Fact File

Distance: 75 km (47 miles).

Time required: two days by bike, three to four days on horse or foot.

Start point: a circular route – choose your starting point according to your transport needs. Mountain-bikers in particular may find it best to travel the Loop anti-clockwise. The route is physically challenging because it climbs up and down the steep-sided South Pennine valleys.

Access: there are good public transport links and several car parks along the route. Horse riders can use some of the car parks for loading and unloading horses. Please see map and/or website for further details on car parks.



Lady Mary Towneley riding on the hills above Holme Chapel.

Terrain: a variety of surfaces including grass tracks, stone setts, stone causeways, aggregate paths and some quiet roads. User-friendly gates, Pegasus crossings at main roads and clear signposting. The route is hilly and steep in places.

Trail maintenance: please report any problems you encounter on the Trail to the Pennine Bridleway Ranger on 01282 868409 or the PBW team (see back page).

Events: are listed on the website; you can add details of your event via the website or by phone (see back page).

Maps and Guides:

Pennine Bridleway Holiday Guide. Free of charge from PBW team (see back page).

The Settle Loop Map and Guide. Free of charge from PBW team (see back page).

Pennine Bridleway National Trail Handbook – Derbyshire to the South Pennines. Aurum Press. ISBN 185410957X. Price £12.99. Order line 01903 828503.

1:40,000 Map of the Pennine Bridleway – Derbyshire to the South Pennines. ISBN 185137406X. Price £9.95. Contact www.harveymaps.co.uk Tel: 01786 841202.

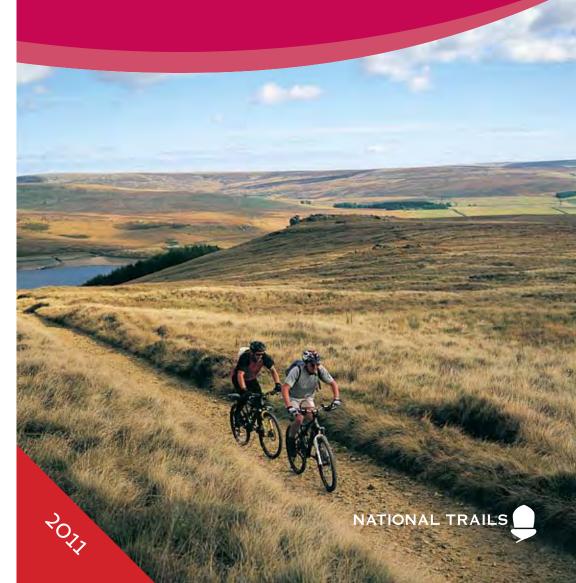
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Lady Mary Towneley long dreamed of the idea for a long distance route over the Pennines for horse riders and campaigned for the Pennine Bridleway National Trail for many years. Sadly she died on 13 February 2001 after a long and bravely fought illness. The Mary Towneley Loop is dedicated to her memory.



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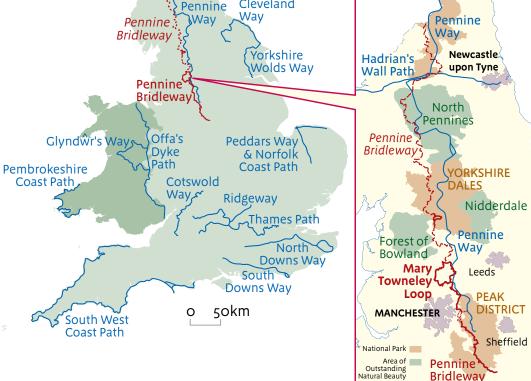
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The Mary Towneley Loop

Welcome to the Mary Towneley Loop – an ideal short break destination for horse riders, mountain bikers and walkers. Take a journey through the South Pennines - you will encounter open moorland and hidden reservoirs, ancient packhorse tracks sweeping into valleys with gritstone walls, mill chimneys and canals offering a glimpse of past histories.

The best time to complete the Trail is April to October when the weather is more favourable. However be prepared for anything from torrential rain to hot sunshine! The Trail follows a mix of old railways, packhorse routes and newly created tracks. It is signposted (follow the National Trail Acorn) with easy to use gates and special road crossing points.

