

The TPT is covered on three detailed, full colour, ordnance survey based maps, printed on waterproof paper. For planning a holiday, the 'Trans Pennine Trail Accommodation and Visitor Guide' has essential information on attractions, places to stay and facilities along the Trail.

The three maps of the Trail, the Visitor guide and souvenirs can be purchased from the TPT Office by telephoning 01226 772574, or through our website



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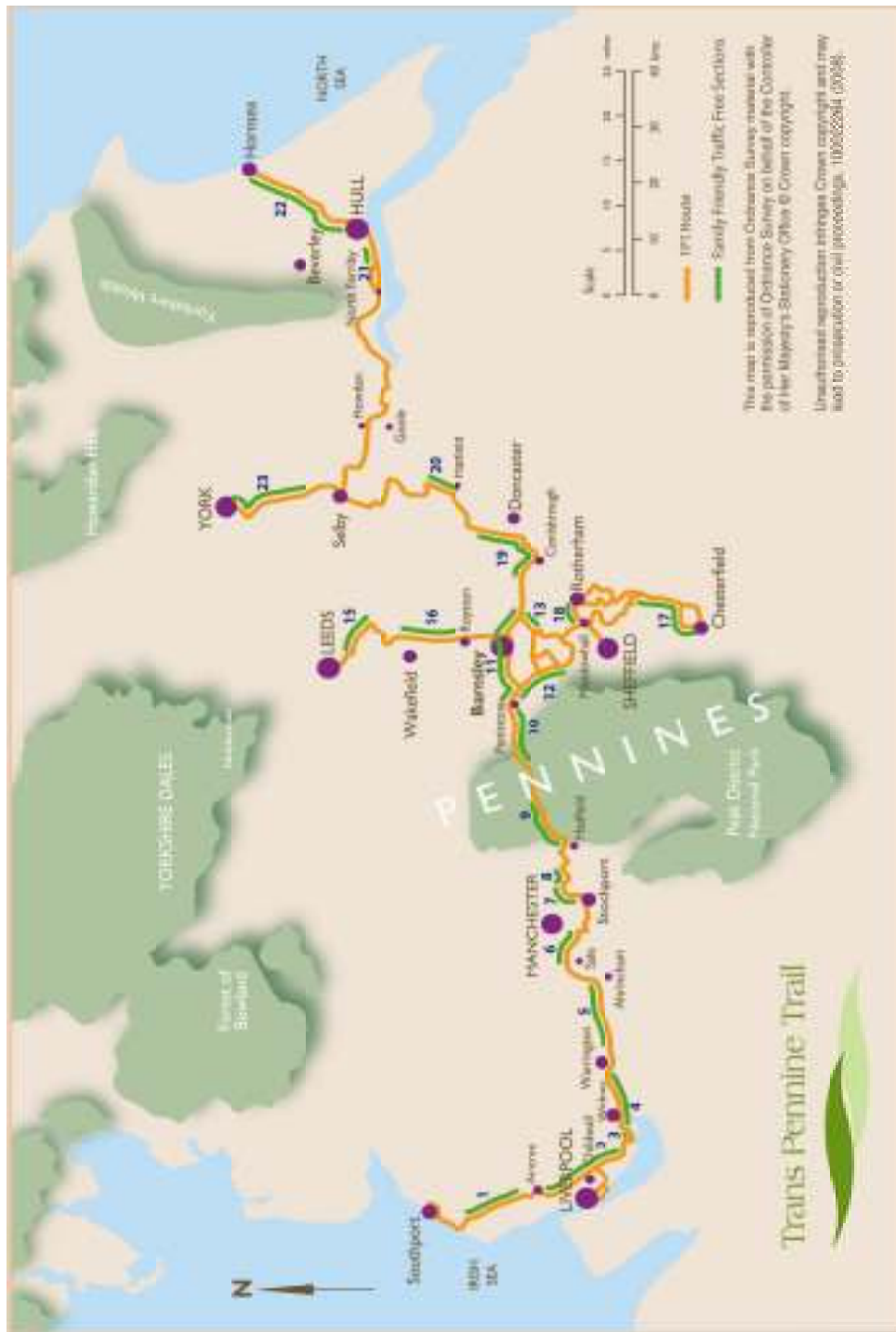
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23. Solar System cycle path

