

COME & ENJOY THE TRANS PENNINE TRAIL

PENISTONE – DUNFORD BRIDGE



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WELCOME TO YOUR TRANS PENNINE TRAIL!



Running between the lively market town of *Penistone*, and the lower slopes of the Peak District at *Dunford Bridge*, this six-mile section of the Trans Pennine Trail offers the perfect day out for families – and for anybody who likes to walk, run, scoot, ride their bike, or amble along on a horse, away from busy roads.

Fully surfaced, and entirely off-road, the route follows the gently rising path of the old Great Central Railway, winding through glorious countryside, with stunning views across the valley.

With attractive picnic areas, an enchanting Magic Wood, several lively artworks, and a delightful waterfall; it's difficult to believe this quiet route was once one of the worst railway accident black-spots in the country - or that Penistone was considered an unlucky place to cross the Pennines!

Now free of the bustle and noise of the railway, the route boasts a wealth of wild flowers, and offers a trip out of everyday life into the peace and tranquillity of the countryside.



The Trans Pennine Trail

Penistone – Dunford Bridge (6m/9.6km)

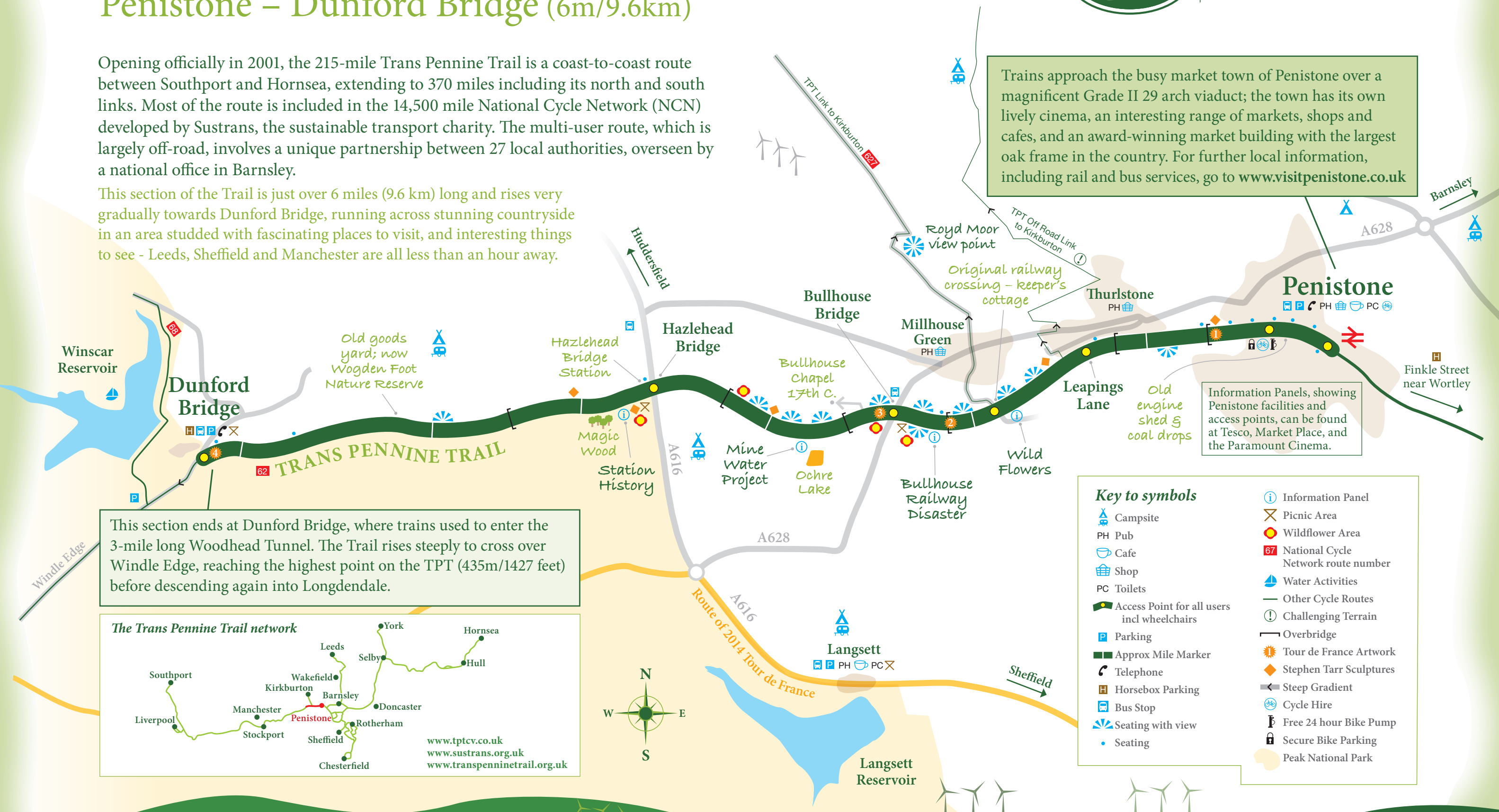


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Opening officially in 2001, the 215-mile Trans Pennine Trail is a coast-to-coast route between Southport and Hornsea, extending to 370 miles including its north and south links. Most of the route is included in the 14,500 mile National Cycle Network (NCN) developed by Sustrans, the sustainable transport charity. The multi-user route, which is largely off-road, involves a unique partnership between 27 local authorities, overseen by a national office in Barnsley.

This section of the Trail is just over 6 miles (9.6 km) long and rises very gradually towards Dunford Bridge, running across stunning countryside in an area studded with fascinating places to visit, and interesting things to see - Leeds, Sheffield and Manchester are all less than an hour away.

Trains approach the busy market town of Penistone over a magnificent Grade II 29 arch viaduct; the town has its own lively cinema, an interesting range of markets, shops and cafes, and an award-winning market building with the largest oak frame in the country. For further local information, including rail and bus services, go to www.visitpenistone.co.uk



This section ends at Dunford Bridge, where trains used to enter the 3-mile long Woodhead Tunnel. The Trail rises steeply to cross over Windle Edge, reaching the highest point on the TPT (435m/1427 feet) before descending again into Longdendale.



STEPHEN TARR SCULPTURE

