

Trans Pennine Trail



Equestrian Guide

This Equestrian Guide has been developed with the help of horse riders who use the Trans Pennine Trail. They have been produced as an accompaniment to the Trans Pennine Trail maps to help other riders discover and explore many sections of the Tans Pennine Trail.

The guide will be amended regularly to include other sections as they become available.

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Heatley to Altrincham

General Information

Start of Section: Mill Lane, Heatley (Grid Ref: SJ 703882)	End of Section: Altrincham (Grid Ref: SJ 751808)
Approximate Distance: 3 miles	TPT map no: Map 1 West, section 4
OS Map Name and No: OS Explorer 276 (Bolton, Wigan & Warrington) and OS Explorer 277 (Manchester & Salford)	

Parking Information

Name / location Car Park: Henshall Lane, near Dunham Woodhouse		
Grid Ref: SJ 728885	Cost per day: No fee	
Road Name: Henshall Lane		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes, but only a small parking area		
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes – as above	Security of parking area: <i>(a general feel – good/bad, busy and well used, etc)</i> No know problems	
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: Small parking area		
Toilets: No	Water: No	Refreshments: No
Other facilities (i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone) please advise None		
Approach route <i>(details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions)</i> Follow the A56 (towards Altrincham) off the M56 junction 7 or 8. Turn left onto the B5160 signed to Dunham Massey (National Trust) and continue to Dunham Woodhouse. Bear right into Station Road and keep straight ahead to cross the Trail. Turn right and in 100m right again into the parking area.		

Section Summary

Please provide a summary of the overall experience and terrain on this section of the route
Route is along a former railway line so is easy and level, with a crushed stone surface. There is parallel grass strip that can be used, although this can be wet. In place the route is in cuttings and is quite tunnelled by trees in places. Horse would not need to be very fit for this section. Unfortunately the only parking available for horse boxes is in the middle of this section and is limited in space. Heading out and back in either direction from here provides a long enough ride. This description starts from the parking, but obviously local users can start from either end.

Route Description

Stage 1

There is no direct access from the parking to the Trail, so you need to do a very short road section to get onto the Trail proper – turn left off the car park and then left again (into Station Road) to reach where the Trail crosses the road and step over stiles give access to the route in either direction.

Stage 2

From the road turn right and head west along the rail path towards Heatley. There are a couple of underpasses where farm access tracks go beneath the route. About 1/3 mile before you reach Heatley the route crosses the River Bollin on a substantial and wide old railway bridge.

At Heatley either turn around on the route or cross the road and turn round in the open space next to the route and closed pub. However, don't be tempted to continue on the trail beyond here it is not currently available to horse riders and you won't be able to get through the access control in approx 100m where there is not enough room to turn around.

Simply retrace the route back to the car parking area

Stage 3

On reaching the road crossing again continue straight over (or turn left off the road to start your ride heading this way)

Between here and Altrincham there are again a couple of underpasses where farm access tracks go beneath the route, and one that crosses the route – the gates will be closed across the route on the occasions it is in use.

At the Altrincham end of the railway path there is room to turn round on the Trail for the return trip to the car parking area.

Riding Opportunities

Canter: Yes	Water Crossing (<i>stream/ford</i>): No
Trot: Yes	Tunnels: No
Steep Incline: No	Bridge: Yes
Additional details of the above or any other features (<i>e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through</i>) As above the bridge over the River Bollin is wide and shouldn't present a problem for horses	

Gates on Route

Number of Gates: None Ease of Opening: N/A	Number of Horse Step Stile: 2 (3 if crossing the road to turn round at Heatley). Note these have three sleepers rather than the usual two, but don't seem to cause a problem.
Other access controls: None	

Natural Hazards

Details of any natural hazards, obstructions or areas of concern (*including exposed areas where whether conditions could be an issue*)

None - easy level track.

Other Hazards

Details of any other hazards or areas of concern (*likely presence of illegal motorbikes, whether the route is through a built up area, other horses or livestock in fields*)

Very popular with other users - cyclists and walkers / dog walkers.

Route Breakdown

Approximate breakdown of the route in terms of percentage in 5% steps

Bridleway/track	100%	Minor Road (marked yellow)	%
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Details of any particular danger points on road sections or crossings: Care needed crossing the road at Station Road and on the short section between the car park and the route. Also on Mill Lane if crossing this to turn round at Heatley.

Facilities on Route

Details of establishments on or very close to this section of the route that provide additional facilities for equestrian: (*i.e. accommodation, cafés, pubs, shops, saddlery, toilets*) and if there are tie up points / corals within view of these.

None with any provision for riders.

Emergency Contacts

Details of vets, farriers close to this section, along with any emergency contacts / call out numbers:

Jonathan Brooks Farrier, Altrincham, Tel: 0161 929 0509

Linking Routes / Bridleways

The TPT horse riding route continues east along road sections to reach the Carrington Moss / Dainewell Woods area, and then links through to paths along the River Mersey.

To the west there is a short TPT riding route to the west of Lymm, but not connected to this section

Local Contact for further information

British Horse Society, North West Office, Tel: 01619 807483

Stockport to Hattersley

General Information

Start of Section: Tiviot Dale car park A626 Stockport. <i>Height barrier in place – see below</i> (Grid Ref: SJ 901913)	End of Section: Green Lane, off A650, Hattersley. (Grid Ref: SJ 966937)
Approximate Distance: 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles	TPT map no: 1 (West – Irish Sea to Yorkshire)
OS Map Name and No: Explorer 277 Manchester & Salford	

Parking Information

Name / location Car Park: Tiviot Dale A626 Stockport		
Grid Ref: SJ 901913	Cost per day: None	
Road Name: Tiviot Way		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: See below		
Suitability for Horse Box: See below	Security of parking area: Isolated	
Height Barrier in place: Yes		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces:		
Toilets: No	Water: No	Refreshments: No
Other facilities: (<i>i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone</i>) The countryside service at Reddish Vale will raise barrier by prior arrangement. Tel 0161 477 5637		
Approach route: (<i>Details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions</i>). Off M60 motorway, from the West take junction 27, left into Tiviot Way then right opposite Tesco. From the East take junction 26, at the roundabout go right into Tiviot Way and right opposite Tesco.		
Other Parking notes: There is a lay by on the A6017 Stockport Rd where the TPT enters Hulmes Woods. However this is usually full or with insufficient space for even one horse box to park. Additionally, this is a busy road so unloading horses here is probably not to be recommended.		

Section Summary

Please provide a summary of the overall experience and terrain on this section of the route
Most of this section is on the rail trails with a small section in housing and one busy road crossing. Mostly good un-made tracks, fairly flat. Good riding but busy with other riders and walkers.

Route Description

Stage 1

Go into car park and follow wide trail. After ¼ mile this rises on right then joins rail trail on left for just over 1 mile. Drops down to left and crosses bridge with pond on right.

Visitor Centre and car park (Mill Lane). Toilets, snacks at weekends.

Emergency horse box pick up on Mill Lane.

Stage 2

Right onto Mill Lane then right through horse stile (Ross Lave Lane) under rail viaduct and up hill (track) cross high level motorway bridge. Continue on track to Town Lane.

Stage 3

Right at Kingsley Close (estate) after bend take passage on right between houses. At bottom bear left up hill then behind houses to Yew Tree Road. Turn left to A6017 Stockport Rd. Turn right on to **busy road**. At the lay-by use the horse stile on left to go into Hulmes Wood (Hulmes Lane).

Stage 4

Follow wide track passing Arden Bridge to horse stile onto Meadow Lane. Turn right down hill then re-join bridleway on left at end. Follow bridleway to horse stile and turn right onto Gibraltar Lane. Cross river bridge then follow bridleway as it swings first left then right. Over horse stile, under bridge then up to Apethorn Lane.

Stage 5

Just by railway bridge left and downhill onto rail trail. This is segregated. Horses on track, cycles and pedestrians on macadam. Follow rail trail then turn right onto Green Lane to where the horse section finishes on Stockport Road (A560) which is another busy road.

Riding Opportunities

Canter: Yes	Water Crossing: No
Trot: Yes	Tunnels: Yes – short tunnel under canal
Steep Incline: Yes	Bridge: Yes
Additional details of the above or any other features (e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through) None	

Gates on Route

Number of Gates: Nil	Number of Horse Step Stile:
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Natural Hazards

Details of any natural hazards, obstructions or areas of concern (including exposed areas where whether conditions could be an issue) None

Other Hazards

Details of any other hazards or areas of concern (likely presence of illegal motorbikes, whether the route is through a built up area, other horses or livestock in fields)

Use of illegal motorbikes should be reported direct to local police.

Route Breakdown

Approximate breakdown of the route in terms of percentage in 5% steps

Bridleway/track	98%	Minor Road (marked yellow)	2%
Minor Road (<i>marked orange</i>)	%	B Road (marked orange)	%
A Road (<i>marked red</i>)	200yds	Track / verge parallel to road (not separated by a fence/hedge/wall)	%

Details of any particular danger points on road sections or crossings:

Care needed on A6017.

Apethorn Lane, off A627 Dowson Rd, emergency box pickup possible.

Facilities on Route

Details of establishments on or very close to this section of the route that provide additional facilities for equestrian:

Riding school, Town Lane (stage 2) may help.