Bring your bike, and cycle at 10 times the speed of light through the Solar System! Pass Pluto just north of Riccall and follow the old East Coast main line railway to find the Sun just north of Bishopthorpe (6 miles) you can then continue on purpose built tracks to the Millennium Bridge in York (a further 3 miles). Note there is a short - 200m - section on housing estate roads in Bishopthorpe. For more information on the cycling the Solar System visit www.solar.york.ac.uk. For a longer ride it is possible to start in Selby, which involves some quiet roads in Barlby and Riccall and a busier section in Selby (which could be walked with young children).

Access: The route runs parallel to the A19 between Selby and York. There is parking on the route near Escrick, in Selby and in York at the Rowtree Park car park (less than ½ mile north of the Millennium Bridge). It is also possible to link this route to York and Selby rail stations.

Facilities: There are facilities in the centre of York, also at Rowtree Park and in Selby, plus pubs and shops in Riccall and Bishopthorpe.

Sykehouse. Turn off the A19 at Askern, following signs for Moss and then either village.

Facilities: The nearest local facilities are in Fishlake (pub and shops) approximately 2 miles east of the canal and a pub at Sykehouse.

21. North Ferriby to Hessle

A short section that takes you along the foreshore and under the impressive Humber Bridge (approx 2 miles). This can be linked in with a trip around the Humber Bridge Country Park.

Access: There is parking in the Humber Bridge Country Park (signed off the A63 and A164) or beneath the bridge (follow signs for the viewpoint). The Trail can also be accessed from Ferriby and Hessle stations.

Facilities: There are toilets and refreshments available in the Country Park car park and a pub on the foreshore, plus local services in North Ferriby.

22. Hornsea Rail Path

Follow the old railway from Hull to the eastern terminus of the Trail on the seawall at Hornsea (approx 15 miles). There are several car parks along the way to give shorter options (note there are a couple of busy roads to cross on the way).

Access: There is ample parking in Hornsea and Hull. Along the route there is parking at Swine village (off the A165), on the A165 south of Skirlaugh, and at New Ellerby.

Facilities: There are all the facilities you would expect in the seaside resort of Hornsea.



What is the Trans Pennine Trail?

The Trans Pennine Trail (TPT) is a route for walkers, cyclists and horse riders that links the North and Irish Seas, passing through the Pennines, alongside rivers and canals and through some of the most historic towns and cities in the North of England.

The Trail from coast-to-coast between Southport and Hornsea is 215 miles (346Km) long. A North-South route connects Leeds and Chesterfield and a spur to York means there are approximately 350 miles (560Km) of the Trans Pennine Trail available to explore.

Traffic Free Cycling on the Trail

Cycle along traffic free old railways, canals towpaths, through the Solar System (yes, really!), along quiet river valleys - there are so many traffic-free sections of TPT to choose from! These range from a couple of miles up to return journey's of 30 or more miles, so you can do as much or as little as you feel up to. We've also included some pointers on how to get to each section and what facilities are available on or close to each section. Although this guide is aimed at cycling all of these can be used by walkers.





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WEST

1. Cheshire Lines path

This is a section of old railway line running from Plex Moss through to Maghull (approx 6 miles). In addition, the section from the start of the Trail at Southport to Ainsdale is also off-road, but alongside the coast road with a couple of road crossings so it isn't suited to very young children. A short section of minor road links these two pieces together.

Access: There is a car park where Carr Lane crosses the Trail. Heading north out of Lydiate (on the A5145 Southport Road), turn left into Station road, then right into Punnell's Lane and straight over into Carr Lane.

