footpath into the town

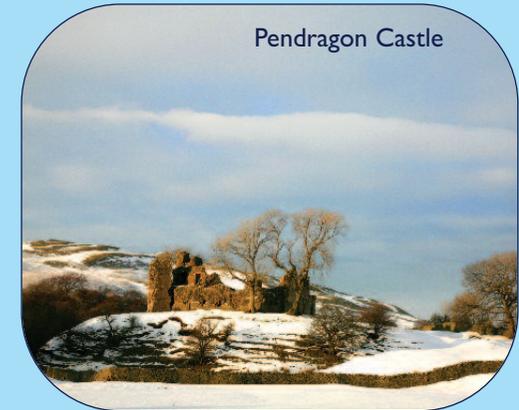
## Kirkby Stephen

Kirkby Stephen has plenty of shops, coffee shops and pubs. It sits nestled in the countryside about 1½ miles from the train station. A market is held on Mondays in the cobbled square. There are also toilet facilities in the town centre.

The parish church known locally as the 'Cathedral of the Dales' was built on the site of an old Anglo - Saxon church and contains a Loki stone - one of only two such stones in the whole of Europe.

Glorious countryside surrounds the town. Visit the information centre in the town square for details of the Northern Viaduct Trust Walks, the Poetry Path and route up to the enigmatic Nine Standards Rigg and Wild Boar Fell which sit above the town.

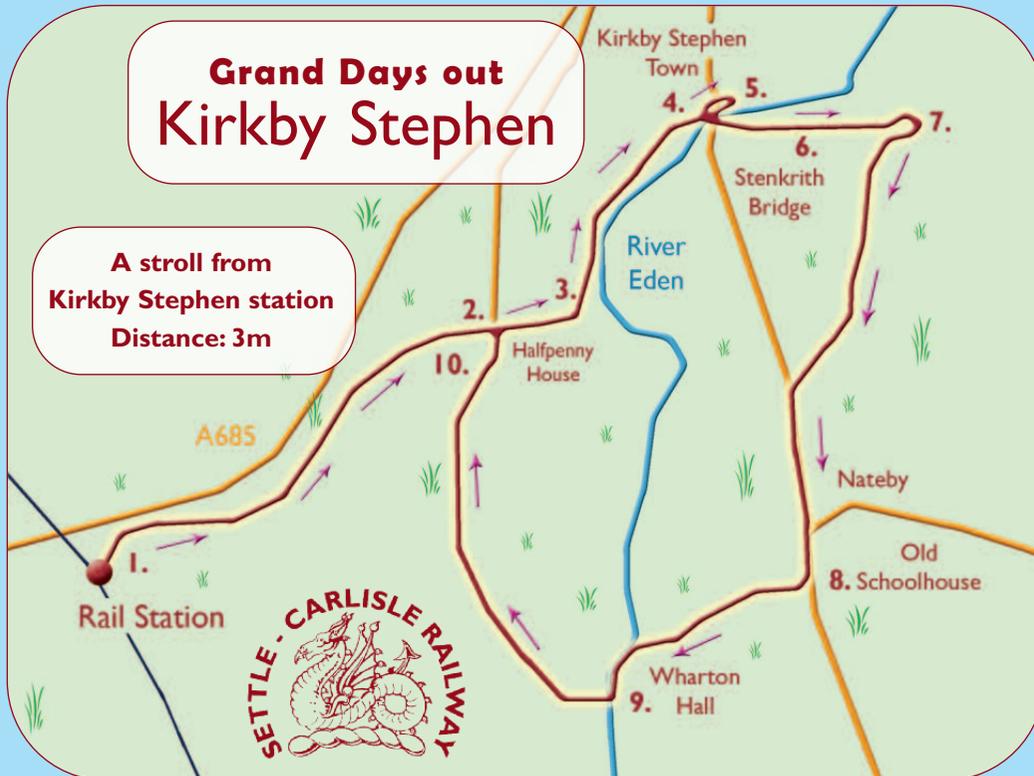
From Pendragon Castle, to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century Frank's Bridge, Kirkby Stephen combines, history, great walks and the beauty of the natural world.



Pendragon Castle

## Grand Days out Kirkby Stephen

A stroll from Kirkby Stephen station  
Distance: 3m



A stroll from Kirkby Stephen station Distance: 3m Allow: 2hrs  
Paths can be muddy, wear suitable footwear and take warm clothing and a waterproof.

