

# Trail Trips - Penistone Showground to Grenoside

**Penistone Station to Grenoside and return - 22 miles (35.4km)**

**Suitable for all users - the section from Penistone to Wortley (9 miles return) is suitable for families but some sections through Wharncliffe Wood are tough and a good level of fitness is required.**

**TPT Map 1 West: Irish Sea - Yorkshire and Map 2 Central.**



Begin the journey at Penistone Showground



Oxspring - another starting point



Proceed through tunnel to Wortley

Start the route at Penistone Showground, where you can find ample car parking in the town. Proceed onto the Trail which is clearly signed. The entire route is very easy to follow and is essentially one track all the way through to Wortley and onwards through Wharncliffe Woods to the destination at Grenoside. There are numerous crossing points along the route and on each occasion just proceed straight across.

On leaving Penistone, after the railway station you will immediately note that you are on a slight downhill gradient which is the case until you arrive in Wortley. Therefore, the return journey will be the reverse so it can be slightly tougher!

The Trail's surface is excellent in this area and just about all the way to Wortley. There is also a good starting point at Oxspring and also at Thurgoland if you desire.

The tunnel at Thurgoland is an excellent feature and is well lit though rather cold!.

Soon you will approach Wortley old station, where you can leave for the village and refreshments but beware, Finkle Street is steep! From Wortley take the Trail straight on into the fantastic Wharncliffe Woods. The woods are famous in the world of mountain biking because of the tough



Trail access point at Thurgoland



Wortley station



Cote Green car park at Wortley

*TPT route maps can be obtained from the Trans Pennine Trail office if required:*



End of the Trail at Wortley. Go through the tunnel towards Grenoside



At the sign, proceed up hill into the wood



Circa 250 yards from the entrance to the woods, keep right

runs through the trees. Look out for the legendary Steve Peat, UK professional downhill mountain bike racer, in these parts!

There is a car park at Cote Green, just off the Trail at Wortley, adjacent to the Pennine Equestrian Centre, if you want to shorten the route to just Wortley - Grenoside.

Proceeding towards Grenoside, you will pass through some amazing scenery. There are parts of the Trail that are quite tough due to the gradient, with some long steep climbs. To compensate though, some of the down slopes are exhilarating!

When you arrive in Grenoside, which is a short distance down Woodhead Road from the woods and car park, you will find shops, pubs that serve food and other facilities.

In the woods you will be able to see: birds: Green and Great Spotted Woodpeckers, Nuthatch, Treecreeper, Chiffchaff, Willow Warbler, Blackcap, Whitethroat, Redpoll, Linnet, Bullfinch, Goldfinch, Chaffinch, Swallows, Swift, Kestrel, Sparrowhawk, Buzzard: Butterflies: Red Admiral, Peacock, Comma, Painted Lady, Small Tortoiseshell, Speckled Wood, Gatekeeper, Meadow Brown, Ringlet, Small Heath, Common Blue, Holly Blue, Small Copper, Purple and White-letter Hairstreaks and flowers including; Black Knapweed, Ox-eye Daisy, Field Scabious, Common Toadflax, Meadow Vetchling, etc.

**Getting there:** To get to Penistone station, you can catch the Northern Rail train service from Huddersfield and Sheffield (bikes are allowed on the trains). There are main roads to move easily and quickly from surrounding towns.

**Useful information:** There is ample car parking around Penistone town centre (signed from the A628), at Wortley there is a car park behind the equestrian centre (signed off the A629, just south of Wortley village) or at Wharncliffe/Wheata Woods, Woodhead Road, just north of Grenoside). The Trail can also be accessed directly from Penistone station.



There are many runs off the main Trail, which is always signed with way markers



After a long uphill stretch, keep right here in the direction of the bike in the image



Check the beauty around you in the wood. There is an abundance of birds, wildlife and flowers



Entrance to Wharncliffe Woods near Grenoside



Interpretation boards at Wheata Woods, Greno Woods and Wharncliffe Woods



Ample car parking at Greno Woods