Facilities: There are shops and facilities nearby in Lydiate and Maghull.

2. Liverpool Loop Line

Following the old rail line across the east of Liverpool from Aintree to Halewood Country Park (approx 10 miles). This passes through wooded cuttings and towards the northern end offers extensive views over the city.



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EAST

19. Dearne Valley and Don Gorge

From Harlington the Trail follows the River Dearne to Conisbrough and then along the Don Gorge to Sprotbrough (approx 5 miles) and then continues along the old railway to Bentley (a further 3½ miles).

Access: There is parking at Pastures Road and at the former Earth Centre site off the A6023, as well as by the river at Sprotbrough. The Trail can also be accessed from Conisbrough station (by the Earth Centre) and Bentley station.

Facilities: There is a pub at Sprotbrough and local shops and pubs in Bentley.

20. Doncaster - New Junction Canal

This well surfaced section of canal towpath stretches for 3 miles from Braithwaite to Sykehouse. An alternative return route is possible following the Trans Pennine Trail horse route on quiet roads to the east of the canal.

Access: There is parking beside the canal at Braithwaite and



Access: There is ample parking at Rother Valley Country Park (charge in summer) which is signed from the M1 junction 31. There is also parking at Renishaw (on the A616) and at Pools Brook Country Park (off the A619 at Staveley). Chesterfield station also makes a good starting point.

Facilities: At Rother Valley Country Park there is a café, visitor centre, cycle hire and watersports centre (www.rothervalleycountrypark.co.uk). Refreshments and toilets are available at Tapton Lock Visitors Centre, and toilets at Pools Brook Country Park and in Staveley. There are also shops and pubs in Renishaw.

18. Tinsley Canal

Cycle along the canal towpath from Meadowhall into the centre of Rotherham (approx 2 miles), on the way you could call in at the award winning Magna Science Adventure Centre (follow the signposted link route). You can return on the same route or use the train. The Trail also runs west from Meadowhall along Five Weirs Walk into Sheffield (5 miles), this is mostly off road, with some quiet road sections that would be suitable for older children.

Access: Use the train to Meadowhall or Rotherham stations. Parking is possible near to each station.

Facilities: There are facilities in Meadowhall and Rotherham town centre. There is a café and toilets at Magna.



Access: There is a parking at Halewood Country Park Visitor Centre on Okell Drive. From the M62 junction 6 take the A5080 to Huyton. At the first set of traffic lights turn left into Whitefield Lane. At the T-junction turn left into Netherley Road and then first right into Greensbridge Lane. Then turn right into Cartbridge Lane, signposted Bridgefield Forum. Turn right at the T-junction and then straight on at the roundabout into Okell Drive. Follow the road around and you will find the Visitor Centre and car park on the left. This section of Trail can also be accessed from Halewood, Hunts Cross, Broad Green and Aintree stations.

Facilities: There are shops and facilities near to the Trail including at Woolton, West Derby, Gateacre and Broad Lane (Sainsburys). Close to the route is the National Wildflower Centre in Court Hey Park with a café.

3. Pickerings Pasture, Widnes

Running along the waterfront of the Mersey estuary through Pickerings Pasture Local Nature Reserve (approx 2 miles). *A couple of short sections on minor roads link this section to the Sankey Canal section (below) for a longer trip.*

Access: There is parking at Pickerings Pasture Visitor Centre. After coming over Runcorn Bridge, take second slip off the A533 to the roundabout and turn left into Ditton Road. Follow this to Hale Bank and

turn left into Mersey View Road to access the Visitor Centre. Follow the brown tourist signs for Pickerings Pasture.

Facilities: There are toilets at the Visitor Centre.

4. Sankey (St Helens) Canal towpath

Follow the canal towpath from Spike Island through to Sankey Bridges (approx 4½ miles) affording views across the Mersey estuary. *A couple of short sections on minor roads link this section to the Pickerings Pasture section (above) for a longer trip.*

Access: There is parking at Spike Island Visitor Centre and the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre. From junction 7 of the M62 follow the A557 to Widnes and follow the brown tourist signs to Catalyst.