1. From the station approach road, take the footpath through fields signposted Kirkby Stephen.
2. At Halfpenny House carry straight on through farm gate and keep to left side of the field.
3. At the end of the field cross a stile, turn left, cross a second stile and follow the field edge which runs above the river.
4. On reaching buildings in front, go right over a stile and descend to river. Follow the narrow path which emerges onto the road.
5. Cross the road, turn left and after 50 metres turn right through a gate and double back to follow the path to cross the footbridge and view Stenkrith Falls where the Eden has cut a deep gorge.
6. After crossing the bridge turn left along the disused railway line that here forms part of the poetry path (look out for the inscribed verses on large stones). Leave the path at the first 'overbridge' and turn right into a narrow lane.
7. Follow the path, crossing a stream and continue into Nateby village.
8. Walk past the Black Bull and telephone box and turn right immediately after the Old Schoolhouse onto a narrow path signposted 'Wharton Hall'. Follow the path across fields through 3 gates to a small bridge over the River Eden.
9. Cross bridge, go up the field, through the stile and onto the access road leading to Wharton Hall, a 14<sup>th</sup> Century tower house, now a private farm house.
10. Turn right and follow the road back to Halfpenny House.
11. On reaching Halfpenny House turn left and retrace outward route from the station.

One of the Poetry Stones



For a more detailed map see: OL19 Howgill Fells & Upper Eden Valley

This walk is one of a series of *Days Out* for the Settle - Carlisle Line. Produced by the Settle - Carlisle Railway Development Company. For more information and rail timetables visit our website at [www.settle-carlisle.co.uk](http://www.settle-carlisle.co.uk)

Kirkby Stephen station



## Kirkby Stephen Station

Wiseber Road, near Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria, CA17 4LE  
No public toilets. Both Leeds and Carlisle waiting rooms are open at all times, both with heat and light. Level access from car park to Leeds platform.

## Other information

There is a well surfaced, fenced and signed field path from the station into the town.

**Northern 0800 200 6060**  
[www.journeycheck.com/northernrail/](http://www.journeycheck.com/northernrail/)

For more information about the line [www.settle-carlisle.co.uk](http://www.settle-carlisle.co.uk)  
and Facebook [www.facebook.com/setcarrailway](http://www.facebook.com/setcarrailway)  
For more walks see [www.foscl.org.uk/guided-walks](http://www.foscl.org.uk/guided-walks)

The Settle & Carlisle Railway Trust has three holiday cottages, two within the main station building at Kirkby Stephen and also the Station Master's House at Ribbleshead, for details call Rachel on 01768 800 208 or visit: [www.sandctrust.org.uk/stayatastation](http://www.sandctrust.org.uk/stayatastation)

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## Things to see and do Kirkby Stephen strolls

From the station, go along the field path immediately below the station car park, which runs along the right hand side of main road until it turns left along a lane and joins the main road into town where there is a footpath. Pass the old station, **Kirkby Station East**, closed in 1962 but now preserved as a railway heritage centre with several steam and diesel trains and a short stretch of track. It is hoped eventually to connect with the **Eden Valley Railway** to make a railway all the way to Appleby. Find out about their opening times and special events at [www.kirkbystepheneast.co.uk](http://www.kirkbystepheneast.co.uk)



Every Thursday sees the '**Walkers are Welcome Dawdle Walks**' - everyone is welcome on these short strolls, they start at 10.30am meeting at the red sandstone Cloisters on the edge of the Market square (shown above).

## Shops and Galleries

Kirkby Stephen has a variety of interesting shops, galleries and antiques and collectables establishments. With a selection of pubs, cafes and restaurants there is something for everyone to enjoy!

## Tourist Information

**Upper Eden Visitor Information Centre**  
Market Square  
Kirkby Stephen  
CA17 4QN

Tel: 017683 71199

Open (summer)  
Mon - Sun 10am to 4pm  
(winter) Mon, Weds, Fri, Sat & Sun  
10am to 3pm

For online information visit the town's website at: [www.kirkby-stephen.com](http://www.kirkby-stephen.com)

For a ride in a Heritage bus visit:  
[www.cumbriaclassiccoaches.co.uk](http://www.cumbriaclassiccoaches.co.uk)  
Trips pass through the town for Kendal, Barnard Castle, Appleby and Penrith and Hawes.

One of the many paths around Kirkby Stephen