Pub – Arden Arms – 100yds beyond Hulme Wood on A6017

Emergency Contacts

Details of vets, farriers close to this section, along with any emergency contacts / call out numbers:

Peter Fenton, Equine Vets, Manchester, Tel: 0161 643 7724

Linking Routes / Bridleways

The TPT horse route continues west from Tiviot Way to Heaton Mersey.

Local Contact for further information

British Horse Society, North West Office, Tel: 01619 807483

Hadfield to Woodhead

General Information

Start of Section: Hadfield (Grid Ref: SK 962026)	End of Section: Former Woodhead Station (Grid Ref: SK 114999)
Approximate Distance: 7 Miles	TPT map no: 1 (West – Irish Sea to Yorkshire)
OS Map Name and No: Explorer OL1 The Peak District (Dark Peak area)	

Parking Information

Name / location Car Park: Torside Car Park		
Grid Ref: SK 068983	Cost per day: Pay & Display	
Road Name: B6105	Cars up to 1 hour £1, up to 4 hours £2, all day £3 Horse-boxes up to 1 hour £1, all day £5 (2007 prices - these charges are likely to rise in 2008)	
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes	Security of parking area: Good, well used by walkers and cyclists.	
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes		
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: 100		
Toilets: Yes	Water: No	Refreshments: Weekends and during good weather
Other facilities: (<i>i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone</i>) Hitching rail and picnic tables. Reception on mobile phones not always good.		
Approach route: (Details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions) Off the A628 (from Barnsley) – acute junction if approaching from west (Manchester direction) Off the A57 (from Glossop) – this avoids a very tight turn off the A628 when approaching from the west. Sharp bend on B6105 at Devil's Elbow between Glossop and Torside.		

Section Summary

Please provide a summary of the overall experience and terrain on this section of the route
Trail is flat and straight. Open in places, in others overhanging trees (kept trimmed) If you hack from Hadfield to Woodhead and turn around your horse may take a hold... nothing for 3 miles to stop it!

Route Description

Stage 1 Hadfield (Platt Lane) to Torside – straight along the old railway. This is used the most... surface which is grass/soil, can be wet (in bad weather) Alternatively from immediately below Bottoms Reservoir follow the path up and across the dam. Bear right to United Utilities offices. Follow the track past the offices and down to cross the Valehouse Reservoir Dam, then bear left and climb the steep path to join the railway path (turn left to head to Torside).

Stage 2

Torside to Woodhead, the going is better (as most people turn back at Torside). Good under foot in most sections (except the few yards just after Railway cottages)

Good canters on this part.

Stage 3

The TPT continues on beyond Woodhead over the hill to Dunford Bridge. If you continue on great care is needed at the three A628 road crossings - heavy traffic, lorries, vans & cars. Steep ascent on stone surface at Audenshaw Clough.

Riding Opportunities

Canter: Yes	Water Crossing: No
Trot: Yes	Tunnels: No
Steep Incline: No	Bridge: No
Additional details of the above or any other features (<i>e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through</i>)	
There is access to join Pennine Bridleway at Hadfield. (www.nationaltrail.co.uk/PennineBridleway/)	
You can vary ride by using concessionary bridleways known as the Northern Horse Route, on the north side of the valley to do the return route. This links into the on the hillside above Woodhead Station (grid ref: SE117001) and re-joins the TPT near Hadfield. This is due to be launched fully in 2007, for further details contact United Utilities on 01457 851083.	

Gates on Route

Number of Gates: 3	Number of Horse Step Stile: Yes
Ease of Opening: Easy	
Other access controls: Gates tend to be in a box type stile.	

Natural Hazards

Details of any natural hazards, obstructions or areas of concern (*including exposed areas where whether conditions could be an issue*)

The whole Longdendale valley can be a wind tunnel in bad weather. Just past railway cottages the side of the Trail for horses is very wet all year round. The Rangers know about this hazard.

Other Hazards

Details of any other hazards or areas of concern (*likely presence of illegal motorbikes, whether the route is through a built up area, other horses or livestock in fields*)

No other hazards... other than a lot of dog walkers from the Hadfield end on a Sunday morning!

Route Breakdown

Approximate breakdown of the route in terms of percentage in 5% steps			
Bridleway/track	100%	Minor Road (marked yellow)	%
Minor Road (<i>marked orange</i>)	%	B Road (marked orange)	%
A Road (<i>marked red</i>)	%	Track / verge parallel to road (not separated by a fence/hedge/wall)	%

Details of any particular danger points on road sections or crossings:
B6105 road crossing by Torside Kennels (Grid Ref: SK057980)

Facilities on Route

Details of establishments on or very close to this section of the route that provide additional facilities for equestrian: (*i.e. accommodation, cafés, pubs, shops, saddlery, toilets*) and if there are tie up points / corals within view of these).

Rock Farm, Monks Road, Glossop. Nearest horse B&B (This is on the Pennine Bridleway route)

Rock Farm contact details Rachel Bennett, 01457 861086 www.penninebridlewaytrails.co.uk - Highly recommended!

Emergency Contacts

Details of vets, farriers close to this section, along with any emergency contacts / call out numbers:

Nearest hospital – Tameside

Mountain Rescue – Based at Crowden (contact via 999)

Vet – Wright & Morton (Macclesfield) 01625 433321

Linking Routes / Bridleways

Pennine Bridleway joins in Tintwistle (heading north towards Saddleworth) – see above for contact details.

You would have to hack through Glossop to get to Monks Road to join Pennine Bridleway (southwards) - this section of the Pennine Bridleway is still under development.

The Northern Horse Route follows the north side of the valley and creates a good circuit (see above for details).

Also the TPT horse riding route continues east from Woodhead and west from Hadfield

Local Contact for further information

Mrs Ann Pomfret, British Horse Society Representative, Tel: 0161 320 9930

Woodhead to Dunford Bridge

General Information

Start of Section: Woodhead Tunnel (Grid Ref: SK 114999)	End of Section: Dunford Bridge (Grid Ref: SE 158024)
Approximate Distance: 3 ½ Miles	TPT map no: 1 (West – Irish Sea to Yorkshire)
OS Map Name and No: Explorer OL1 The Peak District (Dark Peak area)	

Parking Information

Name / location Car Park: Dunford Bridge Car Park, Dunford Bridge		
Grid Ref: SE 158024	Cost per day: No fee at the moment.	
Road Name: Windle Edge, off A628		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes		
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes	Security of parking area: Good, well used, usually somebody coming out or going in.	
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: 4 Motorboxes / 6 Trailers		
Toilets: No	Water: Yes (trough on Penistone Stretch)	Refreshments: No
Other facilities: <i>(i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone)</i> Natural stone provide mounting blocks. There are picnic tables and a public telephone across from the car park entrance.		
Approach route: <i>(Details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions)</i> From A628 Woodhead Road turn right (if approaching from east or Barnsley direction) onto the minor road, Windle Edge, which is undulating but mainly downhill to Dunford Bridge. Could be dangerous if road is frosty / icy, very exposed area. In the depth of winter check weather reports before proceeding. It is possible to approach on the minor road from the north but this is steeper and more winding/undulating although it is used by bus services.		

Section Summary

Please provide a summary of the overall experience and terrain on this section of the route
The ride from Dunford Bridge to Woodhead provides some spectacular moorland scenery. A real 'away from it all' feel. Whichever way you ride it i.e. Dunford to Woodhead or vice versa there are some strenuous uphill climbs and easy downhill stretches. If your horse is fit you can trot and canter some of it. If your horse is unfit or older you can walk and take in the scenery. (Note: the following description is from Dunford Bridge to Woodhead as there is parking at Dunford Bridge)

Route Description

Stage 1

The stretch from Dunford back to the A628 crossing is along a quiet lane, two thirds of it has verges, you can go on if traffic needs to pass. The A628 crossing has good visibility, but beware the traffic is moving fast. *(Note: this crossing is on top of the Pennines and therefore in poor weather cloud or fog can reduce visibility to virtually zero)* There is an emergency phone here. There is also a small wind power sign that may be noisy when windy. There are plenty of areas to keep clear of the road and stand waiting for gaps in traffic.

Stage 2

After crossing the A628 go through the gate and stop. This track is undulating grass and gravel. If your horse is fit you can canter and trot. You soon forget the traffic as you proceed with hills all around you. This track goes downhill and bears right to the old packhorse bridge with a couple of stock gates to negotiate. The track approaches the next road crossing. If your horse is good at gates you could stay mounted, if not I suggest you get off. To do this gate there is an area to stand and wait in front of the gate. Cross with care, downhill traffic very fast here. Again when you have crossed over there is an area to stand before the gate. As before if your horse is good at gates you will be ok. If not stay on foot and remount when through the gate and safely back on the TPT.

Stage 3

This stretch is grassy in places, like an old cart track. It goes away from the road undulating, very open / wild aspect in places. Livestock present most of the year including Highland cattle. Make sure gates are secure. The track goes down a steep stone surfaced incline to the Woodhead Tunnel crossing. Either retrace steps back to Dunford or continue to Hadfield, crossing road with care, gate and cross through barrier here. All of this is multi user; there is plenty of room for everyone. The route is part grass, gravel, and tarmac. An unshod horse would walk it ok I think, but may be too stony in places for fast work unshod. This part is very scenic and open, wonderful in good weather. Not for novices in bad weather if horse is lively.