From the south, after coming over Runcorn Bridge (A533) follow the brown tourist signs to Catalyst.

Facilities: There are toilets and a café in Catalyst, (The centre is well worth a visit for families) and a pubs at Fiddlers Ferry Marina.

5. Thelwall to Broadheath railpath

Following the old rail line from Thelwall via Lymm, Heatley to Altrincham (approx 7 miles). There is a Ranger Service Information Centre in Lymm and the National Trust's Dunham Massey property is just off this section of the Trail.

Access: There is parking at the Ranger Cabin (on the site of the former station) in Lymm - follow the signs for the Trail from the A56 and A6144 in Lymm. There is also a car park on Black Moss Road at the eastern end of this section. From junction 7 of the M60 follow the A56 to Altrincham. After going under



route also links into new off-road routes that are being created in the Kippax Linesway and the future St. Aidan's Country Park near Mickleton.

Access: There is parking by Thwaite Mills (follow the museum signs from major routes into the city), at Woodlesford station and Fleet Lane, Oulton (off the A642)

Facilities: There are toilets at Thwaite Mills Museum and local facilities in nearby Woodlesford and Mickleton.

16. Barnsley Canal, Wakefield

The towpath of the disused Barnsley Canal from Walton through to Old Royston follows a wooded route and in places is cut through a rocky gorge (approx 3¼ miles). Anglers Country Park is a good place to explore this section of the Trail from. A short road section (300m) at Old Royston connects to another section of the Trail along the canal (a further 2 miles).

Access: There is a large car park at Anglers Country Park (signposted from A638 at Crofton and from the A61 at Notton / Wolley cross - roads)

Facilities: At Anglers Country Park there is a visitor centre, café, toilets, and cycle parking. The golf club near Walton has a café available for people on the Trail.

17. Rother Valley to Chesterfield

Follow the old rail line from Rother Valley down to Staveley (approx 5 miles). You then have a choice of heading along the Chesterfield Canal towpath to Tapton Lock Visitor Centre (a further 4½ miles) or continuing along the rail line to Inkersall Green or diverting off to Pools Brook Country Park. A combination of quiet roads and off-road section link Inkersall Green to Chesterfield station. A short but busier road section allows you to complete the loop to Tapton Lock.



12. Penistone to Grenoside

Follow the old railway east from Penistone but at Oxspring continue via Thurgoland Tunnel to Wortley (approx 4½ miles), then on forest tracks through Wharnccliffe Wood to Grenoside (a further 6 miles).

Access: There is car parking at Penistone (behind the market, signed from the A628), at Wortley there is a car park behind the equestrian centre (signed off the A629 just south of Wortley village) or at Wharnccliffe Woods (Woodhead Road, just north of Grenoside). The trail can also be accessed from Penistone station.

Facilities: There are toilets, shops in Penistone and shops in Grenoside.



13. Elsecar Greenway

Follow the Trail parallel to the disused Barnsley canal from RSPB Old Moor to Elsecar Heritage Centre (approx 3 miles). There are a few roads to cross.

Access: There is car parking at Elsecar by the Heritage Centre or at the RSPB Old Moor reserve (signed off the A633). The Trail can also be accessed from Elsecar station.

Facilities: There are toilets, café and shops in Elsecar Heritage Centre. At Old Moor, there is a café, toilets and shop at the RSPB site. On route the Trail passes a retail park with a supermarket and other establishments.

15. Aire & Calder Navigation towpath

From Thwaite Mills Museum follow the towpath south to Mickletown (approx 5 miles). *Please note that there is currently a stepped bridge just south of Thwaite Mills which necessitates lifting and carrying your bike down to towpath level.* You can also follow the towpath towards the city centre to the Royal Armouries but there is a short section of road that can be busy and would not be suitable for young children. This

the railway bridge turn 3rd right into Atlantic Street. Follow this to the end and the car park is opposite.

