

Horse riding for everyone...

Derbyshire is the perfect place to explore on horse back. Traffic-free trails, bridleways and byways connect beautiful countryside and quiet villages through green hills and rugged open moorland.



Whether starting out on a new hobby, searching for new riding routes or looking for a riding adventure, this leaflet will help you find the right path. Use the contacts listed below for more detailed information about routes and riding centres.



Enjoy Safe Horse Riding

Wherever you ride it makes sense to stay safe and enjoy your visit by being prepared. The following suggestions and good practices may be helpful:

Safety and Good Practice

You should wear: A horse riding helmet approved to British Standards, a high visibility jacket and suitable horse riding clothing.

Shared paths: Be aware of and considerate to other path users. Vehicles may be met on some off-road routes for farm access, 4x4 and trail bike leisure or for path maintenance.

Road routes: Derbyshire County Council will continue to improve the comfort and safety of road routes, but special care should be taken when riding where other vehicular traffic is present. The British Horse Society can provide details of how to gain road safety training for horse riders.

Highway crossings and road safety: Pegasus crossings have been installed where promoted trails cross major highways. Warning signs and road markings are also used to inform vehicles of highway crossings. Corral barriers are being erected at some sites for the safety of riders approaching the highway.

Horse box and trailer parking: It should be noted that all sites vary in numbers of spaces, size of area, accessibility and charges. It is recommended that a parking location is checked before a visit is made. Please remove any horse droppings from car parking sites.

Where legal: Horse riders are allowed to use off-road paths that are designated byways, restricted byways and bridleways as well as publicised trails and where private landowners permit.

Path surfaces: Greenways are usually level, surfaced and free draining. Other routes offer a wide variety of surfaces and path conditions



In an emergency: It may be useful to locate the nearest veterinary practice or farrier prior to a ride. In the case of an emergency or serious accident, call the emergency services informing them if you require assistance for your horse.

Plan your route: If leading the way, plan your route thoroughly and be sure that it is suitable for the abilities of your party. Always carry a map or route card should you get into difficulty and need an alternative plan.

Horse Riding Organisations

British Horse Society (BHS)
UK's largest and most influential equine charity.
t: 02476 840500
www.bhs.org.uk

Association of British Riding Schools (ABRS)
Longest established riding school approved scheme. Representing professional riding school proprietors.
t: 01403 790294
www.abrs-info.org

Riding for the Disabled (RDA)
RDA is dedicated to improving the lives of people with disabilities, through the provision of opportunities for riding and/or carriage driving.
t: 0845 6581082
www.rda.org.uk

Endurance GB
Governing body for the sport of endurance (competitive long distance) riding in Great Britain.
t: 02476 697929
www.endurancegb.co.uk

British Driving Society
To encourage and assist those interested in equine driving.
t: 01473 892001
www.britishtdrivingociety.co.uk

British Equestrian Federation (BEF)
Governing body of horse sports in the UK.
t: 02476 698871
www.bef.co.uk

The Pony Club
International voluntary youth organisation for those interested in ponies and riding.
t: 02476 698300
www.pclub.org

Explore The National Forest on Horseback

Visit the website for detailed information.

National Forest Company,
Bath Lane,
Moir, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE12 6BA.
Tel: 01283 551211.
Fax: 01283 552844
www.nationalforest.org
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The Pennine Bridleway NATIONAL TRAIL

205 miles of stunning scenery, on horse, bike or foot, between Derbyshire and Cumbria, including:-

- * 43 miles in Derbyshire
- * Dedicated parking and horse-friendly facilities at Hartington Station and Hayfield
- * Horse-friendly accommodation and packages

For information contact us on 0300 060 1840 or see our website www.nationaltrail.co.uk/penninebridleway

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Free Map

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Derbyshire's Horse Riding Network

Discover Derbyshire from a new perspective. There are almost 600kms of **Public Rights of Way** open to horse riders and over 200kms of **Greenways**, or countryside trails.

The Pennine Bridleway, a National Trail, meanders through the hills and Greenways and runs through the valleys. The bridleway network across the County is growing and links with Public Rights of Way are being improved to create better circuits and better connections.

Where to ride and who you might meet

- Greenways and trails** - horse riders, cyclists, walkers, wheelchairs and motorised scooters.
- Public bridleways** - horse riders, cyclists and walkers.
- Restricted byways** - horse and carriage, horse riders, cyclists and walkers.
- Byways open to all traffic** - cars, motorbikes, horse and carriage, horse riders, cyclists and walkers.
- Permissive routes** - across private land, some landowners might impose charges.
- Other horse riding locations shown on the map.