Riding Opportunities

Canter: Yes	Water Crossing: Yes
Trot: Yes	Tunnels: No
Steep Incline: Yes – down to Woodhead	Bridge: Yes (Small packhorse bridge)
Additional details of the above or any other features <i>(e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through)</i>	

Gates on Route

Number of Gates: 7	Number of Horse Step Stile: 2
Ease of Opening: All horse friendly	
Other access controls: Main road crossings, if your horse is impatient be careful.	

Natural Hazards

Details of any natural hazards, obstructions or areas of concern *(including exposed areas where whether conditions could be an issue)*

This stretch is exposed and there is little opportunity for shelter. Even in the summer, visibility can be limited if the mist comes down when it is raining. On a clear day the views are fabulous!

Other Hazards

Details of any other hazards or areas of concern (*likely presence of illegal motorbikes, whether the route is through a built up area, other horses or livestock in fields*)

3 crossings of the very busy A628. Sheep often on the route, some times of year cattle are also on the moor.

Route Breakdown

Approximate breakdown of the route in terms of percentage in 5% steps

Bridleway/track	65%	Minor Road (marked yellow)	%
Minor Road (marked orange)	35%	B Road (marked orange)	%
A Road (marked red)	%	Track / verge parallel to road (not separated by a fence/hedge/wall)	%

Details of any particular danger points on road sections or crossings:

All road crossings, need full control of horse.

Facilities on Route

Details of establishments on or very close to this section of the route that provide additional facilities for equestrian: (*i.e. accommodation, cafés, pubs, shops, saddlery, toilets*) and if there are tie up points / corals within view of these).

Quite remote, the pub at Dunford Bridge was well used by riders, but has been closed for some time.

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www.westernridingadventures.co.uk

Emergency Contacts

Details of vets, farriers close to this section, along with any emergency contacts / call out numbers:

Nearest Vets: Churchfield Vets, Barnsley 01226 733 333

Linking Routes / Bridleways

The TPT horse riding route continues west from Woodhead (horse box parking at Torside – 4 miles) or east from Dunford Bridge.

Northern Horse Route – United Utilities have developed a signed, permissive riding route along the north side of the Longdendale Valley from just east of Tintwistle to Woodhead. This leaves the TPT on the moor above the incline down to Woodhead at grid reference SE 116001. This also connects to the TPT at Tintwistle/Hadfield allowing a circular route of the valley using the Northern Horse Route and the TPT. For more information contact United Utilities (Bottoms Office) on 01457 851081.

Local Contact for further information

Julie Scott, Tel: 01663 741 500

Dunford Bridge to Penistone

General Information

Start of Section: Dunford Bridge (Grid Ref: SE 158024)	End of Section: Penistone Showground (Grid Ref: SE 244034)
Approximate Distance: 5 ½ Miles	TPT map no: Map 1 West Section 6
OS Map Name and No: Explorer OL1, The Peak District (Dark Peak area)	

Parking Information (There are good car parks at either end of this section)

Name / location Car Park: Dunford Bridge Car Park, Dunford Bridge		
Grid Ref: SE 158024	Cost per day: No fee at the moment.	
Road Name: Windle Edge, off A628		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes		
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes	Security of parking area: Good, well used, usually somebody coming out or going in.	
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: 4 Motorboxes / 6 Trailers		
Toilets: No	Water: Yes (trough on Penistone Stretch)	Refreshments: No
Other facilities: (<i>i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone</i>) Natural stone provide mounting blocks. There are picnic tables and a public telephone across from the car park entrance.		
Approach route: (<i>Details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions</i>) A628 Woodhead Road, leave this road onto the 'B' road on Windle Edge, which is undulating but mainly downhill to Dunford Bridge. Could be dangerous if road is frosty / icy, very exposed area. In the depth of winter check weather reports before proceeding. <i>It is possible to approach on the 'B' road from the other direction but this is steeper and more winding/undulating although it is used by bus services.</i>		

Name / location Car Park: Penistone Sports Ground Car Park		
Grid Ref: SE 244034	Cost per day: FREE - no overnight parking	
Road Name: off Stockcliffe Rd, Penistone		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes		
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes	Security of parking area: (<i>a general feel – good/bad, busy and well used, etc</i>) Open, wide and well used.	
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: 4 for horsebox/trailer & 40 cars		
Toilets: No (public toilets in	Water: No	Refreshments: No (cafes,

Penistone during the week)		pubs and shops in Penistone)
Other facilities: <i>(i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone)</i> Open dawn till dusk; NO OVERNIGHT parking		
Approach route: <i>(Details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions)</i> Route is often used for horse boxes and trailers: A628 to Penistone, detailed map available at www.penistoneshow.org.uk , or ask passers-by.		

Section Summary

Please provide a summary of the overall experience and terrain on this section of the route
Route is easy, level, gravel, quite tunnelled (deep cuttings) in places, and fenced in places. Horse would not need to be very fit for this section.

Route Description

Stage 1 The route follows a disused railway track and landscaping along the route makes it a very pleasant ride through farmland. This is quite a contrast from the stretch before (Woodhead to Dunford). The route is on a well-defined trail all the way.
Stage 2 There are 2 bridges, horses new to the Trail may find them spooky, but you can get off and lead them over to reassure them.

Riding Opportunities

Canter: Yes	Water Crossing: No
Trot: Yes	Tunnels: No
Steep Incline: No	Bridge: Yes (May need to get off, mounting blocks available)
Additional details of the above or any other features <i>(e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through)</i>	

Gates on Route

Number of Gates: None	Number of Horse Step Stile: 2
Ease of Opening: n/a	
Other access controls: None	

Natural Hazards

Details of any natural hazards, obstructions or areas of concern <i>(including exposed areas where whether conditions could be an issue)</i> None. Easy level track, mostly tunnelled or fenced, some exposure but not like moor tops.
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Other Hazards

Details of any other hazards or areas of concern <i>(likely presence of illegal motorbikes, whether the route is through a built up area, other horses or livestock in fields)</i> None. The 2 bridges maybe spooky for some horses, if riders need to dismount there are stone blocks for remounting.
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Route Breakdown

Approximate breakdown of the route in terms of percentage in 5% steps			
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Minor Road (<i>marked orange</i>)	%	B Road (marked orange)	%
A Road (<i>marked red</i>)	%	Track / verge parallel to road (not separated by a fence/hedge/wall)	%
Details of any particular danger points on road sections or crossings:			

Facilities on Route

Details of establishments on or very close to this section of the route that provide additional facilities for equestrian: (*i.e. accommodation, cafés, pubs, shops, saddlery, toilets*) and if there are tie up points / corals within view of these).

None with any provision for riders, although there are local services in Penistone Town Centre.

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Emergency Contacts

Details of vets, farriers close to this section, along with any emergency contacts / call out numbers:

Churchfield Vets, Barnsley 01226 733 333

Linking Routes / Bridleways

The TPT horse riding route continues west from Dunford Bridge and east from Penistone.

Local Contact for further information

Rocky's Ranch, Dunford Bridge, Tel: 01226 767 315

Penistone to Old Moor

General Information	
Start of Section: Penistone Sports Ground Car Park (Grid Ref: SE 244034)	End of Section: Old Moor (Grid Ref: SE 423021)
Approximate Distance: 12½ Miles	TPT map no: Map 1 West, Section 6 or Map no: 2 Central, Section 13
OS Map Name and No: Explorer OL1 The Peak District (Dark Peak area) and Explorer 278 (Sheffield & Barnsley)	

Parking Information

Name / location Car Park: Penistone Sports Ground Car Park		
Grid Ref: SE 244034	Cost per day: FREE - no overnight parking.	
Road Name: off Stockcliffe Rd, Penistone		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes		
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes	Security of parking area: Open, wide and well used.	
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: 4 for horsebox / trailer & 40 cars		
Toilets: No (public toilets in Penistone during the week)	Water: No	Refreshments: No (cafes, pubs and shops in Penistone)
Other facilities: (<i>i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone</i>) Open dawn till dusk; NO OVERNIGHT parking		
Approach route: (<i>Details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions</i>) Route is often used for horse boxes and trailers: A628 to Penistone, detailed map available at www.penistoneshow.org.uk , or ask passers-by.		

Name / location Car Park: RSPB Old Moor		
Grid Ref: SE 423021	Cost per day: No fee Open 9am to 5pm May be necessary to use overflow car park – please ring in advance for horse box parking.	
Road Name: Off the A633 (signed with brown tourist signs)		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes, but the car park is for the RSPB reserve, so it gets very busy most days		
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes, but see above	Security of parking area: Open, wide and well used.	
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: 100		
Toilets: In RSPB centre	Water: No	Refreshments: Good café in RSPB centre
Other facilities: (<i>i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone</i>) Open when the RSPB centre is open only – see www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/ for up to date opening times.		

Approach route: (Details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions)

There is main road access all the way and the RSPB reserve is well signed (brown tourist signs) of the A633 and the Dearne Valley Parkway (A6195).

Name / location Car Park: Worsbrough Mill & County Park

Grid Ref: SE 351032

Cost per day: Pay & Display, check signs current charge

Road Name: Off the A61 at Worsbrough (signed with brown tourist signs)

Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes, but the car park is for the Mill and Country Park, so it can get busy

Suitability for Horse Box: Yes, but see above

Security of parking area: No know problems, well used.

Height Barrier in place: No

Approx Number of Parking Spaces: Room for 6 large / 8 smaller horse box trailers.

