



Equestrian Guide – Anglers Country Park to Aldham

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General Information	
Start of Section: Anglers Country Park (Grid Ref: SE 374153)	End of Section: Aldham Junction (Grid Ref: SE 390043)
Approximate Distance: 8 Miles	TPT map no: Map no: 2 Central, Section 13 and 14
OS Map Name and No: Explorer 278 (Sheffield, Barnsley, Rotherham)	

Name / location Car Park: Anglers Country Park		
Grid Ref: SE 374153		Cost per day: Free
Road Name: Haw Park Lane		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes		
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes		Security of parking area: Open, wide and well used. CCTV
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: Limited capacity for horse boxes and trailers, no designated spaces but use top end of car park or can unload in coach bay.		
Toilets: In visitor centre	Water: Will be provided if visitor centre open	Refreshments: Café in visitor centre
Other facilities: (<i>i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone</i>) Picnic benches, mounting block at visitor centre, hitching rail		
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>) The Country Park is signed from the Doncaster Road A638 and Barnsley Road A61. Access to the Country Park is along a fairly narrow country lane, with limited visibility to some bends		

Section Summary

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

Route Description

Stage 1 Anglers Country Park to Rabbit Ings – the route from the car park is along a signed, quiet road to Haw Park Wood where it follows woodland rides. It crosses a bridleway bridge over the disused canal to the road. From here the route is on fast but relatively quiet roads to Rabbit Ings.

Stage 2

Stage 3

Stage 4

Approaching Stairfoot the Cudworth Spur branches off to the left providing a further 2 miles of off road route. This is well often frequented by Police horses who live 500m further along the connecting bridleway at Ring Farm. A bridleway across fields brings you back to Lund Lane and the Trail for a short loop.

At Stairfoot, joining the old railway and turning right you can follow a spur towards Barnsley. This is also off road for about 1½ miles before bringing you on to the road near the Riding for the Disabled centre close to town.

Riding Opportunities

Canter: No	Water Crossing: No
Trot: Yes	Tunnels: No
Steep Incline: none	Bridge: One at Haw park Wood
Additional details of the above or any other features (<i>e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through</i>) Horse riding is permitted around the lake at Anglers Country Park and in Haw Park Wood on the tracks.	

Gates on Route

Number of Gates: No	Number of Horse Step Stile: One at entrance to Haw Park Wood
Ease of Opening: Some gates are low so some riders will find them awkward to reach and open.	
Other access controls: Some open chicanes (either rocks or metal chicanes), but these are wide and should not be a problem.	

Natural Hazards

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

Narrowing by vegetation and low branches can sometimes be a problem in a couple of places.

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)

Road sections and crossings need care.

Illegal motorbikes can be a problem on the parts of this route.

Route Breakdown

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

Bridleway/track	20%	Minor Road (marked yellow)	5%
Minor Road (marked orange)	%	B Road (marked orange)	75%
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:

All road crossings, need full control of horse. Crossing B6428 needs care.

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).

Café and toilets at RSPB Old Moor. Shop and pub in Harlington village.

Emergency Contacts

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

Linking Routes / Bridleways

The TPT horse riding route continues north from Anglers Country Park towards Wakefield and Leeds. This is mix of on and off road route.

At Aldham Junction you meet the main west – east TPT route and can head west to Worsbrough, Penistone and beyond or east to RSPB Old Moor (see section 14 of the equestrian guide for details)

Local Contact for further information

Virginia Moulton Wakefield Council Tel: 01924 306010 or the Council's Contact Centre 0845 8506 506