Facilities: There are a number of pubs along the route and local facilities in Lymm. There are toilets at the Ranger Cabin in Lymm (Tel 01925 758195 to check opening times).

6. Mersey Valley

Following the banks of the River Mersey through Sale and Chorlton Water Parks (2½ miles). A short quiet road section connects this to another off-road section to the west (a further 2 miles).

Access: This section is most easily accessed from Chorlton Water Park (junction 5 of the M60, onto the A5103 toward the city centre, turn left onto the A 5145 then left into Maitland Avenue) or Sale Water Park (follow the signs from junction 6 of the M60).

Facilities: There are toilets and other facilities at both of the water parks and a pub on route at Jacksons Bridge.



7. Reddish Vale

Through Reddish Vale Country Park, Stockport (approx 2 miles) and linking into other routes in the park.

Access: There is car parking available at the Visitor Centre (Mill Lane, Reddish), Tiviot Dale (off Tiviot Way A626 adjacent to M60 junction 27), Woodhall Fields (off Reddish Road B6167), Hollow End, Brinnington.

Facilities: There are toilets and other facilities at the visitor centre.

8. Haughton Dale and Apethorn to Godley railpath

A route through the quiet wooded valley of the River Tame before a climb up to the Apethorn to Godley railpath (approx 3½ miles)

total).

Access: This section can be accessed from Stockport Road (A6017) or a car park on Meadow Lane, Haughton Dale (off Haughton Green Road).

Facilities: This section is in a wooded valley so there are no facilities on route, but there are local facilities in Hyde and Denton

9. Longdendale

Wonderful views of the Peak District hills are all around as you follow the old rail line from Hadfield up the valley to Torside and on to the former Woodhead station (approx 8 miles), and if you head east its downhill all the way back! From Woodhead you can continue off-road for a further 2 miles over the highest point on the Trans Pennine Trail - while the start of this is up a steep hill, it is worth it to admire the view! An on road section then connects this section to Dunford Bridge, the start of another long traffic-free section. There are three busy road crossings between Woodhead and Dunford Bridge.



Access: There is a car park at Station Road, Hadfield (signed Longdendale Trail off the A628 and A57). There is a car park midway along this section by Torside reservoir (signed off the B6105). The Trail in Hadfield is 100m from the station (with regular services to Manchester).

Facilities: There are public toilets, cafe and shops at Hadfield. There are toilets, visitor information, and refreshments available at Torside car park.

CENTRAL

10. Dunford Bridge to Penistone

Following the Woodhead rail line on the east of the Pennines along the Upper Don Valley to the attractive market town of Penistone (approx 6 miles).

Access: There is car parking at Dunford Bridge (signed from the A628 and A616) and at Penistone (behind the market, signed from the A628). The Trail can also be accessed directly from Penistone station.

Facilities: There are toilets, shops etc in Penistone.

11. Penistone to Old Moor

Continue along the old rail line and tracks via Worsbrough to RSPB Old Moor (approx 10 miles). You need to turn off the railway at Oxspring, where a very short road section (children could wheel bike on the pavement) leads you onto Willow Lane, a picturesque packhorse route but with a climb! Off road cycle lanes and a farm lane then lead you back onto the old rail line all the way to Old Moor.

Access: There is car parking at Penistone (behind the market, signed from the A628), at Worsbrough Mill and Country Park (signed off the A61) or at the RSPB Old Moor reserve (signed off the A633). The Trail can also be accessed directly from Penistone and Silkstone rail stations.

Facilities: There are toilets, shops etc in Penistone, and shops and pubs in Silkstone Common. At Worsbrough, there are toilets in the Country Park and toilets and a café at Wigfield Farm just west of Worsbrough (worth a visit with children). At Old Moor, there is a café, toilets and shop at the RSPB site.

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