Toilets: At the Mill

Water: No

Refreshments: Yes – in Souvenir shop drinks machine and pre packed snacks open Saturday to Wednesday 11.00 am to 4.00 pm April to October

Other facilities: (i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone)

Approach route: (Details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions)

Follow the A61 from either M1 junction 36 or from Barnsley town centre.

Section Summary

Please provide a summary of the overall experience and terrain on this section of the route

Almost all of this route is along an old railway line so is easy and level, although the exception to this is climb out of Oxspring and back down to Silkstone Common. Originally surfaced with a crushed stone and black ash surface, many sections of the route can be muddy in wet weather and is narrowed in places by vegetation encroaching. Some sections of the off road route are more stoney after the June 2007 floods / storms.

Route Description

Stage 1

The first section of this route duplicates part of the description in section 13 between Penistone and Oxspring. From the car park access to the Trail is down a stone track (follow signs). At the bottom (Penistone Showground), there is a skateboard park (curved silver metal abounds!) very close to the track and horses sometimes get panicky there. Turn right to head to Oxspring.

You have to ride alongside the railway lines for a while with only a meshwork fence between so the trains are in full view.

Stage 2

Take the obvious and well-signed turn off from the old railway at Oxspring. Head up the ramp and bear left through to the B road where you turn right onto Sheffield Road. Now you have two options:

- 1) Turn left off the road and follow Willow Lane down to the River Don and back up to the top of the hill, where there is a wide path and verge alongside the main road to the Travellers Rest pub, crossing the busy A629 on the way. Willow Lane is a pretty route paved with old flagstones part of the way. It crosses the old (and very narrow) packhorse bridge, and climbs back up hill on a steep, narrow-ish path.
- 2) A road route - continue about 300m further along Sheffield Road, before turning left into Roughbirchworth lane and bearing left into Bower Hill for the steep climb up to cross the busy A629 at the crossroads by the Travellers Rest pub.

Stage 3

Whichever option you choose, continue uphill at the pub (on Coates Lane), take the first track on the left and follow the lanes to the railway bridge.

Before the bridge turn right onto a path parallel to the railway. This drops down to the old railway, but is narrow and visibility is limited as it winds through trees – take extra care and watch out for other users particularly those coming down the hill.

Before you reach the old railway you have to cross the fairly busy Knabbs Lane, which you reach quite suddenly.

Stage 4

Once on the old railway, everything is straight forward, although vegetation and low branches can sometimes be an issue. There are one or two bridges over roads, but these are wide old railway bridge so shouldn't pose problems.

After 2½ miles the growing road noise signals your approach to M1. The bridge over this is again a wide old rail bridge, with high solid parapets, but the traffic noise may spook some horses.

Down the hill you pass a small car park, where there is the first of five road crossings within the next 1½ miles. The busiest is the A61 just after passing Wigfield Farm and Worsbrough Country Park, but this has a Pegasus crossing to aid you across.

Stage 5

After Worsbrough the old railway continues, although the surface can be more puddled and muddy in places. Bear right where the northern TPT route option (towards Barnsley) joins. The route is now straight, with only a couple of minor road crossings on the way. Two underpasses beneath main roads need to be negotiated just before Old Moor, the first is prone to broken glass, while the second is longer and darker.

Riding Opportunities

Canter: Yes	Water Crossing: Yes – if the Willow Lane option is followed
Trot: Yes	Tunnels: No – but a longer dark underpass below the A633 just west of Old Moor.
Steep Incline: Down and up from Oxspring to the Travellers rest (on either route) and from the railway bridge to rejoin the old railway	Bridge: Several – most notable are the packhorse bridge on Willow Lane and the M1 bridge as detailed above.
Additional details of the above or any other features (e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through)	
As noted above re the bridges, packhorse route and incline through woodland to join the old railway.	

Gates on Route

Number of Gates: 19	Number of Horse Step Stile: 5
Ease of Opening: Many gates are low so some riders will find them awkward to reach and open. Those on the Worsbrough section are due to be replaced by standard bridleway gates in early 2009	
Other access controls:	

Natural Hazards

Details of any natural hazards, obstructions or areas of concern (*including exposed areas where whether conditions could be an issue*)

Narrowing by vegetation and low branches can sometimes be a problem.

Other Hazards

Details of any other hazards or areas of concern (*likely presence of illegal motorbikes, whether the route is through a built up area, other horses or livestock in fields*)

As noted above re the bridges, packhorse route and incline through woodland to join the old railway. These sections are busy with other users (walkers, cyclist and other horse riders) so care is needed.

Illegal motorbikes can be a problem in the eastern section of this route (from Worsbrough through to Old Moor) although there are regular Police operations to clamp down on these. Fly tipping and rubbish can sometimes be a problem on the eastern sections, closer to the urban areas.

Route Breakdown

Approximate breakdown of the route in terms of percentage in 5% steps			
Bridleway/track	95 %	Minor Road (marked yellow)	5 %
Minor Road (marked orange)	%	B Road (marked orange)	%
A Road (marked red)	%	Track / verge parallel to road (not separated by a fence/hedge/wall)	Willow Lane option - 500m beside A629

Details of any particular danger points on road sections or crossings:

All road crossings, need full control of horse.

Facilities on Route

Details of establishments on or very close to this section of the route that provide additional facilities for equestrian: (*i.e. accommodation, cafés, pubs, shops, saddlery, toilets*) and if there are tie up points / corals within view of these).

Emergency Contacts

Details of vets, farriers close to this section, along with any emergency contacts / call out numbers:

Nearest Vets: Churchfield Vets, Barnsley 01226 733 333

Linking Routes / Bridleways

The TPT horse riding route continues west from Penistone to Dunford Bridge and beyond. Also you can continue south on the TPT from Oxspring to Wortley and beyond, from Old Moor eastwards to Cadeby, and on the northern route towards Wakefield and Leeds. The majority of these sections are traffic free route (see relevant equestrian Guide sections for details).

There are also quite a few bridleway and minor road options in the Penistone area that can be explore

Local Contact for further information

Nicky Wareing, British Horse Society Representative, Tel: 0114 2846 343

Old Moor to Conisbrough

General Information	
Start of Section: Old Moor (Grid Ref: SE 423021)	End of Section: Conisbrough Viaduct (Grid Ref: SE 519995)
Approximate Distance: 8 Miles	TPT map no: Map 1 West, Section 6 or Map no: 2 Central, Section 13
OS Map Name and No: Explorer 279 (Doncaster) & 278 (Sheffield, Barnsley, Rotherham)	

Name / location Car Park: RSPB Old Moor		
Grid Ref: SE 423021	Cost per day: No fee	
Road Name: Off the A633 (signed with brown tourist signs)	Open 9am to 5pm. (Note Gates get locked) May be necessary to use overflow car park – please ring in advance for horse box parking and to check opening times.	
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes, but the car park is for the RSPB reserve, so it gets very busy most days		
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes, but see above	Security of parking area: Open, wide and well used.	
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: 100		
Toilets: In RSPB centre	Water: No	Refreshments: Good café in RSPB centre
Other facilities: (<i>i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone</i>) Open when the RSPB centre is open only – see www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/ for up to date opening times.		
Approach route: (<i>Details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions</i>) There is main road access all the way and the RSPB reserve is well signed (brown tourist signs) of the A633 and the Dearne Valley Parkway (A6195).		

Name / location Car Park: Dearne Road, Bolton on Dearne		
Grid Ref: SE 446018	Cost per day: Free	
Road Name: Dearne Road		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes – small car park so turning may be limited		
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes – small car park so turning may be limited	Security of parking area: No know problems,	
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: 15		
Toilets: No	Water: No	Refreshments: No
Other facilities: (<i>i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone</i>) No		
Approach route: (<i>Details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions</i>) Turn left of the A633 at the third roundabout after the entrance to RSPB Old Moor, signed for Bolton on Dearne. Car park is on the right before crossing the river.		

Section Summary

Please provide a summary of the overall experience and terrain on this section of the route

This is an easy going route that is almost all off-road on purpose built paths and tracks following the River Dearne. Reclaimed sites make this a pleasant ride through areas of former heavy industry. Newly created sections of route during the last few years have taken additional sections off road and much more attractive for riding.

Route Description

Stage 1

Exit Old Moors car park by the small bridge and turn left onto the Trail. Alternatively, ride up the centre's access road and use the ramp down onto the Trail. At the first fork in the route go right and up the hill and follow it all the way to Dearne Road. A Pegasus crossing is being installed here to help you across the road.

From the car park head left on the obvious path which leads through woodland and then into the recently reclaimed Bookfields Park. A new section of path has been created allowing you to cross straight over Mexborough Road and go under the viaduct to access Common Lane where previously you had to follow the road through the viaduct.

Stage 2

A tarmac path take you along Common Lane which can be narrowed by vegetation growth, but this soon opens up and you can ride along the verge to Adwick Bridge.

Cross the bridge, and follow the tarmac path straight ahead. **A recent change to route now keeps you off road for longer.** Cross over the lane and continue on the tarmac path, forking right to meet and turn right onto the lane. At the end of the lane turn right and then left into Harlington village.

Stage 3

Go through the village on the road turning right into Mill Lane, which soon becomes an un-surfaced track. Go left and follow alongside the bottom of the flood bank, fencing then directs you up and over the flood bank to the other side. Continue to ride alongside the river towards the bridge and onto the flood bank, cross the wooden bridge and then cross Pastures Road.

