

Route Description for the PENNINE BRIDLEWAY NATIONAL TRAIL between the MARY TOWNELEY LOOP in the South Pennines, through Lancashire and the Yorkshire Dales to The Street, south of Ravenstonedale in Cumbria.

Description made with reference to Ordnance Survey 1:25,000 scale map sheets with the intention that you can mark the route onto your own maps. Route described heading south to north from the top of the Mary Towneley Loop to The Street near Ravenstonedale in Cumbria. OS sheets required are the Explorer Series OL21 South Pennines, OL41 Forest of Bowland & Ribblesdale, OL2 Yorkshire Dales (Southern and Western areas) and OL19 Howgill Fells and Upper Eden Valley. Please note that many of the new sections of Public Bridleway created will not yet be shown on OS maps as Public Bridleway however the route is now present on the ground and is in the process of being signed and waymarked.

The Route: **OL21** Leave Mary Towneley Loop at top left of Loop heading north towards Ben Edge and north north east towards Extwistle Moor then north via Rieve Edge to the road.

Turn left to follow road towards but not reaching Thursden turning right to cross a bridge and head up through Thursden Wood to the road.

Turn left following road for a short distance before turning right to pick up the new BW towards Will Moor turning right at the BW "T" junction onto the BW skirting Boulsworth Hill and onto Brink Ends Moor.

Turn left to pick up the BW heading towards Parson Lee farm and head on to Wycoller village.

The route between Wycoller village and Harden Old Barn (to the east of Kelbrook) is currently incomplete with the remainder due to be constructed over summer/autumn 2011. An interim route for cyclists can be followed using public roads: follow the road out of Wycoller turning right (north west) at the first road junction then right again (north east) onto Keighley Road aiming for Laneshaw Bridge. Cross the A6068 heading north west onto Long Lane and turn right at the "T" junction heading north east towards Black Lane Ends and beyond before taking the left turn (west) onto Bleara Road.

The Trail can be picked up again from Bleara Road by following the BW south and round the east side of Harden Old Barn (this is not part of the Pennine BW) then picking up the National Trail to the south of Harden Old Barn heading west (left) along the BW towards Heads House then turning north on the BW passing to the east of Tunstead farm before turning west to follow the BW to Sough Bridge.

Cross the A56 and pick up the BW heading west towards Spen Head Farm. Cross Earby road and continue heading north west to pick up Salterforth Lane. Turn south west along a new BW heading towards Cockshott Bridge (crossing the Leeds & Liverpool Canal) and following the new BW to the B6383.

At the road turn left (south) for a short distance before crossing and picking up the BW heading towards Hurst Hill and on to the B6251. Cross the road and head south for a short distance to pick up the BW heading south west along Lister Well Road.

On reaching Gisburn Old Road turn right (north west) to head up towards Weets House Farm then follow the track across the moor and on towards Laneside then along Coal Pit Lane to the A682.

Cross the A682 direct and head along the BW to Westby Hall Farm and beyond to the A59. Cross the A59 and follow the BW via Coppice Farm to Mill Lane.

Turn left (north) along the road then turn right (east) to follow the BW into Gisburne Park and on towards the A682 turning north on a new BW alongside the road before picking up the BW past Castle Haugh and on towards the road.

OL41 At the road turn left (north west) and follow the road towards Paythorne turning right (east) at the south end of the village (opposite the pub) onto the BW leading towards Ing Lane and then across Paythorne Moor to the road at Ged Beck bridge. From here the road can be followed north then east towards Halton West. Alternatively a BW has been created cutting out some of this road work.

To the west of Halton West turn left (north) to follow the BW along Brook Lane and onwards passing to the west of High Scale farm heading north onto Todmanhaw Lane and Cow Bridge.

OL2 At Cow Bridge pick up the B6478 heading right (north east) towards Long Preston.

The preferred route from the intersection of the B6478 with Back Lane and on to the A65 has still to be agreed and constructed. There is a pedestrian crossing in place on the A65 outside the Rohan shop in Long Preston that can be accessed from Back Lane using the existing Public Footpaths and quiet roads. Cyclists should dismount if choosing to use the Footpath network rather than following the roads to the crossing. There is not currently a safe route or crossing that we can recommend for horse riders.

After crossing the A65 the Trail runs beside the Maypole Inn in the centre of the village and continues along Green Gate Lane and Edge Lane to join the Settle Loop.

If continuing on a linear route northwards the shortest way is to follow the Settle Loop anti-clockwise via Mitchell Lane, through Upper Settle and onto Banks Lane (beside Castlebergh plantation). On meeting the road above Langcliffe turn right (east) then north east along the road before turning left (north east) towards Upper Winskill. From here the Trail curves north eastwards before turning north west and heading down into Stainforth and to the car park.

From the car park cross the B6479 using the underpass to pick up the new BW, heading North West beside the railway line and turning left on meeting the road. *(The section crossing over the railway bridge has still to be secured as public bridleway).* At Little Stainforth turn right along the road heading northwards past Banks Barn to Swarth Moor then picking up the BW on the left heading towards **OL41** Lower Bark House and on to Higher Bark House and into Feizor.

Turn North West along Hale Lane (BW), pass Wood House and go on to join the road to the north east of Austwick. **OL2** On reaching the road turn right (north east) then left (north west) on the BW past Slaindale turning west onto Thwaite Lane towards Encombe Bridge.

Turn right (north) onto Long Lane following the BW via Long Scar to Sulber Gate and on towards Borrins turning east towards the B6479.

Cross the B6479 picking up the new BW passing under the railway and across Far Moor to and over the new bridge across the River Ribble, onto Dale Mire Barn and up to the road. *(The section under the railway has still to be secured as public bridleway).*

Turn left (north) towards High Birkwith, onto Ling Gill Bridge to Cam End turning right (north east) onto Cam High Road as far as Cold Keld Gate.

Turn left (west) on the new BW heading towards Gavel Gap and on to Newby Head Gate. Cross the B6255 heading west along the minor road before turning right (north) onto the BW via Newby Head Field onto Swineley Cowm crossing the top of Arten Gill to join the BW following the contour around Great Knoutberry Hill to eventually join the road. *(NB: the route down Arten Gill towards Stone House has also been improved as part of the PBW project and is available as a link to accommodation and/or as a bad weather escape route.)*

Turn right (north) onto the Coal Road (Galloway Gate) and follow it **OL19** to Garsdale Station. After the terrace of houses turn right onto the new BW running parallel to the railway, crossing under the railway at Dandry Mire viaduct *(the section under the railway has still to be secured as public bridleway).* Continue following the new track to the crossing of the A684 picking up the BW in the field on the other side of the road taking you on to the crossing of the B6259.

After crossing the road follow the diagonal track along the upgraded Footpath crossing the R.Ure and head towards the west of Cobbles plantation heading northwards to join The Highway.

On reaching The Highway turn left (north west) and continue on to Hell Gill Bridge, and then northwards following the track on towards the B6259.

At the road turn left (south) and follow the road before turning right (west) along the BW towards Hazelgill crossing under the railway and heading north west then north

to High Dolphinsty. Continue north west along the track to the road between Stenerskeugh and The Street, turning left to follow the minor road on towards the A683. At the A683 turn right, the Fat Lamb Inn is situated a short way along the road.