

MOTORCYCLING ON THE TRAIL IS ILLEGAL.

Ride responsibly and keep to the bridle route where available. Wear a safety helmet.

Horse riders

Please note there is a stepped footbridge on this route. Use a bellwren of your approach. Consider wearing a safety helmet. Ride responsibly and give way to other trail users.

Cyclists

Be considerate to other trail users. Do not disturb nearby residents, livestock or wildlife. Keep dogs under control and do not allow them to foul the path. Do not pollute or bathe in the rivers or canal. Take your litter home.

Trail

Code of Conduct...All users



As well as spotting the wildlife along the trail, look out for the sculpted windstones and milestones carved by local artist Melanie Wilkes.



Restoration schemes carried out as part of the Lower Aire Valley Environmental Improvement Strategy continue to turn former coal mines and landfill sites into attractive wetlands, woodlands and parkland landscapes. Rothwell Country Park, for instance has been created out of a huge area of previously derelict land near Woodlesford, while nearby Skelton Lake is a haven for birds.

Following the River Aire and the Aire- Calder Navigation the 10 mile Trail in Leeds takes users from one of the country's most vibrant cities on a journey which provides both historical and natural interest. As the map in this leaflet shows, the Trail passes Granary Wharf, The Royal Armouries and Thwaite Mills are all well worth a visit - providing an insight to Leeds' industrial past and thriving future.

Lots to see ...



The Millennium Commission awarded a £5.8 million grant in 1995 to enable completion of the entire Trail by 2001. Leeds City Council, European Union and Yorkshire Forward funding has also been provided to build the trail in Leeds.



The Trail forms the English section of European Long Distance Footpath Number 8 (E8), a walking route from the west of Ireland right across Europe to reach Istanbul when E8 is eventually complete. The TPT also forms part of the National Cycle Network and is route numbered accordingly (No.67 Leeds-Barnsley).

The Trans Pennine Trail is the country's first purpose built, national multi-user route. It runs coast to coast between the ports of Liverpool and Hull, linking also with the seaside resorts of Southport and Hornsea. Towns and cities across the North of England are connected including Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, Chesterfield and York. Walkers and cyclists can use the whole 350 miles with horse riders too on many sections. Easy gradients and surfaced paths make much of the Trail suitable for some people using wheelchairs or pushchairs. Lots of TPT is traffic free providing a great facility for families. The TPT has been developed over 16 years by a partnership of 26 local authorities across the country with a lead office in Barnsley, South Yorkshire.

About the Trail...

Trans Pennine Trail



This leaflet has been designed to enable local people and visitors to use the TPT and link into other Trails in the Leeds area such as the Leeds Country Way and Temple Newsam bridlepath. Other improvement works are being carried out under the Lower Aire Valley Environmental Improvement Strategy and the Forest of Leeds Scheme.

The Trans Pennine Trail forms an integral part of this network, linking urban areas with the countryside and providing green corridors for both recreation and wildlife.

Through continuous improvements it is Leeds City Council's intention to open up this stretch of the Lower Aire Valley, providing access to a wealth of riverside landscapes and local history.

For information on the Trail nationally please contact:
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Getting there ...

By Train

There are Railway Stations at Leeds & Woodlesford which lie within a short distance of the Trail, as well as providing connections to Wakefield and Castleford.
For National rail enquiries ring - (08457) 484950

By Bus

Bus services run between Leeds and Woodlesford via Hunslet and Stourton, there are also links to Methley and Bottom Boat in Wakefield. In addition, services run along the Wakefield Road (A642) between Garforth, Swillington and Rothwell.

For bus and local train enquiries ring:
Metro - (0113) 245 7676.

By Car

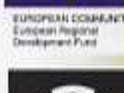
There are various car parks along the trail, including those at Fleet Bridge, Woodlesford Locks, and Thwaite Mills. Roadside parking is also available at Hungate and Methley, whilst there is a multi-story car park near the start of the trail at The Royal Armouries.

If you would like more local information please contact:
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