Stage 4

Continue on the obvious path to the yellow bridge over the river, after which there is a short steep slope, so look out for cyclists whizzing down.

Continue on the good path through the country park area and past the former Earth Centre.

The riding route finishes at the top of the viaduct, if you go through the gate and down the slope beside the viaduct, a locked gate and access controls and the bottom of the hill prevent you going further and along the riverside. Note lorries going to the quarry use the adjacent road here.

Riding Opportunities

Canter: Yes	Water Crossing: only on bridges.
Trot: Yes	Tunnels: one short underpass.
Steep Incline: immediately after crossing the river Dearne (for the third time)	Bridge: Several – all are a good width.
Additional details of the above or any other features (e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through)	

Gates on Route

Number of Gates: 9	Number of Horse Step Stile: 4 + 1 Step over gate
Ease of Opening: Some gates are low so some riders will find them awkward to reach and open.	
Other access controls: Some open chicanes (either rocks or metal chicanes), but these are wide and should not be a problem.	

Natural Hazards

Details of any natural hazards, obstructions or areas of concern (*including exposed areas where whether conditions could be an issue*)

Narrowing by vegetation and low branches can sometimes be a problem in a couple of places.

Other Hazards

Details of any other hazards or areas of concern (*likely presence of illegal motorbikes, whether the route is through a built up area, other horses or livestock in fields*)

Road crossings need care.

The road section through Harlington village is in a 30mph area and roads are reasonably quiet.

Illegal motorbikes can be a problem on the western part of this route.

Route Breakdown

Approximate breakdown of the route in terms of percentage in 5% steps

Bridleway/track	95 %	Minor Road (marked yellow)	5 %
Minor Road (marked orange)	%	B Road (marked orange)	%
A Road (marked red)	%	Track / verge parallel to road (not separated by a fence/hedge/wall)	%

Details of any particular danger points on road sections or crossings:

All road crossings, need full control of horse.

Facilities on Route

Details of establishments on or very close to this section of the route that provide additional facilities for equestrian: (*i.e. accommodation, cafés, pubs, shops, saddlery, toilets*) and if there are tie up points / corals within view of these).

Café and toilets at RSPB Old Moor. Shop and pub in Harlington village.

Emergency Contacts

Details of vets, farriers close to this section, along with any emergency contacts / call out numbers:

Moorhouse Equestrian Centre, Doncaster, Tel: 01977 652280

Linking Routes / Bridleways

The TPT horse riding route continues west from Old Moor to Penistone via Worsbrough (see the guide to section 13), or on a southern loop (but this involves a bad road crossing). The southern loop also gives access to loops of the Trail between Barnsley, Sheffield and Rotherham. You can also head north towards Wakefield and Leeds.

The former TPT route via Lowfield Lane is a bridleway, but to connect back to the TPT you have to follow the road through Bolton-on-Deerne to the parking area on Deerne Road.

Local Contact for further information

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Holderness Drain to Hornsea

General Information

Start of Section: Holderness Drain (Grid Ref: TA126342)	End of Section: Hornsea Seafront (Grid Ref: TA209476)
Approximate Distance: 10 miles each way	TPT map no: Map 3 East, section 12
OS Map Name and No: Explorer 293 (Kingston upon Hull & Beverley) and Explorer 295 (Bridlington, Driffield & Hornsea)	

Parking Information

Name / location Car Park: Old Station Yard car park, New Ellerby (Adjacent to the Railway Inn)		
Grid Ref: TA 16168392	Cost per day: FREE - no overnight parking	
Road Name: Marton Road?		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes		
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes	Security of parking area: <i>(a general feel – good/bad, busy and well used, etc)</i> No known problems	
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: 3 - can be popular at busy times		
Toilets: No	Water: No	Refreshments: No
Other facilities (i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone) please advise There are a few picnic benches in the adjacent grassed area.		
Approach route <i>(details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions)</i> Follow signs to New Ellerby from the A165 (Hull to Beverley road). The parking area is just off (south of) the main road through the village and signed from the road – take care not to go into the pub car park.		

Name / location Car Park: Burton Road Long Stay, Hornsea		
Grid Ref: TA210473	Cost per day: FREE	
Road Name: Burton Road, Hornsea		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes		
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes	Security of parking area: <i>(a general feel – good/bad, busy and well used, etc)</i>	
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: 200		
Toilets: No	Water: No	Refreshments: No
Other facilities (i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone) please advise None. Note all the other car parks in Hornsea have height barriers. Hornsea is a popular seaside resort, so car parks fill up on weekend and school holidays in the summer		

Approach route (*details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions*)

Follow signs to the seafront parking area, Burton Road car park is at the southern end of the promenade, just before the road bends round to run along south promenade.

This parking area is off the Trail, to reach it follow South Promenade (along the road or across the grassed area) to the 'Seamark' mast on the seafront. Turn along Sands Lane and head inland to the former Hornsea Station, where you can start the off road route. After ½ mile the Trail ramps down to a roundabout which you need to go straight over into Marlborough Road to reach the old railway proper. Therefore parking available at New Ellerby with direct access to the Trail is a better option.

Section Summary

Please provide a summary of the overall experience and terrain on this section of the route

This is a long section of old railway, off road all the way except for a couple of short sections in Hornsea. The route is easy, level and generally well surfaced, although muddy in a few places. There is also parallel grass strip that can be used, although this can be wet. In places it is quite tunnelled by trees, and can be narrowed by summer growth. There are also several road crossings, one of which is a fast road.

Given the length of railway path and as the best parking area is around the middle of this section, we've split the route into two sections north and south of New Ellerby which can be either done separately or combined into one quite long ride

Route Description Part 1 - New Ellerby to Hornsea (5 ¾ miles each way)

Stage 1

Join the route adjacent to the parking area and turn right to head north-east between the old platforms, ascend the ramp and cross the road to enter the trail towards Hornsea. From here the route is straight and level and provides excellent opportunities for a long straight.

After about ½ mile cross Lambwath Stream. Here the route slopes down to a timber bridleway bridge, which some horses may need persuasion to cross. Also the ramps down to the bridge can be narrowed by bushes, so keep a good look out for other user

Ride straight ahead to the old Whitedale level crossings (after about 1/2mile) where the trail crosses a minor road.

Stage 2

Rejoin the trail at the other side and continue on to the next crossing point near to Great Hatfield (a further 1½ miles) and onward to Goxhill where there are two minor road crossings in quick succession.

A mile beyond here the route passes under a road bridge (which may spook some horses) and the surface changes from the previous crushed stone construction to a tarmac surface marking the approach to Hornsea, and after half a mile you reach the end of the long off road section.

Stage 3

At the end of the off-road section a step over stile gives access to Marlborough Road, turning right down the road brings you to a roundabout. Negotiate this with care to access the ramp opposite to return to an off road path along the line of the old railway. After 1/2 mile you reach Hornsea gateway, by the old station building. Ahead down Sands Lane you'll see the sea and the mast that marks the eastern most point of the Trans Pennine Trail.

You can do this section for completeness and scenic interest, although the better riding is on the old railway.

Stage 4

Simply retrace your route to return to New Ellerby.

Route option

An alternative to add variety to the return or simply to make a shorter loop ride, leave the TPT at the road crossing near Great Hatfield. Head west along the minor road to Little Hatfield (Grid Ref: TA174432). Turn left up the track to Manor Farm, riding south for approximately 1/3 mile to where the bridleway turns west along the field edge. Follow this to the junction with a bridleway running north-south. Turn left here and ride south for approximately 1½ miles, emerging onto the metalled road at Ruddens (Grid Ref: TA166409).

On emerging from the bridleway at Ruddens turn left and ride east for ½ mile to Whitedale crossing where you can rejoin the Trail back to the parking area by turning right. Alternatively ride straight forward on the road for approximately 1½ miles to the parking area – although there may be quite a bit of traffic on this road.

Riding Opportunities

Canter: Yes	Water Crossing (stream/ford): No
Trot: Yes	Tunnels: No
Steep Incline: No	Bridge: Yes, at Lambwath stream, see route description for details.
Additional details of the above or any other features (e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through) <i>See note about the variation to the route in Part 1</i>	

Gates on Route

Number of Gates: 1 – part of step over stile at Hornsea	Number of Horse Step Stile: 1 (at Hornsea, which has to be crossed on an angle) and 1 at New Ellerby
Ease of Opening: could be awkward as it is part of the horse stile	
Other access controls: other road crossings have wide chicanes or gaps which don't seem to pose any problems	

Natural Hazards

Details of any natural hazards, obstructions or areas of concern (including exposed areas where whether conditions could be an issue) None - easy level track.
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Other Hazards

Details of any other hazards or areas of concern (*likely presence of illegal motorbikes, whether the route is through a built up area, other horses or livestock in fields*)

Roads – see below, and the Hornsea end of the Trail is in an urban area.

The bridleway bridge can cause reluctant horses to be difficult and it may be best to ride in a group for mutual encouragement.

The trail along this section is very popular with other users - cyclists and walkers / dog walkers.

Route Breakdown

Approximate breakdown of the route in terms of percentage in 5% steps

Bridleway/track	95%	Minor Road (marked yellow)	5%
Minor Road (<i>marked orange</i>)	%	B Road (marked orange)	%
A Road (<i>marked red</i>)	%	Track / verge parallel to road (not separated by a fence/hedge/wall)	%

Details of any particular danger points on road sections or crossings :

Traffic on the minor roads can be quite heavy at times as this is a local route from Hull to Hornsea.

