

Pennine Bridleway National Trail

Map and services guide to the Mary Towneley Loop



Fernhill B&B - BB *****

Hornccliffe Mount Farm - BB *****
Tel: 01706 355577, Grid Ref: SD872153
Rochdale OL12 6BW
Proprietor: Mr David Brierley
Fernihill Lane, Lane Head,
Rochdale OL12 6BW
Tel: 01706 355577, Grid Ref: SD872153

The Red Lion Inn - BB
Whitworth, Rochdale OL12 8PY
Proprietor: Steven & Danni Butterworth
Tel: 01706 861441, Grid Ref: SD886176
Tipsett Farm - SC *****
Cowpe, Rossendale BB4 7AE
Proprietor: W Davison & J Earnshaw
Tel: 01706 224741, Grid Ref: SD834210

Clen Heights - BB
Stacksteads, Bacup,
Rossendale OL13 0TH
Proprietor: Mrs Dorothy Graham
Tel: 01706 875459, Grid Ref: SD842219
Rossendale BB4 9NG
Proprietor: Mrs Chris Thomas
Tel: 01706 210552, Grid Ref: SD935257
Escorted rides, Package holiday
Peers Clough Farm - BB *****
on MTL

Lumb to Hebden Bridge (29.3 km)
on MTL

Peers Clough Farm - BB *****
Number 678 - BB *****
on MTL
Whitewell Bottom, Rossendale BB4 9NT
Proprietor: Lynda & Thomas Hannam
Tel: 01706 215884, Grid Ref: SD839322
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The Old White Horse - BB *****
Goodshaw, Rossendale BB4 8DD
Proprietor: John & Maggie Clegg
Tel: 01706 215474, Grid Ref: SD818264
Herd House Riding School - BB
on MTL
Haifax Road, Briercliffe, Burnley BB10 3QZ
Proprietor: Ms Catherine Blackburn
Tel: 01282 436091, Grid Ref: SD894352

Pasture Bottom Farm - BB
Bacup, Rossendale OL13 9LZ
Proprietor: Ms Ann Isherwood
Tel: 01706 873790, Grid Ref: SD882222
Herd House Riding School - BB
on MTL
Haifax Road, Briercliffe, Burnley BB10 3QZ
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Tel: 01282 436091, Grid Ref: SD894352

Blackstone Edge Old Road,
Littleborough OL15 0LL
Proprietor: Ms Janice Pheath
164 Smithy Bridge Road,
Littleborough OL15 0DB
Proprietor: Mrs Chris Firth
Tel: 01706 376583, Grid Ref: SD932148
Bitchenhead Livery - HO
on MTL
Wardle, Rochdale OL12 9HN
Tel: 01706 656120, Grid Ref: SD908160
Littleborough Fold, Hollingworth Lake,
Littleborough OL15 0AQ
Tel: 01706 373962, Grid Ref: SD941148
on PBW south

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time of going to print.
Required when booking:
Payment facilities: check method of payment

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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.

Trail maintenance: please report any problems you encounter on the Trail to the Pennine Bridleway Ranger on 01282 8687409 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).

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.

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.

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.

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

Distance: 75 km (47 miles).

Fact File



Lady Mary Towneley riding on the hills above Holme Chapel.

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Myrtle Grove - BB
1 km

Pack Horse Inn - BB
on MTL
Widdop Road, Hebden Bridge HX7 7AT
Proprietor: Mr Andrew Hollinrake
Tel: 01422 842803, Grid Ref: SD952316

Badger Fields Farm - BB
on MTL
Bagger Lane, Blackshaw Head HX7 7JX
Proprietor: Mrs Miriam Whitaker
Tel: 01422 845161, Grid Ref: SD968277
Package holiday

Rough Top Farm - BB
2 km
Keys Road, Keb Cote, Todmorden OL14 8SB
Proprietor: Brian & Sandra McNeil
Tel: 01706 812291, Grid Ref: SD922272

The White Lion Hotel - BB *****
1 km
Bridge Gate, Hebden Bridge HX7 8EX
Proprietor: Director Chris Rochford
Tel: 01422 842197, Grid Ref: SD922288

Angdale Guest House - BB
1.8 km
Hanington Lane, Hebden Bridge HX7 7DP
Tel: 01422 847321, Grid Ref: SD992274
Height Gate Camping Barn - BH
1 km
19 Unity Street, Hebden Bridge HX7 8HQ
Proprietor: Ms Jenny Shepherd
Tel: 01422 842468, Grid Ref: SD927252