Accommodation

Summit to Lumb (27.5 km)

Leighton House - BB ★★★★

Hollingworth Lake, Littleborough OL15 oBW Proprietor: Alan & Denise Murphy Tel: 01706 378113, Grid Ref: SD929148

Swing Cottage - BB ★★★

0.5 km

Hollingworth Lake,

Littleborough OL15 oDO

Proprietor: Amanda Healey & John Howarth Tel: 01706 379094, Grid Ref: SD933153

Hollingworth Lake B&B - BB ★★★★ 1km 164 Smithy Bridge Road, Littleborough OL15 ODB Proprietor: Mrs Chris Firth

Tel: 01706 376583, Grid Ref: SD932148

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Hollingworth Lake Campsite - CC

Hollingworth Fold, Hollingworth Lake, Littleborough OL15 0AO

Tel: 01706 373962, Grid Ref: SD941148

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Hollingworth Lake Caravan & Camp Site - CC Hollingworth Lake, Littleborough OL15 OAT

Proprietor: Frank & Stephanie Mills Tel: 01706 378661, Grid Ref: SD944144

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The Moorcock Inn - BB

Halifax Road, Littleborough OL15 oLD Proprietor: Allan & Pauline Ashworth Tel: 01706 378156, Grid Ref: SD953173

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Knowl Farm - HO

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Blackstone Edge Old Road, Littleborough OL15 OLL

Proprietor: Ms Janice Phethean Tel: 01457 872187, Grid Ref: SD950165

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Birchenhead Livery - HO

Wardle, Rochdale OL12 9HH

Proprietor: Messrs Rawlinson & Crossley Tel: 01706 656120, Grid Ref: SD908160

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Fernhill B&B – BB ★★★★

Fernhill Lane, Lane Head, Rochdale OL12 6BW

Proprietor: Mr David Brierley Tel: 01706 355671, Grid Ref: SD872153

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The Red Lion Inn - BB

Whitworth, Rochdale OL12 8PY

Proprietor: Steven & Danni Butterworth Tel: 01706 861441, Grid Ref: SD886176

Tippett Farm - SC ★★★★

Cowpe, Rossendale BB4 7AE Proprietor: W Davison & J Earnshaw

Tel: 01706 224741, Grid Ref: SD834210

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Glen Heights - BB

Stacksteads, Bacup,

Rossendale OL13 oTH

Proprietor: Mrs Dorothy Graham Tel: 01706 875459, Grid Ref: SD842219

Rossbrook House - BB ★★★★

New Line, Bacup, Rossendale OL13 oBY Proprietor: Mrs Pauline Collier Tel: 01706 878187, Grid Ref: SD866220

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Old Clough Stables - HO

New Row, Bacup, Rossendale OL13 8RA

Proprietor: Mrs Julie Cunliffe Tel: 01706 878073, Grid Ref: SD872259

Camping by arrangement

Pasture Bottom Farm - BB

Bacup, **Rossendale** OL₁₃ 9UZ Proprietor: Ms Ann Isherwood

Tel: 01706 873790, Grid Ref: SD882232

Payment facilities: check method of payment required when booking.

Horncliffe Mount Farm – BB ★★★★ 2.5 km

Balladen, Rawtenstall BB4 6HU

Proprietor: Rita Albanese Tel: 01706 220227, Grid Ref: SD808213

Dam Top Riding Centre - SC

Dam Top Farm, Rawtenstall,

Rossendale BB4 7P2

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Proprietor: Judith & Garth Weymont Tel: 01706 221024, Grid Ref: SD817233

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One 3 One Private Guest House - BB

Rawtenstall, Rossendale BB4 8RR Proprietor: Miss Jacqueline Biell

Tel: 01706 600463, Grid Ref: SD809231 ★ ★ 1 ★ W ★ V ★ DRY

Lumb to Hebden Bridge (29.3 km)

Peers Clough Farm - BB ★★★

Peers Clough Road, Lumb,

Rossendale BB4 9NG

Proprietor: Mrs Chris Thomas

Tel: 01706 210552, Grid Ref: SD835257 **Escorted rides, Package holiday**

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Number 678 - BB ★★★★

Whitewell Bottom, Rossendale BB4 9NT Proprietor: Lynda & Thomas Hannam Tel: 01706 215884, Grid Ref: SD839252

