

Step aboard the historic Hull to Scarborough railway line.

Opened by the York and North Midland Railway company in 1846/47 the line has kept much of its original character and many of the stations are a joy to behold and especially of interest to the railway historian.

The line has lots to offer - from the thriving city and port of Hull to Victorian seaside resorts such as Bridlington, Filey and Scarborough. Along the way are pretty rural villages and thriving market towns as well as splendid views of the sea and countryside.

At around 55 miles long the full route takes about 1 hour 25 minutes to travel. Trains are operated by Northern. Hull Trains also use part of the line as they have extended some of their services to Beverley.

Since May 2019 there is now an hourly service between Scarborough and Sheffield (via Hull). Bridlington to York (via Hull) trains run in between making a half hourly service between Bridlington and Hull.



History of the line

On 6th October 1846, the York and North Midland Railway Company officially opened the line from Hull to Bridlington.

The line from Seamer junction to Filey had opened the day before but it was another year before the 13 mile section between Filey and Bridlington opened due to the more difficult terrain which it had to pass through. In 1854, due to amalgamation, the line passed into the hands of the NER and in 1923 to the LNER.

The stations and other buildings on the line were designed by the YNMR architect George Townsend Andrews and most of these buildings survive today.

The map shows that there were originally many more stations than there are now. The ones in white closed between 1950 and 1970. As you travel the line see if you can spot the closed stations.

In 1947 the LNER built a short branch line to serve the holiday camp at Filey. This closed in 1977 but the earthworks of its double facing junction can still clearly be seen.

Between Bridlington and Seamer the line was partly reduced to single track in the 1970's with the section between Filey and Hunmanby being retained as double.



The Yorkshire Coast Line

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The Yorkshire Coast Community Rail Partnership is a voluntary organisation which was set up in 1996 to help look after and promote the Hull to Scarborough railway line by working closely with the community, local councils and train operators. Find out more at yccrp.co.uk.

Trains are operated by Northern
Current timetables can be found on Northern's website:
northernrailway.co.uk

Tickets can be bought from the website, Northern's app or from the ticket offices and vending machines on stations.

Hull

Kingston upon Hull is a thriving city and port which has retained much of its maritime history in seven museums, along with the exciting attraction The Deep. The city has a tremendously strong local cultural scene. The station – the award winning Hull Paragon Interchange – is a magnificent building, many of the listed station features date back to the 1840s. This is an excellent starting point for your journey up the coast.



Cottingham

Cottingham is said to be England's largest village. Lots of good shops and a fine church.

Beverley

Look out for The Minster as the train approaches Beverley. The station is a superb gateway to the town, with a fine overall roof.



Arram

Arram is the smallest station on the line and only managed to avoid closure as it was inaccessible to buses, meaning the village would be without public transport. There are many country walks to be had from here including a 4 mile walk along the Minster Way to Beverley.

Hutton Cranswick

Hutton Cranswick is a pretty village with good facilities, a children's park, farm shop and lots of nice walks.

Driffield

Driffield is a fine market town with good bus links out to the Yorkshire Wolds. On Thursdays a weekly market is held in the main street.



Nafferton

Nafferton station serves another pretty village with its mere as its focal point.

Look out for the former stations of Lowthorpe, Burton Agnes and Carnaby on the next section of the line. Burton Agnes Hall can also be seen from the train.



Bridlington

Bridlington is a popular family resort, and boasts a fine station which has particularly good floral displays in Summer. Look out for glimpses of the sea as the train leaves Bridlington – Flamborough Head, with its famous lighthouse, is in the distance.



Bempton

Bempton cliffs is home to one of the UK's top wildlife spectacles. Around half a million seabirds raise their families on the towering cliffs between March and October and the nature reserve can be reached by a mile and a half walk via Bempton village.



Hunmanby

Hunmanby station is well looked after by the friends of Hunmanby station volunteers. The village has shops, pubs and its own distillery.

Look out for the disused junction and branch line to the former Butlins holiday camp before coming to Filey.

Filey

Filey is yet another fine station with a nicely restored Y&NMR roof. It is just a short walk to the town centre and the seafront. Why not walk from here to Scarborough – it's one of the best coastal walks you'll find!



Seamer

This is where the line from York joins.

Scarborough

Scarborough is the jewel of the Yorkshire Coast with its vast range of attractions. These include boat trips, cliff railways, a superb park (with miniature railway!), the castle and lots more. Scarborough station itself still retains many of its original features and has the longest station seat in the world.