Facilities on Route

Details of establishments on or very close to this section of the route that provide additional facilities for equestrian: (*i.e. accommodation, cafés, pubs, shops, saddlery or toilets*) and if there are tie up points / corals within view of these.

None.

Emergency Contacts

Details of vets, farriers close to this section, along with any emergency contacts / call out numbers:

Haven Vet Group, Hull, Tel: 01482 376477

Linking Routes / Bridleways

See note about the variation to the route in Part 1

Route Description Part 2 - New Ellerby to Holderness Drain (4 miles each way)

Stage 1

Join the old rail track turn left to head south-west along the crushed stone surface. Dog walkers are often encountered along this route so ride with consideration for others. After a mile a minor road is crossed by Ellerby Grange, and in another mile you come to the busy the A165. **This is a fast trunk road and great care should be given to crossing safely at this point.** Once across the way is secluded and safe once more.

Stage 2

South of the A165, the surface changes to a tarmac surface although this has a stone chip dressing so it is non-slip. Some of the way there is space to ride on the grass alongside the hard surface. There are two more minor roads to cross before reaching Holderness Drain, which is where the designated horse riding route ends.

Stage 3

Turn round a before the bridge and retrace your steps to the parking area again enjoying the rural views.

Riding Opportunities

Canter: Yes	Water Crossing (stream/ford): No
Trot: Yes	Tunnels: No
Steep Incline: No	Bridge: No
Additional details of the above or any other features (e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through) None	

Gates on Route

Number of Gates: 0	Number of Horse Step Stile: 0
Ease of Opening: n/a	
Other access controls: Road crossings have wide chicanes or gaps which don't seem to pose any problems	

Natural Hazards

Details of any natural hazards, obstructions or areas of concern (including exposed areas where whether conditions could be an issue) None - easy level track.
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Other Hazards

Details of any other hazards or areas of concern (likely presence of illegal motorbikes, whether the route is through a built up area, other horses or livestock in fields) A165 road crossing – see below. This section is very popular with other users - cyclists and walkers / dog walkers and gets some illegal motorbikes coming out of Hull.

Route Breakdown

Approximate breakdown of the route in terms of percentage in 5% steps			
Bridleway/track	100%	Minor Road (marked yellow)	%
Minor Road (marked orange)	%	B Road (marked orange)	%
A Road (marked red)	%	Track / verge parallel to road (not separated by a fence/hedge/wall)	%
Details of any particular danger points on road sections or crossings : High speed traffic crossing the A165			

Facilities on Route

Details of establishments on or very close to this section of the route that provide additional facilities for equestrian: *(i.e. accommodation, cafés, pubs, shops, saddlery, or toilets) and if there are tie up points / corals within view of these.*

There are picnic tables at parking area on the north side of the A165.

Emergency Contacts

Details of vets, farriers close to this section, along with any emergency contacts / call out numbers:

Haven Vet Group, Hull, Tel: 01482 376477

Linking Routes / Bridleways

Local Contact for further information

British Horse Society Yorkshire Development Officer, Tel: 01709 559263

Penistone to Wortley

General Information

Start of Section: Penistone (Grid Ref: SE 244034)	End of Section: Cote Green Lane Car Park, Wortley (Grid Ref: SK 299992)
Approximate Distance: 4.5 miles	TPT map no: 2 (Central – Derbyshire & Yorkshire)
OS Map Name and No: Explorer OL1 – The Peak District (Dark Peak area)	

Parking Information (Big car parks at both ends of this section)

Name / location Car Park: Cote Green Lane Car Park, Wortley		
Grid Ref: SK 299992	Cost per day: FREE - no overnight parking	
Road Name: Finkle Street, Wortley		
Suitability For Car & Trailer: Yes	Security of parking area: <i>(a general feel – good/bad, busy and well used, etc)</i> Open, wide, good and well used, adjacent to Pennine Equine (Livery Yard) at Cote Green Farm, Finkle Street, Wortley, South Yorkshire S35 7DH, 0114 284 7140	
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes		
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: 4 for horsebox/trailer & 40 cars		
Toilets: No (but can use yard's toilet)	Water: No Official access to water	Refreshments: No (coffee and sweets machine on yard)
<p>Other facilities: <i>(i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone)</i></p> <p>Open dawn till dusk; NO OVERNIGHT parking No picnic tables, no hitching rail No official access to mounting block, water, toilet, refreshments machine Nearest public phone box is on Finkle Street at entrance to Pennine Equine Tack shop for emergency supplies X-C course available for hire at Pennine Equine</p>		
<p>Approach route: <i>(Details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions)</i></p> <p>Route often used for horse boxes and trailers: A61 Penistone Road from Sheffield towards Barnsley Branch left (at petrol station) onto the A629, signposted Huddersfield Turn left (just before 30 limit sign) into Finkle Street Continue to Public Phone Box on RHS and entrance to Pennine Equine</p>		

Name / location Car Park: Penistone Sports Ground Car Park		
Grid Ref: SE 244034	Cost per day: FREE - no overnight parking	
Road Name: off Stockcliffe Rd, Penistone		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes	Security of parking area: <i>(a general feel – good/bad, busy and well used, etc)</i> Open, wide and well used.	
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes		
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: 4 for horsebox/trailer & 40 cars		

Toilets: No (public toilets in Penistone during the week)	Water: No	Refreshments: No (cafes, pubs and shops in Penistone)
Other facilities: (<i>i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone</i>) Open dawn till dusk; NO OVERNIGHT parking		
Approach route: (<i>Details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions</i>) Route is often used for horse boxes and trailers: A628 to Penistone, detailed map available at www.penistonshow.org.uk , or ask passers-by.		

Section Summary

Please provide a summary of the overall experience and terrain on this section of the route

This is a good section for riders, but from time to time you will meet motor bikes (!), also people walking playing i-pods, who do not hear you behind them till you shout, some of them are also pushing pushchairs and have dogs with them. I have met one battery-operated wheelchair so far.

The trail is mainly good with stretches suitable for cantering, but varies with the weather. It is popular with riders and cyclists and dog walkers. Most dogs and their owners are mannerly and helpful; very occasionally a small dog will run under the horse's hooves.

There are some parts where braches overhang, but mostly they are usually broken off by riders on large horses. There are stiles made of railway sleepers in places along the route and some of the fences have tattered bits of white and/or black polythene fluttering on them.

There are loops possible off the trail and back on via asphalt roads or stony lanes.

Pedestrian and cycle users in the 'long tunnel' have so far been polite and accommodating (*i.e.* no sudden noises or music).

The route is fairly level, the incline is slight, and the surface is mainly good with muddy patches in prolonged wet weather.

Route Description

Stage 1

From the car park access to the trail is down a stone track (follow signs). At the bottom (Penistone Showground), there is a skateboard park (curved silver metal abounds!) very close to the track and horses sometimes get panicky there.

Turn right to head to Wortley.

Stage 2

You have to ride alongside the railway lines for a while with only a meshwork fence between so the trains are in full view. Also the trail passes very close to a children's play area and a football field, which can spook horses on busy weekends.

Stage 3

See below about Thurgoland Tunnel

Riding Opportunities

Canter: Yes – in places	Water Crossing (stream/ford): No
Trot: Yes – almost all	Tunnel: Yes, lit 6am-midnight
Steep Inclines: NO	Bridges: A few, over & under
Additional details of the above or any other features: (e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through) Thurgoland Tunnel (Grid Ref: SE 284005) is approximately 300m long and on a curve. The trail has a tarmac surface through the tunnel. It is lit between 6am and midnight. An alternative route avoiding the tunnel is signed from the Trail. This follows quiet lanes parallel to the main route.	

Gates on Route

Number of Gates: 0	Number of Horse Step Stile: 4 – if avoiding the tunnel (by displayed detour), 2 - if using the tunnel
Ease of Opening: N/A	
Other access controls: (give details) None	

Natural Hazards

Details of any natural hazards, obstructions or areas of concern (including exposed areas where whether conditions could be an issue) The long tunnel is curved, but the far end can be seen very soon after entry so there is not a feeling of being trapped in the dark. Old Mill Lane (part of detour to avoid long tunnel) is always a 'wind tunnel' as there is no shelter and a steep-ish tarmac bit of road that can be slippery. Also new house building frequent or builders doing alterations with bunting, cement bags, etc. Peacocks at house near lower end of Mill Lane, sometimes flutter up on wall (if the horses know pheasants they seem to cope).

Other Hazards

Details of any other hazards or areas of concern (likely presence of illegal motorbikes, whether the route is through a built up area, other horses or livestock in fields) Likely presence of illegal motorbikes (well put!), walkers wearing Walkmans and oblivious behind, once seen an electric wheelchair user on the TPT (good for him!).

Route Breakdown

Approximate breakdown of the route in terms of percentage in 5% steps			
Bridleway/track	100%	Minor Road (marked yellow)	%
Minor Road (marked orange)	%	B Road (marked orange)	%
A Road (marked red)	%	Track / verge parallel to road (not separated by a fence/hedge/wall)	%
Details of any particular danger points on road sections or crossings If avoiding long tunnel, there is a small concrete bridge to ride under on a straight steep-ish hill where cars come quite fast, but can be heard and seen.			

