

Along the Trail in Barnsley

Barnsley is the ideal place to experience the exhilarating fresh air of the great outdoors. The Trans Pennine Trail stretches across the North of England with Barnsley located in a prime position to explore this amazing route by foot, bicycle or horse.

With some of Yorkshire's prettiest villages tucked away in the beautiful countryside of the Pennines you can use this guide to experience many of the delights and attractions the area has to offer, and make your visit one to remember.

Dunford Bridge

Nestling in the shadows of the Pennines, Dunford Bridge is close to the highest point of the whole Trail – Windle Edge (435 metres) – and on the edge of the Peak District National Park. It is an ideal place to access the Trail with facilities that include car horse box parking and horse hitch.

Penistone

Penistone is over 213 metres above sea level making it one of the highest market towns in England. Popular for its weekly market and monthly farmers market it also holds the Penistone Agricultural Show each September.

Wortley

Home to Wortley Hall, (a magnificent 18th century country house set in formal gardens and parkland), an early 14th century church, village inn, store, tea room and garden centre. Close by there is Britain's last water powered heavy iron forge Wortley Top Forge, open Sundays (except Jan-Feb) with demonstrations of its working stationary steam engines.

Telephone 0114 2887576 www.topforge.co.uk

Cannon Hall, Park and Gardens

Former home to the Spencer Stanhope family, this charming country house was designed by John Carr of York and is set in 70 acres of beautiful historic parkland. Take time to wander around the various displays within the museum and enjoy one of the lively events.

Adjacent to the park is Cannon Hall Open Farm and Garden Centre. Telephone: 01226 790270
Email: cannonhall@barnsley.gov.uk

Wentworth Castle Gardens

A secret Yorkshire treasure awaits you, hidden away in the green rolling hills of Barnsley. The estate was home to the former Earls of Strafford, extends to some 600 acres and is the only Grade 1 Listed Landscape in South Yorkshire. It offers unrivalled opportunities to view the National Plant Collections of Magnolias, Rhododendrons and Camellias. Telephone 01227 776040 www.wentworthcastle.org



Trail near Penistone

Worsbrough Mill and Country Park

There has been a Mill at Worsbrough since the time of the Domesday Book. On milling days water-powered machinery grinds wheat to produce wholemeal flour. The Mill is set in an impressive country park, which is a haven for wildlife and the reservoir attracts a great variety of birds. Close by is Wigfield Open Farm with a tea room and baby animals to delight the children.

Telephone: 01226 774527

Email: worsbroughmill@barnsley.gov.uk

Cooper Gallery

The Cooper Gallery opposite St Mary's Church, holds a regular programme of contemporary art exhibitions featuring local, national and international artists. For refreshments call into the café and sample a range of home made fayre.

Telephone: 01226 242905

Email: coopergallery@barnsley.gov.uk

Monk Bretton Priory

An English Heritage property, the Cluniac Monastery was founded in 1153 nestled in green open space and with beautiful views over the wooded countryside, the site still conveys the feeling of peace and tranquillity that benefited monastery life. www.monkbrettonpriory.org.uk

RSPB Old Moor

Old Moor is a lovely haven for bird and nature lovers. The centre has been developed with great taste and sensitivity to the environment. The café offers wonderful home cooked food and lovely views of the reserve and the birds from the terrace. Easily accessible from major road networks in the area, Old Moor is well worth a visit.

Telephone: 01226 751593

Email: old.moor@rspb.org.uk

Elsecar Heritage Centre

Set in the attractive conservation village of Elsecar, the Heritage Centre is located in the former ironworks and colliery workshops of the Earls Fitzwilliam. Restored buildings now house everything from an antiques centre to shops selling arts, crafts and music. Browse through the shops and stay a while to relax and enjoy a bite to eat and a hot drink. Telephone 01226 740203
www.elsecar-heritage-centre.co.uk



Worsbrough Mill



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| Horse Box and Car Parking | Trans Pennine Trail |
| Car Parking | Trans Pennine Trail (Alternative Horse Route) |
| Equestrian Centres | Alternative Route during Forestry Operations |
| Museum or Art Gallery | Property in the care of English Heritage |
| Country Park | Industrial Heritage Museum or Attraction |
| Craft Centre or Forge | Flower Garden or Horticultural Exhibition |
| RSPB Bird Reserve | Watermill of historic or architectural interest |
| | Preserved or Tourist Railway or Railway Museum |



The Avenue, Wentworth Castle Gardens
Stainborough



Thomas Event, Elsecar





Motor Cycling on the Trail is illegal

Cyclists and Horse riders

- Ride responsibly and give way to other users
- Warn of your approach to other users
- Keep to the brideway route sections
- Wearing helmets and high visibility clothing will add to your safety
- Do not pollute or bathe in the rivers or canal
- Take your litter home
- Keep dogs under control and do not allow them to foul the path

Code of Conduct for Users

- Be considerate to other Trail users

- Do not disturb nearby residents or livestock
- Keep dogs under control and do not allow them to foul the path

- Do not pollute or bathe in the rivers or canal

be found overleaf.