Look at the website for the latest developments. To report any problems encountered on any of the routes shown or to comment on the network, please contact us at **Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190**.

Contacts for Routes in Derbyshire

Key to symbols Easy Access Cycling Visitor Centre Walking Horse Riding Horse Box & Trailer Parking

Blackwell Trail Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service Clay Cross Countryside Centre www.derbyshire.gov.uk t: 01629 533020	
Carsington Water Carsington Sports and Leisure www.stwater.com t: 01629 540696	
Cloud Trail Sustrans www.sustrans.org t: 0845 1130065	
Creswell Crags Nottinghamshire County Council and Derbyshire County Council Museum and Education Centre www.creswell-crags.org.uk t: 01909 720378	
Derby Riverside Path and Derby Canal Path Derby City Council www.derby.gov.uk t: 01332 640809	
Elvaston Castle Country Park Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service, Elvaston Castle Country Park www.derbyshire.gov.uk t: 01629 533870	
Five Pits Trail Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service Clay Cross Countryside Centre www.derbyshire.gov.uk t: 01629 533020	
Great Northern Greenway Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service Shiplay Country Park www.derbyshire.gov.uk t: 01773 719961	
High Peak Trail Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service Middleton Top Countryside Centre Peak District National Park Authority www.derbyshire.gov.uk t: 01629 823204 www.peakdistrict.gov.uk t: 01629 816200	
Horseshoe Trail South Derbyshire District Council www.south-derbys.gov.uk t: 01283 221000	
Mickleover Greenway Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service Shiplay Country Park www.derbyshire.gov.uk t: 01773 719961	
Monsal Trail Peak District National Park Authority www.peakdistrict.gov.uk t: 01629 816200	
Nutbrook Trail Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service Shiplay Country Park www.derbyshire.gov.uk t: 01773 719961	
Pennine Bridleway - Derbyshire Hayfield Information Centre Natural England www.derbyshire.gov.uk t: 01663 746222 www.nationaltrail.gov.uk t: 0300 0601840	
Ripley Greenway Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service Shiplay Country Park www.derbyshire.gov.uk t: 01773 719961	

Sett Valley Trail Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service Hayfield Information Centre www.derbyshire.gov.uk t: 01663 746222	
Silverhill Greenway Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service Clay Cross Countryside Centre www.derbyshire.gov.uk t: 01629 533020	
Stockley Trail Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service Clay Cross Countryside Centre www.derbyshire.gov.uk t: 01629 533020	
Thornhill Trail Peak District National Park Authority www.peakdistrict.gov.uk t: 01629 816200	
Tissington Trail Peak District National Park Authority www.peakdistrict.gov.uk t: 01629 816200	
Trans Pennine Trail - Chesterfield Spur Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service Tapton Lock Visitor Centre www.derbyshire.gov.uk t: 01246 551035	
Trans Pennine Trail - Longdendale Trail United Utilities www.unitedutilities.com t: 01457 851083	
Trent Valley Greenway Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service Shiplay Country Park www.derbyshire.gov.uk t: 01773 719961	
Upper Derwent Valley Peak District National Park Authority www.peakdistrict.gov.uk t: 01433 650953	
Ashby Wolds Heritage Trail Leicestershire County Council www.leics.gov.uk t: 0116 305 5000	
Manifold Track Staffordshire Moorlands District Council www.staffs Moorlands.gov.uk t: 01538 483741	
Middlewood Way Cheshire East Council www.cheshireeast.gov.uk t: 01625 383700	
Trans Pennine Trail Trans Pennine Trail Office www.transpenninetrail.org.uk t: 01226 772574	

For more detailed information about each of the routes, site maps (where available) and facilities, visit our website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countryside

- There are many other routes and venues across the County than those shown. Try out the useful websites listed below for other ideas.
- www.ride-uk.org - Ride UK; The National Bridle Route Network
 - www.bridleways.co.uk - providing access to circular riding routes

If you have difficulty reading this leaflet it is available in other formats, please contact **Call Derbyshire**.

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countryside

Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190

Derbyshire County Council, Economy, Transport and Environment Department, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3AG



For further information contact



Derbyshire County Council is working with others to develop a network of horse riding routes for everyone to enjoy. This leaflet will show you where they are and how to find them.

New to horse riding? Not a problem. Why not book a lesson at one of the many horse riding centres around the County, or use the contacts shown inside to get you started.

Ever wondered where you can ride? Ever wondered how to get started? Ever wandered on a horse?

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