

# Trail Trips - Rother Valley Country Park to Chantry Bridge Rotherham

Rother Valley Country Park to Chantry Bridge Rotherham 10 miles, (16km). The whole route is more suitable for moderately experienced cyclists. However, many parts of it can be enjoyed by walkers, equestrians, and less experienced cyclists by incorporating the surrounding footpaths and bridlepaths, which lead out from Rother Valley and Ulley country parks.

**TPT Map 2: Central Derbyshire & Yorkshire**  
**OS Explorer Map 278 Sheffield Rotherham and Barnsley**



Rother Valley Country Park



Visitor Centre Courtyard at Bedgreave Mill



Start of the Rotherham Loop

For the more experienced cyclist this route can be extended by following the Sheffield Tinsley Canal to Meadowhall 13 miles (21km) and returning to Rother Valley Country Park via the Trans Pennine Trail South / NCN 67 Route 25 miles (40km).

Rother Valley Country Park accessed via the A618 from the A57 West, M1 (J31). Start the route at the Rother Valley Visitor Centre (Bedgreave Mill), on the east of the lake. Leave the visitor centre and immediately cross over the bridge on the road which leads out of the park. As soon as you cross over the bridge turn left to the start of the Rotherham Loop of the Trans Pennine Trail, and follow the TPT sign for Rotherham/Aston.

The first part of the signed route takes you along the park boundary, on the right bank of the River Rother. After  $\frac{3}{4}$  (1km) the route enters a short tunnel of trees. At the fork in the path, take the right-hand fork down the short hill and continue straight on between the gate posts at the bottom. The route now follows the way-marked trail to the end of Brookhouse Road, Aston.

Follow Brookhouse Road to its junction with Mansfield Road. Cross over Mansfield Road, with care, and then follow Lodge Lane to its end at Worksop Road. Turn right and follow Worksop Road to its junction with Aston Lane. Turn left and follow Aston Lane to the third road on right – Ulley Lane. Turn right and continue along Ulley Lane/Turnshaw Road into the village of Ulley.

Ulley Lane rises steeply but steadily and after approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile (1km) it becomes Turnshaw Lane. At the end of Turnshaw Lane, turn left along Ulley Main Street for approximately 400 yards (360m) and then take the right fork into Reservoir Road. Follow Reservoir Road down the hill, over the bridge to the point where it meets the A618 Pleasley Road. Do not cross over this road – Take the cycle path on your immediate right. (Taking care when crossing over to the other side of Reservoir Road), and then follow this short wide cycle path up the hill to its junction with Guilthwaite Common Lane.

***TPT route maps can be obtained from the Trans Pennine Trail office if required:  
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Ulley along Turnshaw Lane.



Ulley Reservoir at Ulley Country Park



Upper Whiston.

At the junction with Guilthwaite Lane, ensure no vehicles are coming down the lane, cross over to the opposite side and follow Guilthwaite Lane to Upper Whiston. At the white house, turn right and follow Morthen Lane to its junction with Doles Lane.

Turn left and descend Doles Lane to Whiston, taking care as the track is often damaged by heavy rain and farm vehicles. Also, what appears to be a very deep puddle is often present across the lane just prior to the bridge that crosses over the M1. This puddle is about 6 inch (150mm) and is easily negotiated.

On entering Whiston turn right down Turner Lane and proceed down to its junction with High Street, turn left along High Street, and then immediately turn right into Chaff Lane. Follow Chaff Lane to its junction with Pleasley Road.

Turn right along Pleasley Road and go up to the traffic lights at the junction of Pleasley Road, Moorgate Road and Bawtry Road. Just before the traffic lights take the cycle filter onto the causeway and use the Toucan crossings to cross Bawtry Road to the cycle path at the side of Moorgate Road.

Follow the left hand cycle path up Moorgate Road to the Hospital exit at the top of the hill. At this point rejoin the roadway and cycle down Moorgate. Go straight on through the traffic lights at the Alma Road junction, down Ship Hill, straight on down through the Market Place, into Corporation Street, and at the bottom turn left at the traffic light into Chantry Street and onto Chantry Bridge.



Turner Lane Whiston



Cycle path up Moorgate Rd



Chantry Bridge

If you intend to return via the Canal towpath to Meadowhall, please ignore the TPT signs leading on from Chantry Bridge as they are often turned by revellers.

The route to the canal is as follows:

Continue up Chantry Street, and turn left immediately in front of Rotherham Railway Station. Follow the slip road down to the bollards, dismount and push your cycle passed the rear Rotherham Magistrates Court. Just before the Main Street bridge, take the towpath under the bridge and keeping the waterway on your left continue straight on towards Meadowhall.

