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### General Information

<b>Start of Section:</b> Penistone (Grid Ref: SE 244034)	<b>End of Section:</b> Cote Green Lane Car Park, Wortley (Grid Ref: SK 299992)
<b>Approximate Distance:</b> 4.5 miles	<b>TPT map no:</b> 2 (Central – Derbyshire & Yorkshire)
<b>OS Map Name and No:</b> Explorer OL1 – The Peak District (Dark Peak area)	

### Parking Information (Big car parks at both ends of this section)

<b>Name / location Car Park:</b> Cote Green Lane Car Park, Wortley		
<b>Grid Ref:</b> SK 299992	<b>Cost per day:</b> FREE - no overnight parking	
<b>Road Name:</b> Finkle Street, Wortley		
<b>Suitability For Car &amp; Trailer:</b> Yes	<b>Security of parking area:</b> <i>(a general feel – good/bad, busy and well used, etc)</i> Open, wide, good and well used, adjacent to Pennine Equine (Livery Yard) at Cote Green Farm, Finkle Street, Wortley, South Yorkshire S35 7DH, 0114 284 7140	
<b>Suitability for Horse Box:</b> Yes		
<b>Height Barrier in place:</b> No		
<b>Approx Number of Parking Spaces:</b> 4 for horsebox/trailer & 40 cars		
<b>Toilets:</b> No (but can use yard's toilet)	<b>Water:</b> No Official access to water	<b>Refreshments:</b> No (coffee and sweets machine on yard)
<b>Other facilities:</b> <i>(i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone)</i> Open dawn till dusk; NO OVERNIGHT parking No picnic tables, no hitching rail No official access to mounting block, water, toilet, refreshments machine Nearest public phone box is on Finkle Street at entrance to Pennine Equine Tack shop for emergency supplies X-C course available for hire at Pennine Equine		
<b>Approach route:</b> <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 often used for horse boxes and trailers: A61 Penistone Road from Sheffield towards Barnsley Branch left (at petrol station) onto the A629, signposted Huddersfield Turn left (just before 30 limit sign) into Finkle Street Continue to Public Phone Box on RHS and entrance to Pennine Equine		

<b>Name / location Car Park:</b> Penistone Sports Ground Car Park		
<b>Grid Ref:</b> SE 244034	<b>Cost per day:</b> FREE - no overnight parking	
<b>Road Name:</b> off Stockcliffe Rd, Penistone		
<b>Suitability for Car &amp; Trailer:</b> Yes		
<b>Suitability for Horse Box:</b> Yes	<b>Security of parking area:</b> <i>(a general feel – good/bad, busy and well used, etc)</i> Open, wide and well used.	
<b>Height Barrier in place:</b> No		
<b>Approx Number of Parking Spaces:</b> 4 for horsebox/trailer & 40 cars		
<b>Toilets:</b> No (public toilets in Penistone during the week)	<b>Water:</b> No	<b>Refreshments:</b> No (cafes, pubs and shops in Penistone)
<b>Other facilities:</b> <i>(i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone)</i> Open dawn till dusk; NO OVERNIGHT parking		
<b>Approach route:</b> <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 <a href="http://www.penistonshow.org.uk">www.penistonshow.org.uk</a> , or ask passers-by.		

### **Section Summary**

#### **Please provide a summary of the overall experience and terrain on this section of the route**

This is a good section for riders, but from time to time you will meet motor bikes (!), also people walking playing i-pods, who do not hear you behind them till you shout, some of them are also pushing pushchairs and have dogs with them. I have met one battery-operated wheelchair so far.

The trail is mainly good with stretches suitable for cantering, but varies with the weather. It is popular with riders and cyclists and dog walkers. Most dogs and their owners are mannerly and helpful; very occasionally a small dog will run under the horse's hooves.

There are some parts where braches overhang, but mostly they are usually broken off by riders on large horses. There are stiles made of railway sleepers in places along the route and some of the fences have tattered bits of white and/or black polythene fluttering on them.

There are loops possible off the trail and back on via asphalt roads or stony lanes.

Pedestrian and cycle users in the 'long tunnel' have so far been polite and accommodating (i.e. no sudden noises or music).

The route is fairly level, the incline is slight, and the surface is mainly good with muddy patches in prolonged wet weather.