There are many interesting places to see and visit while travelling along the TPT in Pennine Barnsley. The Trail in the west passes along Windle Edge, the highest point on the whole of the Trail, through to the villages of Dunford Bridge and Thurlstone and the attractive market town of Penistone. At Oxspring you have a choice of several routes, one leading directly east with links to Wakefield and Leeds, and another southern route to the picturesque village of Wortley then to Sheffield through Wharcliffe Woods or to Elsecar. Each route passes close to attractions such as Worsbrough Mill and Country Park, Elsecar Heritage Centre and Old Moor Wetland Centre, full details of places of interest on the route can be found overleaf.

The uniqueness of the Trail in Barnsley is that it provides access to the North and South sections and can also be explored as a circular route through the heart of the South Yorkshire Forest.

Barnsley is the area where the sections of the Trail from north, south, east and west meet making it the ideal recreational base. Barnsley has a landscape of natural beauty from the heather moors of Langsett, through the quaint villages of Silkstone and Wortley to the exciting wetlands of the lower Dearne Valley.

The Trail in Pennine Barnsley

Getting There...

By Train

There are stations at Penistone, Silkstone Common, Dodworth, Barnsley, Wombwell, Elsecar and Chapeltown which lie within a short distance from the Trail. For National Rail enquiries ring 08457 484950 or visit www.nationalrail.co.uk

By Bus

Bus services pass close to the Trail at various locations. For bus enquiries ring Traveline 01709 515151 open daily 7 am-10 pm or visit www.sypte.co.uk

By Car

If you need to use your car to visit the Trail there are car parks at Dunford Bridge, Penistone, Worsbrough, Elsecar and Westwood Country Parks and Wortley.

Informal car parking is available elsewhere but please be considerate and do not block drives or farm access.

Horse Boxes

Parking for horse boxes is available at Dunford Bridge, Wortley, Worsbrough and Old Moor. Access to the Trail can be gained at most road crossings and where public footpaths and bridleways meet the route.

Disabled Access



If you have any particular requirements please contact 01226 772696

Further Information

For information or to report problems on the TPT in Barnsley contact: The Rights of Way Team Tel: 01226 772142 or email: publicrightsofwayteam@barnsley.gov.uk

For information on the Trail nationally contact:

The TPT Office Tel: 01226 772574 email: info@transpenninetrail.org.uk www.transpenninetrail.org.uk



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Trans Pennine Trail Barnsley



About the Trail

The Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) is a coast to coast route across Northern England for walkers, cyclists, and in part horse riders. The easy gradients and surfaced paths make much of the Trail suitable for people using wheelchairs and pushchairs. Lots of the TPT is traffic free providing a great facility for families. The route links the seaside resorts of Southport on the Irish Sea and Hornsea on the North Sea, with a north south route from Leeds to Chesterfield. Towns and cities across the North of England are connected including Hull, Wakefield, York, Barnsley, Sheffield, Liverpool and Manchester.

The Trail forms the British section of European Long Distance Footpath Number 8 (E8), which, when complete will be a walking route from the West of Ireland right across Europe to reach Istanbul.

Much of the TPT is also part of the National Cycle Network and is route numbered accordingly on signs.



Get out, get healthy, get on the Trail

Walking or cycling regularly has many long-term benefits; it can help reduce the risk of coronary heart disease, stroke, diabetes and high blood pressure. More importantly it offers the opportunity to improve our lifestyle now! Walking or cycling regularly is known to improve our confidence and self esteem; it will make us fitter and improve our body image. For older people walking is recognised as improving balance and mobility; it also has a positive effect on our independence.

Regular walking can both help to reduce weight and maintain weight loss, walking just one mile can burn at least 100k calories and walking two miles a day three times a week can help reduce weight by one pound every three weeks. Uphill walking can have an even greater effect and can reduce weight by 14 pounds in only 3-4 months