

Pennine Bridleway NATIONAL TRAIL

Pennine Bridleway itineraries for horse riders

The Pennine Bridleway can be tackled in a number of different ways:

- End to end, Hartington Station to Ravenstonedale, 174 miles over 12 days
- The Mary Towneley Loop, start and finish at the same point, 47 miles over 3+ days
- The Settle Loop, start and finish in Settle, 10 miles, one day
- A two-centre holiday with the Pennine Bridleway connecting the two, with circular loops at either end to explore the local area
- Guided trips for 1+ days in various locations, on your own horse or a hired horse

Mary Towneley Loop, 47 miles

'Towneley Trail Riding' is a group of three farms that work together to organise your trip on the Mary Towneley Loop. You will ride from farm to farm staying with them overnight. The farms include Badgerfields Farm, Peers Clough Farm (<http://www.peerscloughfarm.co.uk/>) and Birchenhead Farm. You can use your own horse or hire one from Peers Clough Packhorses.

www.towneleytrailriding.co.uk
<http://www.peerscloughpackhorses.co.uk/>

Multi-day rides on the Pennine Bridleway and in surrounding countryside

Peak District – 'Pennine Bridleway Trails' offers riding holidays based on a two centre holiday staying at Rushop Hall and Arbor Low, riding between the two farms, and extending your stay with a series of loop rides from each farm. A linear trail riding holiday taking in other overnight stops is also available should you prefer to move on each night.

www.penninebridlewaytrails.co.uk

Cumbria/Yorkshire Dales – 'Stonetrail' offers daily rides lasting from an hour to a full day as well as a range of centre-based and multi-day trail riding holidays. They also provide luxury self catering accommodation, stabling, grazing and route maps for owners wishing to enjoy a holiday with their horse. Stonetrail is located at the northern end of the Pennine Bridleway in Ravenstonedale.

<http://www.stonetrailridingcentre.com/>

Settle Loop, 10 miles

The Settle Loop is a day long ride with amazing scenery in the Yorkshire Dales. The route has dedicated car parking and facilities at Stainforth, and can be followed in either direction. There are options to extend the route into surrounding areas of the National Park.

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Suggested itinerary for the end to end ride, with horse accommodation ideas

Distances are approximate and will vary depending on where you stay. Accommodation ideas are just for guidance and should be checked before detailed plans are made – contact details for most are available on the website trip planner. This itinerary is listed south to north but can be followed in the opposite direction.

Day 1: Hartington Station to Blackwell, 9 miles

Accommodation options in the area surrounding Hartington, including Arbor Low.

Accommodation options at Blackwell include Beech Croft Farm <http://www.beechcroftfarm.co.uk/>.

Day 2: Blackwell to Rushop Hall, 11 miles

Accommodation at Rushop Hall

Day 3: Options

Rushop to Hayfield or New Mills – 6-7 miles.

Accommodation nearby, travel by horsebox to Torside Reservoir to avoid Glossop following day.

Or travel to Torside same day by horsebox, with accommodation at The Old House or White House Farm.

Rushop to Rowarth – 10.5 miles.

Including an unpleasant road section through Glossop which is not on the Pennine Bridleway (not recommended). Accommodation at Kings Clough Head Farm.

Day 4: Either;

Torside to Diggle, 14 miles

OR

Rowarth to Diggle, 19 miles

Accommodation at Sunfield B&B and Stables or New Barn, Harrop Green Farm.

Day 5: Diggle to Littleborough, 13 miles

Grazing 'At Sheps' (07776 148043), accommodation at The Moorcock Inn or Hollingworth Lake Caravan Site.

Day 6: Littleborough to Hebden Bridge, 14 miles

Accommodation at Badger Fields Farm or Elmet Farmhouse (www.elmetfarmhouse.co.uk).

Other options in Mankinholes and Todmorden (only 7 miles).

Day 7: Hebden Bridge to Thursden, 11 miles

Accommodation at Herd House Farm

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OR

Hebden Bridge to Trawden, 14 miles

Accommodation for horses may be available at Ampley Hall Farm

Day 8: Thursden to Gisburn, 17.5 miles

OR

Trawden to Gisburn, 14 miles

Accommodation at Foxhill Barn B&B

Day 9: Gisburn to Long Preston, 12.5 miles

Accommodation available at the Plough in Wigglesworth (<http://www.theploughatwigglesworth.co.uk/>) or in Long Preston.

OR

Gisburn to Stainforth, 18.5 miles

Horse grazing available at Stainforth

Day 10: Options

Stainforth to Austwick, 5 miles

Long Preston to Austwick, 11 miles

Accommodation at Rawlinshaw Farm or Silloth House

OR

Stainforth to Selside, 12 miles

Long Preston to Selside, 18 miles

Accommodation at Penyghent Cottage

Day 11: Austwick to Garsdale, 23 miles

OR

Selside to Garsdale, 16.5 miles

Accommodation at the Garsdale Luxury B&B

Day 12: Garsdale to Ravenstonedale, 10 miles

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Accommodation at Stonetrail Riding Centre