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General Information

Start of Section: Cote Green Lane Car Park, Wortley (Grid Ref: SK 299992)	End of Section: Grenoside (Grid Ref: SK 325950)
Approximate Distance: 6 miles	TPT map no: 2 (Central – Derbyshire & Yorkshire)
OS Map Name and No: Explorer 278 Sheffield & Barnsley	

Parking Information

Name / location Car Park: Cote Green Lane Car Park, Wortley		
Grid Ref: SK 299992	Cost per day: FREE - no overnight parking	
Road Name: Finkle Street, Wortley		
Suitability for Car & Trailer: Yes		
Suitability for Horse Box: Yes	Security of parking area: 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	
Height Barrier in place: No		
Approx Number of Parking Spaces: 4 for horsebox / trailers & 40 cars		
Toilets: No (but can use yard's toilet)	Water: No official access to water	Refreshments: No (coffee and sweets machine on yard)
<p>Other facilities (<i>i.e. mounting blocks, hitching rail, corrals, picnic table, nearest public telephone</i>)</p> <p>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</p> <p><i>There is a car park at the Grenoside end of this section, but this is tight</i></p>		
<p>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>)</p> <p>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</p>		

Section Summary

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

The first part of this section goes through the main trail of Wharnccliffe Woods (called Plank Gate). To ride on other trails in Wharnccliffe Woods requires the payment of an annual fee (individual fee or group fee for riders from one yard (reduction), obedience to their rules, and displaying their permit badge on the saddle. Contact the Forestry Commission: 01623 822447, chris.bray@forestry.gsi.gov.uk.

Route Description

Stage 1

Through Wharnccliffe Woods there is a trail (Plank Gate) that is cinders mainly and suitable to canter when soft. Always suitable to trot, but with occasional large flat stones to avoid. There are some steep-ish sections.

There are also some loops off the TPT, some through old railway property trails passing close to, and accessible by road from Deepcar, called locally 'The Three Tunnels Ride' because there are three low-ish tunnels to pass through, and other within Wharnccliffe Woods and over Wharnccliffe Craggs.

Stage 2

There is a loop ride left off the TPT at 2 low stone gateposts, locally called 'The Gates Ride' (for obvious reasons, e.g. there are two cattle grids to negotiate plus gates across lanes) which offers a few different but linked loops round through woods to a farm via lanes, providing also a bridle path up a grassy track in the centre of a field (no riding elsewhere in the field) that is suitable for a safe canter/gallop up when no livestock in the field.

Other lanes meet up again (some gates low to reach down to) to get back to Finkle Street and so back to the TPT. Or the horse can be taken along the Old Woodhead Road then up onto the road to A629 Huddersfield Road with a 100m section on an open flyover across the top of the Stocksbridge By-Pass where walking in the cycle lane at the edge of the road is feasible (I've done this on two different horses) but Hi-Viz gear essential. The speed limit there is 40mph, but it is often monitored by the Yorkshire Traffic Partnership.

Stage 3

Another loop right (part way up the loop left into Wharnccliffe Woods) goes along narrow trails to Wharnccliffe Craggs and spectacular views.

Riding Opportunities

Canter: Yes - in places	Water Crossing (<i>stream/ford</i>): Yes - on one loop
Trot: Yes - almost always	Tunnels: Yes - on one loop
Steep Incline: Yes - a few places	Bridge: NO
Additional details of the above or any other features (e.g. adjacent woodland that can be ridden through) See above route description	

Gates on Route

Number of Gates: Only on loops	Number of Horse Step Stile: One
Ease of Opening: Easy from smaller horses and ponies	
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*)

Passes close to railway line at one point.

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!) on trails or in the woods below and at the demolition yard in the valley. Their sound echoes up a bit. Many riders are thoughtful but some show little appreciation of horses and their behaviour. One has often to ask them to stop and to cut their engines (usually by vigorous, exaggerated hand and arm gestures). Hi-Viz clothing helps them to see you while they remain quite distant; then they tend to run away.

Ramblers and Orienteers abound as do mountain bike riders. They are almost always polite and thoughtful, but do not always realise that very shiny silver framed bikes are alarming to some horses.

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: N/A

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).

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

The Red Lion at Grenoside is very welcoming for horses and supply water to drink happily if requested. There is a large car park at the Red Lion and they allow grazing as long as horses are always tethered.

Also nearby is a newsagents shop.

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

Various sections of the Trans Pennine Trail north of Wortley or south and west of Grenoside

Local Contact for further information

Jaine (staff at Pennine Equine) 07731 708277

Heather (client at Mallard House Riding Centre) 07855 269678