An open air gallery of work by local chain saw artist, Stephen Tarr; there are all sorts of delightful sculptures to look out for along this section of the Trans Pennine Trail, from owls and eagles to friendly tree spirits and toadstools.

Keep your eyes open for...

Four artworks - commissioned by Barnsley Museums to celebrate the Yorkshire leg of the Tour de France in July 2014, and made by local artists and residents.



WILD FLOWERS GALORE!

TPTcv is working with Barnsley MBC and Sustrans to encourage the biodiversity along this part of the Trans Pennine Trail. Wild flowers provide an important source of food for butterflies, bees and other insects, and thrive on the poor soil of the old railway bed.



Bird's Foot Trefoil



Common Spotted-Orchid

There are lots more wild flowers on the Trail: check out the information panel at Keeper's Cottage to learn more...



MAGIC WOOD

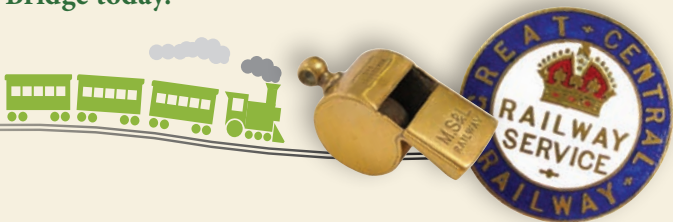
Full of surprises and winding paths, the Magic Wood is an enchanting place for children - but you'll need very sharp eyes to discover all its secrets! Changing with the passing seasons, you never know quite what you'll find...



RAILWAY HISTORY

BULLHOUSE RAILWAY DISASTER

In 1864, twenty-four people lost their lives when the railway carriages in which they were travelling fell over the embankment at Bullhouse Bridge, and crashed down onto the road. Local people - colliery men, school children, and labourers working in the fields - came running to help. You can read their stories, and the accounts of survivors, at Bullhouse Bridge today.



HAZLEHEAD BRIDGE STATION

Opening in 1846 after a public petition, Hazlehead Bridge Station was known as the windiest station on the line. If you close your eyes and listen to the breeze, you might just catch a ghostly echo of footsteps running along platforms...low voices murmuring in the booking office...perhaps even the faint whistle of an engine long departed. You'll almost certainly wish the Railway Hotel was still open serving *'Fine sparkling ales, breakfasts, luncheons, dinners and teas on the shortest notice'*!



Read people's stories at Bullhouse Bridge: discover what it was like to be a passenger, and find out what happened next...



HELP US LOOK AFTER THE TRANS PENNINE TRAIL BETWEEN PENISTONE AND DUNFORD BRIDGE!



Trans Pennine Trail conservation volunteers (Penistone – Dunford Bridge) is a voluntary group which looks after every aspect of the Trail between Penistone and Dunford Bridge. We have workdays during the week and on the first Saturday of every month - come and join in!

- ✿ Put something back into this brilliant local facility
- ✿ Get some fresh air and exercise
- ✿ Meet new people
- ✿ Families welcome
- ✿ No experience necessary; equipment provided
- ✿ Free tea, coffee, and biscuits

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