Facilities on Route

Details of establishments on or very close to this section of the route that provide additional facilities for equestrian: *(i.e. accommodation, cafés, pubs, shops, saddlery, toilets) and if there are tie up points / corals within view of these).*

The Bridge Inn (foot of hill near Old Mill Lane turn – found easily by taking the route that avoids the tunnel for a short distance (coming from Wortley) welcomes riders and has a grassy area at the rear of the pub for tethered grazing with picnic tables. Also they supply water if requested (and carrots occasionally).

Also toilet facilities are available even if not buying anything at the pub.

Phone box on road opposite pub.

On section close to railway, a stile takes you off the trail to a phone box and a chip shop, but no tie rail or seats.

Pennine Equine offers cottages and stables for rent at a daily price.

Emergency Contacts

Details of vets, farriers close to this section, along with any emergency contacts / call out numbers:

VET: Churchfields 01226-733-333

FARRIERS: Chris Eastman: 07768-451-999; Phil Webb 07747-463323, 07709-816889

Linking Routes / Bridleways

Please give details of establishments on or very close to this section of the route that provide additional facilities for equestrian: *(i.e. accommodation, cafés, pubs, shops)*

There is another local ride (called 'The Tin Mill') that can be reached by turning left off Finkle Street onto the road to Deepcar and turning right after the chequered bridge and can be ridden as a loop in itself and back by the road (a few trails are available) or can be taken up to Well Hill and back via the TPT by turning left up past The Bridge Inn or by turning right over the bridge across the river onto Finkle Street (where the Wortley Top Forge Miniature Railway, www.wortleyes.com, runs in the woods).

Also other sections of the TPT west of Penistone, south and east of Wortley, and east from Oxspring.

Local Contact for further information

Jaine (staff at Pennine Equine) 07731 708277

Heather (client at Mallard House Riding Centre) 07855 269678

Anglers Country Park (Wakefield) to Stairfoot (Barnsley)

General Information	
Start of Section: Anglers Country Park (Grid Ref: SE 374153)	End of Section: Aldham Junction (Grid Ref: SE 390043)
Approximate Distance: 8 Miles	TPT map no: Map no: 2 Central, Section 13 and 14
OS Map Name and No: Explorer 278 (Sheffield, Barnsley, Rotherham)	

Name / location Car Park: Anglers Country Park			
Grid Ref: SE 374153	Cost per day: Free		
Road Name: Haw Park Lane			
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes			
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes	Security of parking area: Open, wide and well used. CCTV		
Height Barrier in place: No			
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: Limited capacity for horse boxes and trailers, no designated spaces but use top end of car park or can unload in coach bay.			
Toilets: In visitor centre	Water: If visitor centre open	Refreshments: Café in visitor centre	
Other facilities: (<i>i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone</i>) Picnic benches, mounting block at visitor centre, hitching rail			
Approach route: (<i>Details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions</i>) The Country Park is signed from the Doncaster Road A638 and Barnsley Road A61. Access to the Country Park is along a fairly narrow country lane, with limited visibility to some bends			

Section Summary

Please provide a summary of the overall experience and terrain on this section of the route
Quiet roads and bridleways.

Route Description

Stage 1 Anglers Country Park to Rabbit Ings – the route from the car park is along a signed, quiet road to Haw Park Wood where it follows woodland rides. It crosses a bridleway bridge over the disused canal to the road. From here the route is on fast but relatively quiet roads to Rabbit Ings.
Stage 4 Approaching Stairfoot the Cudworth Spur branches off to the left providing a further 2 miles of off road route. This is well often frequented by Police horses who live 500m further along the connecting bridleway at Ring Farm. A bridleway across fields brings you back to Lund Lane and the Trail for a short loop. At Stairfoot, joining the old railway and turning right you can follow a spur towards Barnsley. This is also off road for about 1½ miles before bringing you on to the road near the Riding for the Disabled centre close to town.

Riding Opportunities

Canter: No	Water Crossing: ..No
Trot: Yes	Tunnels: ..No
Steep Incline: none	Bridge: One at Haw park Wood
Additional details of the above or any other features (e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through) Horse riding is permitted around the lake at Anglers Country Park and in Haw Park Wood on the tracks.	

Gates on Route

Number of Gates: No	Number of Horse Step Stile: One at entrance to Haw Park Wood
Ease of Opening: Some gates are low so some riders will find them awkward to reach and open.	
Other access controls: Some open chicanes (either rocks or metal chicanes), but these are wide and should not be a problem.	

Natural Hazards

Details of any natural hazards, obstructions or areas of concern (including exposed areas where whether conditions could be an issue) Narrowing by vegetation and low branches can sometimes be a problem in a couple of places.
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Other Hazards

Details of any other hazards or areas of concern (likely presence of illegal motorbikes, whether the route is through a built up area, other horses or livestock in fields) Road sections and crossings need care. Illegal motorbikes can be a problem on the parts of this route.

Route Breakdown

Approximate breakdown of the route in terms of percentage in 5% steps			
Bridleway/track	20%	Minor Road (marked yellow)	5%
Minor Road (marked orange)	%	B Road (marked orange)	75%
A Road (marked red)	%	Track / verge parallel to road (not separated by a fence/hedge/wall)	%
Details of any particular danger points on road sections or crossings: All road crossings, need full control of horse. Crossing B6428 needs care.			

Facilities on Route

Details of establishments on or very close to this section of the route that provide additional facilities for equestrian: (i.e. accommodation, cafés, pubs, shops, saddlery, toilets) and if there are tie up points / corals within view of these). Café and toilets at RSPB Old Moor. Shop and pub in Harlington village.
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Emergency Contacts

Details of vets, farriers close to this section, along with any emergency contacts / call out numbers: Ledston Equine Clinic, Tel: 01977 668777

Linking Routes / Bridleways

The TPT horse riding route continues north from Anglers Country Park towards Wakefield and Leeds. This is mix of on and off road route.

At Aldham Junction you meet the main west – east TPT route and can head west to Worsbrough, Penistone and beyond or east to RSPB Old Moor (see section 14 of the equestrian guide for details

Local Contact for further information

Virginia Moulton Wakefield Council Tel: 01924 306010 or the Council's Contact Centre,
Tel: 0845 8506 506

Rother Valley (Rotherham) to Staveley

General Information

Start of Section: Rother Valley Country Park (Grid Ref: SK 453827)	End of Section: Poolsbrook Country Park (Grid Ref: SK 434738)
Approximate Distance: 6 ½ Miles	TPT map no: Map no: 2 Central, Section 16
OS Map Name and No: Explorer 269 (Chesterfield)	

Parking Information

Name / location Car Park: Rother Valley Country Park		
Grid Ref: SK 453827	Cost per day: Yes – pay on entry. Open from 9am to 5pm, winter, 9am to 8pm during the summer season. Gates are locked when park is closed.	
Road Name: Off the A618, Mansfield Road		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes		
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes	Security of parking area: Good, popular area	
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: Lots		
Toilets: Yes, by Visitor Centre	Water: No	Refreshments: Café by Visitor Centre.
<p>Other facilities: (<i>i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone</i>)</p> <p>There is a disabled mounting ramp by the bus parking area and picnic table at various locations in the park.</p> <p>There are other trails around the lakes and elsewhere in the Country Park that can be ridden.</p>		
<p>Approach route: (<i>Details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions</i>)</p> <p>Easily accessed off the M1 junction 31. Take the A57 towards Sheffield and follow the brown tourist signs to the Country Park. Access is good and frequently used by coaches.</p>		

Name / location Car Park: Poolsbrook Country Park		
Grid Ref: SK 434738	Cost per day: Free	
Road Name: off Erin Road, Staveley		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Chesterfield BC operates permit scheme for horse box / transporter parking at Poolsbrook Country Park - Call 01246 345345 for details.		
Suitability for Horse Box: Height barrier in place - see permit scheme details above for access.	Security of parking area: No known problems.	
Height Barrier in place: Yes		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: Reasonably large car park.		
Toilets: When Visitor Centre open.	Water:	Refreshments: Café in the centre.
<p>Other facilities: (<i>i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone</i>)</p> <p>Picnic tables on site. Approx 4 miles of Trail for horse riding within the site.</p>		

Approach route: *(Details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions)*

From the North, take M1 junction 30, then take the 1st exit at the roundabout onto A616 heading to Newark / Chesterfield. At the next roundabout take the 4th exit onto A619 / Chesterfield Road and follow for 2.5 miles. Turn left at Fan Road and then straight on over the roundabout. Turn right into Meadows Drive then left into Country Park. From the South, take M1 junction 29A. At roundabout take the second exit onto Erin Road. Straight on at the next roundabout and follow Erin Road for about a mile. Turn left into Meadows Drive and then left into Country Park.

There is also smaller car park about half way down this section that can be used for horse box parking for a shorter ride. It is right by the Trail at Renishaw (Grid Ref: SK 444781), accessed straight off the A6135.

Section Summary

Please provide a summary of the overall experience and terrain on this section of the route

A pleasant route between two Country Parks following an old railway line all the way. With the exception of the tarmac access road in Rother Valley and a short tarmac ramp just before joining the old railway the route is a crushed stone surface, much of which has been resurfaced in since 2008.

Route Description

Stage 1

From the mounting ramp cross the bridge in front of you and turn left to follow the access road around the lake (there is plenty of grass verge to ride on). When the track turns down to the Water-Ski Centre continue straight on following the track right around to the opposite side of the lake.