Longfield Equestrian Centre - SC
0.5 km
Middle Longfield Farm, Todmorden OL14 6JN
Proprietor: Miss C Farnaby
Tel: 01706 812736, Grid Ref: SD940235

Hebden Bridge to Summit (17.2 km)
1.8 km
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Stannally Farm Cottage - SC *****
2.5 km
Stannally Farm, Todmorden OL14 8EP
Proprietor: Mr & Mrs D & DA Brunt
Tel: 01706 813998, Grid Ref: SD927253

Hebden Bridge Farm - HO
0.5 km
Hebden Bridge HX7 6JN
Proprietor: Andrew & Fiona Gibbon
Tel: 01422 842290, Grid Ref: SD822666

Latham Farm Bunkhouse - BH
1 km
Wadsworth, Hebden Bridge HX7 8TC
Proprietor: Jenny Sheuhter
Tel: 01422 843800, Grid Ref: SE006287

Woodleigh Hall - BB *****
3 km
Wood Lane, Todmorden OL14 7DF
Proprietor: Mr R Heath
Tel: 01706 814664, Grid Ref: SD928248

Myrtle Grove - BB
1 km

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Tel: 0300 060 1841 or 0300 060 1840
Email: pbw.info@naturalengland.org.uk

The Pennine Bridleway is a new National Trail, purpose built for horse riders, mountain bikers and walkers. The route is being opened in stages; the Mary Towneley Loop opened in 2002, Derbyshire to the South Pennines in 2004 and the Settle Loop in 2005. The section between the Mary Towneley Loop and Cumbria is due to open in 2012, making a total distance of 200 miles.



Cross Farm - BB
0.5 km

Todmorden OL14 6HP
Proprietor: Lesley Parkinson
Tel: 01706 814438, Grid Ref: SD962240

Shaw Farm Liversies - SC *****
0.4 km
Shaw Farm, New Road, Langfield,
Todmorden OL14 6HP
Proprietor: Esther Horsfall
Tel: 07889 894404, Grid Ref: SD961242

The White Lion Hotel - BB *****
1 km
Bridge Gate, Hebden Bridge HX7 8EX
Proprietor: Director Chris Rochford
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Woodleigh Hall - BB *****
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Tel: 01706 814664, Grid Ref: SD928248

Myrtle Grove - BB
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Key for accommodation symbols

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Facilities and services

Cycle repair/hire* shops

Burnley

Burnley Cycle Centre01282 433981

Rawtenstall

Ride On*01706 831101

Rochdale

Chris Paulson Cycles01706 633426

Hebden Bridge

Blazing Saddles*01422 844435

Todmorden

Vale Cycles01706 816558

Burnley

Pendle Cycles01282 778487

Burnley

On yer bike01282 438855

Hebden Bridge

O C Mansfield01422 884397

Todmorden

Harry Ingham01706 812148

Farriers

Bacup

Sam Sagar07974 155645

Bacup

P K Lamb01706 878671

Whitworth

Colin Thompson01706 853884 / 07977 883375

Whitworth

Alec Thorpe01706 852730 / 07973 443116

Lancashire

Raymond Kay01254 813095

Halifax

B Thorne01422 372279

Please note that it can be difficult to obtain the services of a farrier at short notice and it is recommended that long distance riders carry a protective 'equiboat' for their horse in case of emergencies.

Emergencies

For an emergency dial 999

There are Accident and Emergency units in Rochdale, Halifax and Blackburn.