The Old White Horse - BB ★★★★

Goodshaw, Rossendale BB4 8DD Proprietor: John & Maggie Clegg

Tel: 01706 215474, Grid Ref: SD818264

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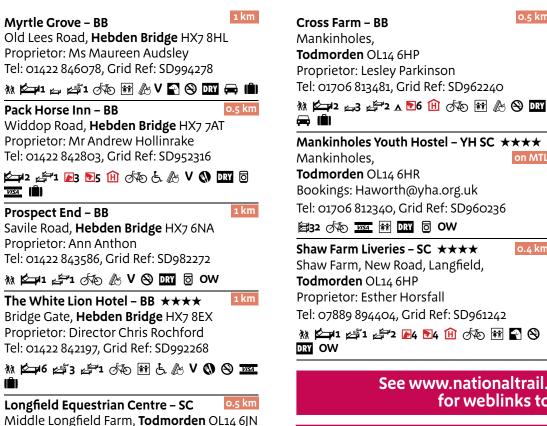
Herd House Riding School - BB

Halifax Road, Briercliffe, Burnley BB10 3QZ Proprietor: Ms Catherine Billington Tel: 01282 436091, Grid Ref: SD894352

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on MTL The Loop Livery Yard - HO Pearsons House Farm, Cliviger, Lancashire BB10 4RR Proprietor: Julie Hanley Tel: 07712 864346, Grid Ref: SD885291 **Accommodation nearby №**4 **№ (1)** Badger Fields Farm - BB Badger Lane, **Blackshaw Head** HX7 7JX Proprietor: Mrs Miriam Whitaker Tel: 01422 845161, Grid Ref: SD968277 Package holiday ** ★ 上 2 № № № № Ø № № Ø № Ø № Ø <a href= Rough Top Farm - BB Kebs Road, Keb Cote, Todmorden OL14 8SB Proprietor: Brian & Sandra McNeil Tel: 01706 812291, Grid Ref: SD922272 ◆ DRY OW Hebden Bridge to Summit (17.2 km) Angeldale Guest House - BB Hangingroyd Lane, Hebden Bridge HX7 7DD Tel: 01422 847321, Grid Ref: SD992274 Proprietor: Miss C Farnaby Tel: 01706 812736, Grid Ref: SD940235 DRY VISA 1 km Height Gate Camping Barn - BH N DRY O OW WSA I 19 Unity Street, Hebden Bridge HX7 8HO Stannally Farm Cottage - SC ★★★★ 2.5 km Proprietor: Ms Jenny Shepherd Stoney Royd Lane, Todmorden OL14 8EP Tel: 01422 842468, Grid Ref: SD972252 Proprietor: Mr & Mrs D & DA Brunt A 例 ₩ L DRY OW Tel: 01706 813998, Grid Ref: SD927253 0.5 km Horsehold Farm - HO Hebden Bridge HX7 6JN DRY 🖯 OW 🗐 Proprietor: Andrew & Fiona Gibbon Staups Barn Holiday Cottage - SC ★★★ Tel: 01422 842290, Grid Ref: SD982266 Staups Lane, **Todmorden** OL14 8RR ▲ 🛂 Ĥ 😭 🔇 🖸 🖭 OW 🚍 🛍 Proprietor: Mrs H Crabtree Tel: 01706 812730, Grid Ref: SD959268 Latham Farm Bunkhouse - BH Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge HX7 8TG Proprietor: Jenny Slaughter Woodleigh Hall - BB ★★★★ Tel: 01422 843800, Grid Ref: SE006287 Ewood Lane, Todmorden OL14 7DF Proprietor: Mr R Heath Tel: 01706 814664, Grid Ref: SD928248 ₩ 🚧 🗗 🖟 ₩ № V 👀 🛇 🏧 🗇 🛍



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Birks Clough - BB ★★★

Walsden, Todmorden OL14 6QX

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Towneley Trail Bed & Box - BB

Proprietor: Mrs Susan Wright

Accommodation type

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Tel: 01706 814438, Grid Ref: SD937218

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Hollingworth Lane, Todmorden OL14 6QY

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Packages with accommodation and stabling

For an all inclusive break with everything taken care of, from accommodation booking to baggage carrying, contact one of the services below:-

Towneley Trail Riding Miriam Whitaker; Tel 01422 845161; www.towneleytrailriding.co.uk

Towneley Trail Bed and Box Sue Wright; Tel 01706 817432; www.towneleytrailbedandbox.co.uk

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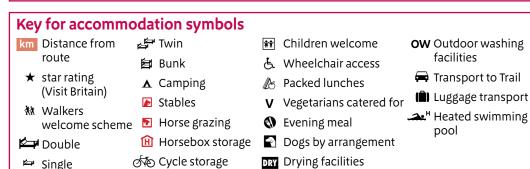
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