

Equestrian Guide – Tivot Dale, Stockport to Hattersley

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General Information

Start of Section: Tivot 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 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: Tivot Dale A626 Stockport		
Grid Ref: SJ 901913	Cost per day: None	
Road Name: Tivot 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 Tivot Way then right opposite Tesco. From the East take junction 26, at the roundabout go right into Tivot 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 rejoin 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:
Ease of Opening:	
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)

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*)

This section heavily used by all legal users. Motorbikes are regularly seen despite attempts to limit illegal use.

Route Breakdown

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

Bridleway/track	98%	Minor Road (marked yellow)	2%
Minor Road (marked orange)	%	B Road (marked orange)	%
A Road (marked red)	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:

Linking Routes / Bridleways

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

Local Contact for further information