Note: Water-skiing is on a cable tow, so there is some noise from the overhead wires whizzing round that may spook some horses, plus the occasional water-skier walking back to the centre.

Stage 2

Once round the opposite side of the lake, turn under the railway bridge and then immediately left to join the old railway southwards.

From here the route is straight ahead all the way to Staveley. Within the first mile you cross the River Rother and the reasonably busy B6058 Sheffield Road at Killamarsh, both of these are on the substantial old railway bridges.

Stage 3

At Renishaw (after 4 miles) you drop down briefly to the parking area and through an underpass beneath the main road before continuing along the old railway again.

Stage 4

On the outskirts of Staveley take the bridge over the railway line (the other branch of the trail follows the canal towpath so soon becomes inaccessible to horse riders).

Continue along the old railway through Staveley. Immediately before the bridge over Inkersall Road turn off left and follow the path to Poolsbrook County Park (signposted).

Riding Opportunities

Canter: Yes	Water Crossing: No
Trot: Yes	Tunnels: Short underpass beneath road
Steep Incline: No	Bridges: 4 (3 over roads 1 over river).
Additional details of the above or any other features (<i>e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through</i>) Various paths in the Country Parks at each end that can be ridden.	

Gates on Route

Number of Gates: 1 at Rother Valley	Number of Horse Step Stile: 6
Ease of Opening: Reasonable	
Other access controls: None	

Natural Hazards

Details of any natural hazards, obstructions or areas of concern (<i>including exposed areas where whether conditions could be an issue</i>) None
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Other Hazards

Details of any other hazards or areas of concern (<i>likely presence of illegal motorbikes, whether the route is through a built up area, other horses or livestock in fields</i>) Illegal motorbikes can sometimes be a problem on the old railway. This is quite a busy section of the Trail particularly at weekends and school holidays, so look out for other users throughout. Some traffic on the access track in Rother Valley, but there is plenty of grass verge here. Plus the noise from the water-ski cables at the southern end of the lake when in operation.

Route Breakdown

Approximate breakdown of the route in terms of percentage in 5% steps			
Bridleway/track	100 %	Minor Road (marked yellow)	%
Minor Road (marked orange)	%	B Road (marked orange)	%
A Road (marked red)	%	Track / verge parallel to road (not separated by a fence/hedge/wall)	%
Details of any particular danger points on road sections or crossings: None			

Facilities on Route

Details of establishments on or very close to this section of the route that provide additional facilities for equestrian: (<i>i.e. accommodation, cafés, pubs, shops, saddlery, toilets</i>) and if there are tie up points / corals within view of these). Café and toilet facilities in the Country Parks at each end of the route.
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Emergency Contacts

Details of vets, farriers close to this section, along with any emergency contacts / call out numbers:

Maltby Equine Vets, Tel: 01709 819888

Linking Routes / Bridleways

The TPT equestrian route continues south beyond Staveley to Tapton Golf course in Chesterfield and north through the Shirebrook Valley towards Sheffield.

Local Contact for further information

Tapton Lock Visitor Centre, Chesterfield. 01246 551035

Wortley (Barnsley) to Grenoside (Sheffield)

General Information

Start of Section: Cote Green Lane Car Park, Wortley (Grid Ref: SK 299992)	End of Section: Grenoside (Grid Ref: SK 325950)
Approximate Distance: 6 miles	TPT map no: 2 (Central – Derbyshire & Yorkshire)
OS Map Name and No: Explorer 278 Sheffield & Barnsley	

Parking Information

Name / location Car Park: Cote Green Lane Car Park, Wortley		
Grid Ref: SK 299992	Cost per day: FREE - no overnight parking	
Road Name: Finkle Street, Wortley		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes		
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes	Security of parking area: Open, wide, good and well used, adjacent to Pennine Equine (Livery Yard) at Cote Green Farm, Finkle Street, Wortley, South Yorkshire S35 7DH, 0114 284 7140	
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: 4 for horsebox / trailers & 40 cars		
Toilets: No (but can use yard's toilet)	Water: No official access to water	Refreshments: No (coffee and sweets machine on yard)
Other facilities (<i>i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone</i>) Open dawn till dusk; NO OVERNIGHT parking No picnic tables, no hitching rail No official access to mounting block, water, toilet, refreshments machine Nearest public phone box is on Finkle Street at entrance to Pennine Equine Tack shop for emergency supplies, X-C course available for hire at Pennine Equine <i>There is a car park at the Grenoside end of this section, but this is tight</i>		
Approach route (<i>details of the nearest A road and any difficulties on the approach to the parking that could be a problem for trailers / horseboxes, e.g. low bridges, tight bends or junctions</i>) Route often used for horse boxes and trailers: A61 Penistone Road from Sheffield towards Barnsley Branch left (at petrol station) onto the A629, signposted Huddersfield Turn left (just before 30 limit sign) into Finkle Street Continue to Public Phone Box on RHS and entrance to Pennine Equine		

Section Summary

Please provide a summary of the overall experience and terrain on this section of the route
The first part of this section goes through the main trail of Wharnccliffe Woods (called Plank Gate). To ride on other trails in Wharnccliffe Woods requires the payment of an annual fee (individual fee or group fee for riders from one yard (reduction), obedience to their rules, and displaying their permit badge on the saddle. Contact the Forestry Commission: 01623 822447, chris.bray@forestry.gsi.gov.uk .

Route Description

Stage 1

Through Wharnccliffe Woods there is a trail (Plank Gate) that is cinders mainly and suitable to canter when soft. Always suitable to trot, but with occasional large flat stones to avoid. There are some steep-ish sections.

There are also some loops off the TPT, some through old railway property trails passing close to, and accessible by road from Deepcar, called locally 'The Three Tunnels Ride' because there are three low-ish tunnels to pass through, and other within Wharnccliffe Woods and over Wharnccliffe Crags.

Stage 2

There is a loop ride left off the TPT at 2 low stone gateposts, locally called 'The Gates Ride' (for obvious reasons, e.g. there are two cattle grids to negotiate plus gates across lanes) which offers a few different but linked loops round through woods to a farm via lanes, providing also a bridle path up a grassy track in the centre of a field (no riding elsewhere in the field) that is suitable for a safe canter/gallop up when no livestock in the field.

Other lanes meet up again (some gates low to reach down to) to get back to Finkle Street and so back to the TPT. Or the horse can be taken along the Old Woodhead Road then up onto the road to A629 Huddersfield Road with a 100m section on an open flyover across the top of the Stocksbridge By-Pass where walking in the cycle lane at the edge of the road is feasible (I've done this on two different horses) but Hi-Viz gear essential. The speed limit there is 40mph, but it is often monitored by the Yorkshire Traffic Partnership.

Stage 3

Another loop right (part way up the loop left into Wharnccliffe Woods) goes along narrow trails to Wharnccliffe Crags and spectacular views.

Riding Opportunities

Canter: Yes - in places	Water Crossing (stream/ford): Yes - on one loop
Trot: Yes - almost always	Tunnels: Yes - on one loop
Steep Incline: Yes - a few places	Bridge: NO
Additional details of the above or any other features (e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through) See above route description	

Gates on Route

Number of Gates: Only on loops	Number of Horse Step Stile: One
Ease of Opening: Easy from smaller horses and ponies	
Other access controls: None	

Natural Hazards

Details of any natural hazards, obstructions or areas of concern (including exposed areas where whether conditions could be an issue)

Passes close to railway line at one point.

Other Hazards

Details of any other hazards or areas of concern (likely presence of illegal motorbikes, whether the route is through a built up area, other horses or livestock in fields)

Likely presence of illegal motorbikes (well put!) on trails or in the woods below and at the demolition yard in the valley. Their sound echoes up a bit. Many riders are thoughtful but some show little appreciation of horses and their behaviour. One has often to ask them to stop and to cut their engines (usually by vigorous, exaggerated hand and arm gestures). Hi-Viz clothing helps them to see you while they remain quite distant; then they tend to run away.

Ramblers and Orienteers abound as do mountain bike riders. They are almost always polite and thoughtful, but do not always realise that very shiny silver framed bikes are alarming to some horses.

Route Breakdown

Approximate breakdown of the route in terms of percentage in 5% steps			
Bridleway/track	100%	Minor Road (marked yellow)	%
Minor Road (<i>marked orange</i>)	%	B Road (marked orange)	%
A Road (<i>marked red</i>)	%	Track / verge parallel to road (not separated by a fence/hedge/wall)	%
Details of any particular danger points on road sections or crossings: N/A			

Facilities on Route

Details of establishments on or very close to this section of the route that provide additional facilities for equestrian: (*i.e. accommodation, cafés, pubs, shops, saddlery, toilets*) and if there are tie up points / corals within view of these).

Pennine Equine offers cottages and stables for rent at a daily price.

The Red Lion at Grenoside is very welcoming for horses and supply water to drink happily if requested. There is a large car park at the Red Lion and they allow grazing as long as horses are always tethered.

Also nearby is a newsagents shop.

Emergency Contacts

Details of vets, farriers close to this section, along with any emergency contacts / call out numbers:

VET: Churchfields 01226-733-333

FARRIERS: Chris Eastman: 07768-451-999; Phil Webb 07747-463323, 07709-816889

Linking Routes / Bridleways

Various sections of the Trans Pennine Trail north of Wortley or south and west of Grenoside

Local Contact for further information

Jaine (staff at Pennine Equine) 07731 708277

Heather (client at Mallard House Riding Centre) 07855 269678

