

Equestrian Guide – Dunford Bridge to Penistone

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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		
Height Barrier in place: No	Security of parking area: Good, well used, usually somebody coming out or going in.	
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 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

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: No	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 (including exposed areas where whether conditions could be an issue)

None. Easy level track, mostly tunnelled or fenced, some exposure but not like moor tops.

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)

None. The 2 bridges maybe spooky for some horses, if riders need to dismount there are stone blocks for remounting.

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:

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.

Rocky's Western Horse Riding Adventures – go horse riding, cowboy style, with Rocky on the Trail and in the surrounding Pennines and Peak District moorlands. Horse riding options available to suit all levels. Based approx ¼ mile from the Trail at Townhead, Dunford Bridge. 01226 767 315
www.westernridingadventures.co.uk

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

Rockys Ranch, Dunford Bridge 01226 767 315