### **Route Description**

#### **Stage 1**

From the car park access to the trail is down a stone track (follow signs). At the bottom (Penistone Showground), there is a skateboard park (curved silver metal abounds!) very close to the track and horses sometimes get panicky there.

Turn right to head to Wortley.

## Stage 2

You have to ride alongside the railway lines for a while with only a meshwork fence between so the trains are in full view. Also the trail passes very close to a children's play area and a football field, which can spook horses on busy weekends.

## Stage 3

See below about Thurgoland Tunnel

### Riding Opportunities

<b>Canter:</b> Yes – in places	<b>Water Crossing (stream/ford):</b> No
<b>Trot:</b> Yes – almost all	<b>Tunnel:</b> Yes, lit 6am-midnight
<b>Steep Inclines:</b> NO	<b>Bridges:</b> A few, over & under
<b>Additional details of the above or any other features:</b> (e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through) Thurgoland Tunnel (Grid Ref: SE 284005) is approximately 300m long and on a curve. The trail has a tarmac surface through the tunnel. It is lit between 6am and midnight. An alternative route avoiding the tunnel is signed from the Trail. This follows quiet lanes parallel to the main route.	

### Gates on Route

<b>Number of Gates:</b> 0	<b>Number of Horse Step Stile:</b> 4 – if avoiding the tunnel (by displayed detour), 2 - if using the tunnel
<b>Ease of Opening:</b> N/A	
<b>Other access controls:</b> (give details) None	

### Natural Hazards

**Details of any natural hazards, obstructions or areas of concern** (including exposed areas where whether conditions could be an issue)

The long tunnel is curved, but the far end can be seen very soon after entry so there is not a feeling of being trapped in the dark.

Old Mill Lane (part of detour to avoid long tunnel) is always a 'wind tunnel' as there is no shelter and a steep-ish tarmac bit of road that can be slippery. Also new house building frequent or builders doing alterations with bunting, cement bags, etc.

Peacocks at house near lower end of Mill Lane, sometimes flutter up on wall (if the horses know pheasants they seem to cope).

### 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)

Likely presence of illegal motorbikes (well put!), walkers wearing Walkmans and oblivious behind, once seen an electric wheelchair user on the TPT (good for him!).

## Route Breakdown

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

Bridleway/track	100%	Minor Road (marked yellow)	%
Minor Road ( <i>marked orange</i> )	%	B Road (marked orange)	%
A Road ( <i>marked red</i> )	%	Track / verge parallel to road (not separated by a fence/hedge/wall)	%

### **Details of any particular danger points on road sections or crossings**

If avoiding long tunnel, there is a small concrete bridge to ride under on a straight steep-ish hill where cars come quite fast, but can be heard and seen.

## 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).

The Bridge Inn (foot of hill near Old Mill Lane turn – found easily by taking the route that avoids the tunnel for a short distance (coming from Wortley) welcomes riders and has a grassy area at the rear of the pub for tethered grazing with picnic tables. Also they supply water if requested (and carrots occasionally).

Also toilet facilities are available even if not buying anything at the pub.

Phone box on road opposite pub.

On section close to railway, a stile takes you off the trail to a phone box and a chip shop, but no tie rail or seats.

Pennine Equine offers cottages and stables for rent at a daily price.

## Emergency Contacts

**Details of vets, farriers close to this section, along with any emergency contacts / call out numbers:**

VET: Churchfields 01226-733-333

FARRIERS: Chris Eastman: 07768-451-999; Phil Webb 07747-463323, 07709-816889

## Linking Routes / Bridleways

**Please give 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*)

There is another local ride (called 'The Tin Mill') that can be reached by turning left off Finkle Street onto the road to Deepcar and turning right after the chequered bridge and can be ridden as a loop in itself and back by the road (a few trails are available) or can be taken up to Well Hill and back via the TPT by turning left up past The Bridge Inn or by turning right over the bridge across the river onto Finkle Street (where the Wortley Top Forge Miniature Railway, [www.wortleyes.com](http://www.wortleyes.com), runs in the woods).

Also other sections of the TPT west of Penistone, south and east of Wortley, and east from Oxspring.

## Local Contact for further information

Jaine (staff at Pennine Equine) 07731 708277

Heather (client at Mallard House Riding Centre) 07855 269678