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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		
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes	Security of parking area: Good, well used by walkers and cyclists.	
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 Audernshaw 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 (e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through)

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 rejoins 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 (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:

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

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