Horse transport

Manchester

Boothroyden Horse Transport0161 653 6483

Huddersfield

R&R Horse Transport01484 866620 / 07977 272823

Rochdale

Martin Dewar01706 377347 / 07901 521171

Hebden Bridge

Willow Royd Transport01422 884095

Saddlers/repairs*

Milnrow

Bridge Saddlery01706 645146

Rochdale

Naylors Equestrian01706 631909

Rochdale

Victorian Saddlery01706 644490

Rossendale

M Miller01706 853843

Hebden Bridge

Moody Mares01422 886060

Todmorden

Petlocks and Ponytails01706 819100

Tourist Information centres

Rochdale

Rochdale TIC01706 924928

Burnley

Burnley TIC01282 664421

Hebden Bridge

Hebden Bridge & Canal VIC01422 843831

Todmorden

Todmorden TIC01706 818181

Littleborough

Hollingworth Lake Visitor IC01706 373421

Vets

Oldham

J N MacDonald0161 624 7102

Todmorden

Holborow & Tapsfield-Wright01706 814770

Keighley

Aireworth Vet Centre01535 602988

Halifax

Hird & Partners01422 354106

Clitheroe

Mearley Veterinary Group01200 423763

Weather

National

free 0870 600 4234

Lancashire

Weathercall09068 500416

West Yorkshire

Weathercall09068 500417

Public houses

Littleborough

The Moorcock Inn01706 378156

Grid ref: 953 173

The Wine Press01706 378168

Grid ref: 938 154

The Summit Inn01706 378011

Grid ref: 946 188

King William IV01706 372265

Grid ref: 927 171

Burnley

The Ram Inn01282 418921

Grid ref: 875 285

Bay Horse Inn01282 437494

Grid ref: 875 323

The Crooked Billet Inn01282 429040

Grid ref: 876 324

Hebden Bridge

Pack Horse Inn01422 842803

Grid ref: 952 316

The New Delight Inn01422 846178

Grid ref: 964 283

Fox and Goose01422 842649

Grid ref: 986 273

The White Lion01422 842197

Grid ref: 992 268

Rawtenstall

Hargreaves Arms01706 215523

Grid ref: 836 248

Rochdale

The Hare & Hounds01706 372877

Grid ref: 913 166

Todmorden

The Shepherds Rest Inn01706 813437

Grid ref: 954 232

Top Brink Inn01706 812696

Grid ref: 956 235

Getting to the Loop

The railway stations closest to the Mary Towneley Loop, at Smithy Bridge, Littleborough, Walsden, Todmorden and Hebden Bridge, are all served by direct trains from Leeds and Manchester (Victoria).

Bus services operate from Burnley/Bury to Water, Whitewell Bottom and Waterfoot on the Loop; from Rawtenstall to Water/Lumb; from Rochdale to Walsden, Wardle and Waterfoot; from Todmorden to Holme Chapel, Walsden and Lumbutts (for link to Mankinholes); from Hebden Bridge to Blackshawhead (for Jack Bridge).

Other services exist, please check for details before travelling:

www.traveline.org.uk

Tel: 0871 200 22 33

Journey planner for journeys by bus, train, coach

www.nationalrail.co.uk

Tel: 08457 48 49 50

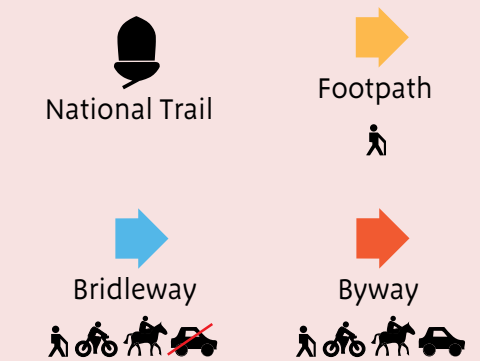
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A guide to using the route

The Mary Towneley Loop is a section of the Pennine Bridleway National Trail for horse riders, mountain bikers and walkers. It follows bridleways and byways or short sections of public road.

You will see the following coloured waymarking symbols on the Trail:



Footpaths **linking** onto the Trail are available for **walkers** only.

- Take warm and waterproof clothing and always allow for the worst weather.
- The Trail is steep and tough in places, so you need to be fit and prepared (horses and dogs need to be fit too!).
- In hot weather protect yourself from the sun and carry additional water. A collapsible bucket is also useful to draw water for horses.
- Be aware that some surfaces can become slippery in wet weather.
- Carry a map, food and water, and tell someone your plans.
- Cyclists should wear a helmet and carry a tool kit and spares.
- Horse riders should wear a helmet and reflective clothing.
- Carry some form of identification in case of emergencies.
- Please note that mobile phone coverage is not available for the whole of the Trail.
- It can be difficult to obtain a farrier at short notice and it is therefore recommended that horse riders carry a protective *Equiboot*.

To avoid accidents and help conserve the Trail

- Pass other users and livestock with care and **cyclists warn others of your approach** before passing them.
- *Cyclists must give way* to horse riders and walkers.
- Fasten any gates that you open.
- Stay on the route, don't contaminate water and take your litter home.
- Be aware that vehicles have a legitimate right to use some sections of the route.
- Ride at a safe and controlled pace especially where your view is restricted.
- Walking, cycling or horse riding groups should not take up the whole width of the path and should leave space for others to pass.