



To keep everybody safe and happy every effort has been made to create a route suitable for all permitted users. But enjoyment of the Trans Pennine Trail relies on everybody showing consideration to each other.

Please always follow these sensible guidelines in our User Code when you are on the Trail.

ALL USERS
Where different paths or sides of the path are signed for different user groups - please keep to your side

HORSE RIDERS
Use only sections of the Trail where horses are allowed.

Do not use the Trail unless you can control your horse - you may encounter walkers, people using wheelchairs and scooters, cyclists, dogs and bridges over road, rail and water.

The Trans Pennine Trail is a route for walkers, cyclists and in parts, horse riders who often share the same route

THE TRANS PENNINE TRAIL USER CODE

Trans Pennine Trail



Peak District National Park



Walk it, Cycle it, Ride it
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HORSE RIDERS AND CYCLISTS
Warn others when you approach from behind so you do not startle people as you pass by - call politely or use a bell / hooter.

Slow down when approaching other users who are unpredictable, particularly children or animals; remember too, some people may have a hearing impairment.

CYCLISTS
Must not use this route for racing competitions or speed trials.

On canal towpaths - read and abide by the British Waterways code for cyclists.

Please enjoy the Trans Pennine Trail and help others to do so too!

Share with care.

BY CAR
There are small car parks at Station Road and Platt Street in Hadfield, Crowden, and Platt Street in Hadfield, Crowden, Winscar Reservoir and Torside Visitor Centre.

SHOP AND SERVICES
There are pubs, shops and cafes close to the Trail in Hadfield and Padfield. Hadfield offers a cycle hire facility. There are public toilets close to the Trail at Hadfield and Torside. Torside has facilities for disabled visitors.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATION
There are camping sites within easy distance of the Trail from Hadfield and Crowden with Bed and Breakfast in Hadfield.

HADFIELD TO WOODHEAD TUNNELS
The Trail here is known as the Longdendale Trail and follows the former Manchester to Sheffield railway line as far as Woodhead Tunnels (7 miles / 11km) and is available for all users.

There are a number of access points, the main ones are Platt Street in Hadfield, Torside and Crowden (not direct onto TPT). There is a sandstone surfaced ramp up to the start of the Trail at Hadfield.

The Pennine Way crosses the Trans Pennine Trail at Torside Crossing - Please take care when crossing the road.

You can access the Trail from Torside car park via a gently sloping tarmac path. Horse-hitching rails are available at Torside and Hadfield.

Woodhead to Dunford: Unfortunately this section is not recommended to wheelchair users due to the steep gradients.

The Trail climbs steeply left up a ramp to the top of the tunnels, from where you can look west along the valley over the chain of reservoirs. Here users should take great care when crossing the road.

The Trail follows a route up Audernshaw Clough for about 500m before joining the old road heading east. After crossing the A628 users should take care as the route drops down to the old bridge over Salter's Brook. The stream at Salter's Brook marks the boundary between Derbyshire and South Yorkshire. The route winds past the ruins of an old inn before you head up to cross over the A628 once again. From here the route takes you up Windle Edge before is also part of the Pennine Cycleway before you head to Dunford Bridge.

There is an incline at Woodhead Dam and another down to the site of Crowden Station. Seats at intervals give good views over the reservoirs. The wide track is segregated for different users; the sandy path for walkers, cyclists and disabled with a grass section for horse riders.

OLD BROADBOTTOM TO DUNFORD BRIDGE

THE TRANS PENNINE TRAIL NATIONAL MULTI USER ROUTE

It runs coast to coast between Southport and Hornsea, link the ports of Liverpool and Hull. Towns and cities across the north of England are connected by vibrant countryside, canal towpaths and disused railways. The Trail is 215 miles between Southport and Hornsea with a total route mileage of 370 including spurs to Leeds, Chesterfield, York and Kirkburton.

Walkers and cyclists can use the whole TPT with horse riders too on many sections. Easy gradients and surfaced paths make much of the Trail suitable for people using wheelchairs or pushchairs or anybody that likes the going easy.

The Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail is a voluntary group who support the project in many ways, including the production of this leaflet.

We invite you to show your support by joining the Friends of the Trans Pennine Trail.

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Attractions in this Historic Valley



A GATEWAY INTO THE PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK

The TPT is an easy route and an ideal way to access the living & working landscape of the National Park. It gives Access for All to the 'Dark Peak' so called because of its dark coloured gritstone & shale geography, and its internationally recognised and protected moorland.

A WATER SHAPED LANDSCAPE

Imagine an ice sheet thousands of years old, slowly flowing over the gritstone plateaux. Gradually a long 'U' shaped valley is being ground and carved out as the ice melts and refreezes, again and again. Leaving a steep sided valley with cloughs carrying streams down into the river below.

A HOME TO MAN – SINCE PREHISTORIC TIMES

Mesolithic hunter gather communities camped in the wooded streams of the Etherow 7000 years ago. Later, the Neolithic people ventured up onto the high moorland where it was less forested, where they remained until the global temperature began to drop 2500 years ago.

HUNTING AND FARMING

In the 12th century the valley was wilderness, part of the 'Royal Forest of the Peak' used by the Anglo-Saxon monarchs. In the Medieval Period, monks cleared the remaining woodland for sheep-grazing & the landscape we see today was born.

TEXTILE MANUFACTURE

200 years ago this was the place to be, when textile manufacturing was flourishing. There were 5 mills in the valley powered by the Etherow. Three of those mills gave their names to the reservoirs, Bottoms Lodge, Vale House & Torside. The other 2 mills were at Crowden & Fair Vage Clough

A ROUTE ACROSS THE PENNINES

Since the Middle Ages this Valley has been an important and busy route across the Pennines. Salt was transported from Cheshire into Yorkshire, and coal was carried the other way. 7 public houses catered for the passing trade. In 1731 a turnpike was built as a result of this increase in trade, which is now the Woodhead Pass.

RAILWAYS

In 1845 the Manchester Sheffield line opened through the valley, which after 136 years of transporting passengers & coal was closed in 1981 to be transformed into the TransPennine Trail. 1,500 navvies were involved in the construction of the railway and of the Woodhead tunnel, which at the time was one of the worlds longest tunnels running for 3 miles 13 yards from Woodhead to Dunford Bridge.

RESERVOIRS

The valley also has a vital role to play in providing clean water to Manchester. In 1877 John Fredrick Bateman successfully completed the construction of what was then the largest chain of reservoirs in the world: Woodhead, Torside, Rhodeswood, Valehouse & Bottoms reservoirs. The chain then became Europe's first major Water Conservation Scheme.

CROWDEN HALL

Built 1692 & home to the Hadfield family. John Hadfield was born here in 1803. He was married 3 times, jailed twice & eventually executed for forgery. The life of this rogue is featured by Melvyn Bragg in his book, The Maid of Buttermere. The hall was demolished in 1937



Enjoy a family day out on the Longdendale Trail



This safe, traffic free Trail is suitable for everyone. It's level surfaced path is ideal for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Just perfect for all the family!

Watch the white sails of the dinghies dart across the water of Torside Reservoir. Longdendale's water used to power cotton and paper mills. Today, nearly a quarter of Greater Manchester's water comes from here.

Explore the rugged moorland or shady woods along the Trail. Look for foxes and the rare blue mountain hare on the moors. Listen for grouse and curlew, or the drumming of the woodpeckers in the trees.

Discover the rich railway heritage of this historic valley. The Woodhead Tunnels now carry electricity via power cables. But once, they were a wonder of the great railway age. Over 3 miles long, at least 60 workers died building them. You can visit some of their graves at the tiny St James Chapel on the north side of Woodhead Dam

For hundreds of years, Longdendale has been used as a route across the Pennines. Once it carried salt, now the route forms part of the exciting Trans Pennine Trail from Southport to Hornsea.

WHY NOT

Walk a short section of the Trail and return along one of the paths around the five reservoirs?

Cycle the whole of the 7 mile route from Hadfield Station to Woodhead Tunnels?

Horse ride along the grassy bridleway?

