

The Kinder Loop

Route Guide

Hadfield (SK 0248 9613) to Rushup (SK 0918 8248)

This section starts by weaving through Hadfield and the edge of Glossop before joining the Pennine Bridleway. There are magnificent moorland views and the Pennine Bridleway is well marked. The trail is quite stony in places. **Distance: approx. 16 miles. Riding time 5-6 hours.**

The Pennine Bridleway is still under construction between Tintwistle and Monks Road, south of Charlesworth and is now not due to be completed until spring 2014/15. Below we give an interim route from the end of the Trans-Pennine/Longdendale Trail to join the Pennine Bridleway.

Directions	Approximate distance
14. Interim route. At the end of the Trans-Pennine Trail (also called the Longdendale Trail) in Hadfield is a small car park next to a bridge (SK0248 9613). Turn right out of the car park along the road and in 100 yds turn left into the Hadfield railway station car park (which also houses a café/restaurant). Head towards the right hand corner and go up a small cobbled alley which emerges by a railway bridge.	300 yards
15. Turn left, go over the bridge and then go up the hill for about 150 yards. Turn right into the park and then bear left, staying above the park, following this round to join a bigger track bearing right down hill through the woods (Banks Wood). [You have to use this footpath because riders are asked not to use the bridleway through the formal park itself but to use this path instead]. Turn left where you join a track that has come up from the park. In about 30 yards, at an intersection of tracks where the main track turns left uphill, bear right down a narrow bridleway between hedges. At the bottom, turn right onto concrete track and go over the railway bridge. The lane bears left and becomes a small road (Shaw Lane) - follow this to a T-junction where you turn right (still called Shaw Lane) and follow the road to another T junction in 100yds.	1 mile
16. Turn left at T junction on to a busier road (still called Shaw Lane). TAKE CARE ON THIS SECTION. At the very busy traffic lights 30 yds ahead you go straight across the A57 onto a rough concrete track (Cottage Lane). The junction is slightly staggered and you have to cross the line of traffic through a yellow hatch box which should be vehicle free.	35 yards
17. When on the concrete track, go up the hill and in 300 yds turn right on to Melandra Castle Road following the blue signs for the Trans-Pennine trail which loops around the edge of a housing estate (Gamesley). N.B. you may notice signs to Pennine Bridleway on right and left as you go up the concrete track – ignore these as they are part of the uncompleted section. Follow the TPT signs all the way around the estate (about a mile) and	1.6miles

look for turning to right signposted 'Trans-Pennine Trail'. This track takes you to the main road (A626, Glossop Road) TAKE CARE . Turn right onto main road and follow road for about 1/3 rd mile going left over a bridge, past a school and Hargate Hill Equestrian Centre. Not long after the Equestrian Centre turn left past the Rugby Club up a small lane (Hargate Hill Lane).	
18. Follow lane around sharp right hand bend and up to a T-junction (High Lane). Turn right. Take care , narrow road. Follow for about ¼ mile and then turn first left up Chapel Brow leading to Monks Road. Pass the church and go steeply uphill. Keep on road, using verges where you can up to the brow of the hill. Keep on road but take care over brow.	1.3 miles
19. The road drops steeply down hill and as it starts to level off you turn right along a small lane. You are now joining the Pennine Bridleway and the right turn (the first road after the brow of the hill) is signposted 'Pennine Bridleway'. For about a 100yds before the right turn you will have been alongside one section of the Pennine Bridleway which is under construction.	1 mile
20. End of interim route. You are now on the main Pennine Bridleway all the way to Rushup Edge.	
21. The Pennine Bridleway is well marked but there are one or two places where you need to watch out. The first is after passing Bullshaw Farm where you go right through a gate into a large field on a hillside. This is signed but a bit confusing so follow the grassy track up the hill to the left and when it levels out a bit bear right and head for the gate in the wall to join the clear track around the side of Lantern Pike	2 miles
22. Follow the track which turns into tarmac and you reach a small road (in ¾ mile). When the road bends left look for a bridle gate to your right, just off the road; go through the gate and follow the bridleway down between a wood on the left and wall on the right. This descends steeply to another road.	1.2 miles
23. At the road, turn left and go steeply down the road over the bridge and then turn left onto the Sett Valley Trail/Pennine Bridleway. The sign is on the opposite side of the road and easy to miss.	200 yards
24. Follow the trail to Hayfield and pass to left of car park. Use Pegasus crossing to cross main road (A624) and go up lane along side the church to your left.	1 mile
25. Turn right at the end of the lane and ride up the hill through Hayfield for about 150yards to take the first turning on the left, then immediately left again. This road then forks - take the lower fork.	150 yards
26. Follow the well-signed Pennine Bridleway for just over 5.5 miles to the start of Rushup edge (SK0918 8248). This is a left turn just before the first road you will have seen since leaving Hayfield.	5.5 miles

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