

Trail Trips - Dunford Bridge to Wortley

Dunford Bridge to Wortley and return - 21 miles (41.5km)

Suitable for walkers and cyclists - this section is suitable for families who can shorten the route by turning back at Penistone (12 miles return). Also fine for equestrians

TPT Map 1 West: Irish Sea - Yorkshire



Entrance to the Trail at Dunford Bridge



Trail after leaving Dunford Bridge



Wogden Foot Local Nature Reserve

Start the route at Dunford Bridge, where there is a large car park. Proceed onto the Trail which is clearly signed. The entire route is very easy to follow and is essentially one track all the way through to Wortley. There are numerous crossing points along the route and on each occasion just proceed straight across. None of the crossing points are over roads but take care at Millhouse Green where some traffic can be encountered.

On leaving Dunford Bridge you will immediately note that you are on a slight downhill gradient which is the case for almost all the ride on the outbound journey. Therefore, the return journey will be the reverse so remember with tired legs it can be tougher!

Soon after leaving Dunford Bridge you will encounter the Wogden Foot Nature Reserve. This is a classic example of how valuable artificial sites can be for wildlife. An amazing wildflower-rich grassland with heath on the fringes has developed on these former railway sidings. Over 86 plant species have been identified including the rare Jacob's ladder, which is normally more at home in limestone dales, other notable species include wild mignonette and common spotted orchid. To maintain species-richness, the site is managed by conservation grazing using native breed sheep and cattle.

Keep on down through the old Hazlehead station and then towards Bullhouse where you can see the Bullhouse Minewater Project. Then continue across the bridge over the A628 Manchester



Hazlehead station



Bullhouse Minewater Project (ochre filter)



Go straight ahead at Millhouse Green

TPT route maps can be obtained from the Trans Pennine Trail office if required:

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From the Trail across to Thurlstone



Straight ahead at the Thurlstone crossing



Penistone Showground with the town in the background

Road at Millhouse Green. Go over the crossing point at Millhouse Green and on towards the Thurlstone crossing point.

Soon you will approach the Penistone Showground. At the showground there is a car park where you can also gain access to the town and its facilities. There are shops, pubs and toilet facilities. At this point you may wish to turn around and go back to Dunford Bridge.

On leaving Penistone the Trail continues past Penistone railway station, where trains run through to Huddersfield or Barnsley and Sheffield.



At Oxspring go straight forward to Wortley or take the left fork to Silkstone Common

Proceeding towards Oxspring the Trail can be bumpy but isn't too much of a problem. Passing through Oxspring and Black Moor you will eventually arrive at the Thurgoland tunnel which is lit up between 6am and midnight. The surface in this area is new and therefore in excellent condition.

When you arrive in Wortley you will note the disused Wortley station but to leave the Trail take the left fork before the station up to the Cote Green car park. For the more adventurous you may want to continue on into the Wharncliffe Woods which is well worth a visit to see the natural beauty which abounds.



Thurgoland Tunnel ahead with new Trail surface

Getting there: To get to Dunford Bridge, take the B6106 Dunford Road from Holmfirth taking the right fork at Hade Edge to Dunford Bridge. You can also use the A628 Barnsley to Manchester Road through Flouch and turn off at Windle Edge down to Dunford Bridge.

Useful information: Penistone is a lovely town and well worth a visit, especially on market day. Accessing the route, where there is car parking can be made at Dunford Bridge, Penistone and Wortley.



Proceed through tunnel to Wortley



Trail access point at Thurgoland



Cote Green car park at Wortley



For the more adventurous continue on through Wharncliffe Woods