

Pen-Den 2 Trail - 7.3 miles

From Penistone to Denby Dale, you follow parts of the Trans Pennine Trail and Penistone Boundary Walk, then pick up a section of another spur of the Trans Pennine trail. The route takes in the scenic upper Don valley before climbing to Royd Moor, heading on to Ingbirchworth and Upper Denby then finally dropping down into the Dearne valley and Denby Dale. A very enjoyable, good day's walk with much to see along the way.

Points of Interest along the way

Trans Pennine Trail (TPT)

The TPT runs from Southport to Hornsea, from the Irish Sea to the North Sea. This part of the trail is suitable for wheelchair-users, walkers, cyclists and horse riders. Of particular interest is the section from Julie's Cafe to the bridge over Manchester Road, you may notice it feels soft! The surface is made from a recycled rubber material based on used car tyres. There is a similar but shorter section behind Royd Moor Reservoir.

Bullhouse Colliery

The River Don was a salmon river in the past but that changed with the industrial revolution. Bullhouse Colliery was located to the LHS of the TPT just past the green steel bridge. The main mine was sunk in 1886 and coal extracted until 1957. During that time mine water containing high levels of iron was pumped directly into the River Don resulting in pollution from ochreous yellow deposits - the river was completely dead for several miles downstream. A treatment lagoon was installed in 1998 and since then the river quality has improved dramatically with high hopes today of salmon returning.

Royd Moor Viewing Point

The viewing point is constructed in the style of a pin-fold. Its location offers spectacular panoramic views. To the east lie South, West and North Yorkshire. To the west, the moors of the Pennines stretch from south to north. It is a good place for a sit down to take in the views. On a clear day, with no haze on horizon, you can see the tops of the support pillars to the Humber Bridge. Look in the direction of Hull which is given in the central steel dial.

Amenities

At Penistone, as well as numerous shops, Julie's Cafe at the side of the Trans Pennine Trail is a great place to stop for a drink and a bite to eat, as there is nothing on the route until you reach Upper Denby 6 miles away. In Upper Denby the George PH is not too far away from the route in the centre of the village, a warm welcome awaits. Denby Dale offers a wide range of supplies and refreshments.

The Route

The walk along the Trans Pennine Trail has a good soft surface. The footpath up to Royd Moor and down to the reservoir can be muddy in places. There are stiles to negotiate, but mostly gates which are easy. Stout footwear is recommended. Total ascent and descent is 965ft and 1044ft, the highest point being Royd Moor at 1081ft. Allow 3.5 to 4 hours walking time.

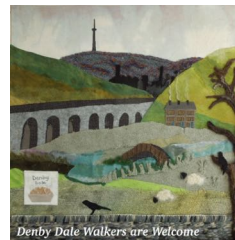
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Walking in and around Denby Dale

The Pen-Den 2 Trail



A walk and a train ride in one adventure during this 7.3 mile route between Penistone and Denby Dale railway stations.

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Route Guidance

Leave the railway station via the wooden gate on platform 2 side at the pedestrian crossing of the railway line. Go through the wooden gate then forward to meet the TPT, turn R and follow.

2.6m After passing over green steel bridge over major road take first exit R and pass through steel hoops. Cross Bullhouse Lane and take footpath straight across over stile and then gate, go straight forward across field and pass through another gate and stile. Cross field and leave via stile to join a green lane, down steps and bear R, then continue downhill.

2.8m At river Don, cross bridge and turn R, follow road with river to RHS and Bullhouse Mill on LHS. Continue along road to meet main road. Cross road and turn R and continue to footpath fingerpost on LHS. Cross stile and continue up track with wall to RHS. After a short while bear L up field heading towards Whitley House on hillside.

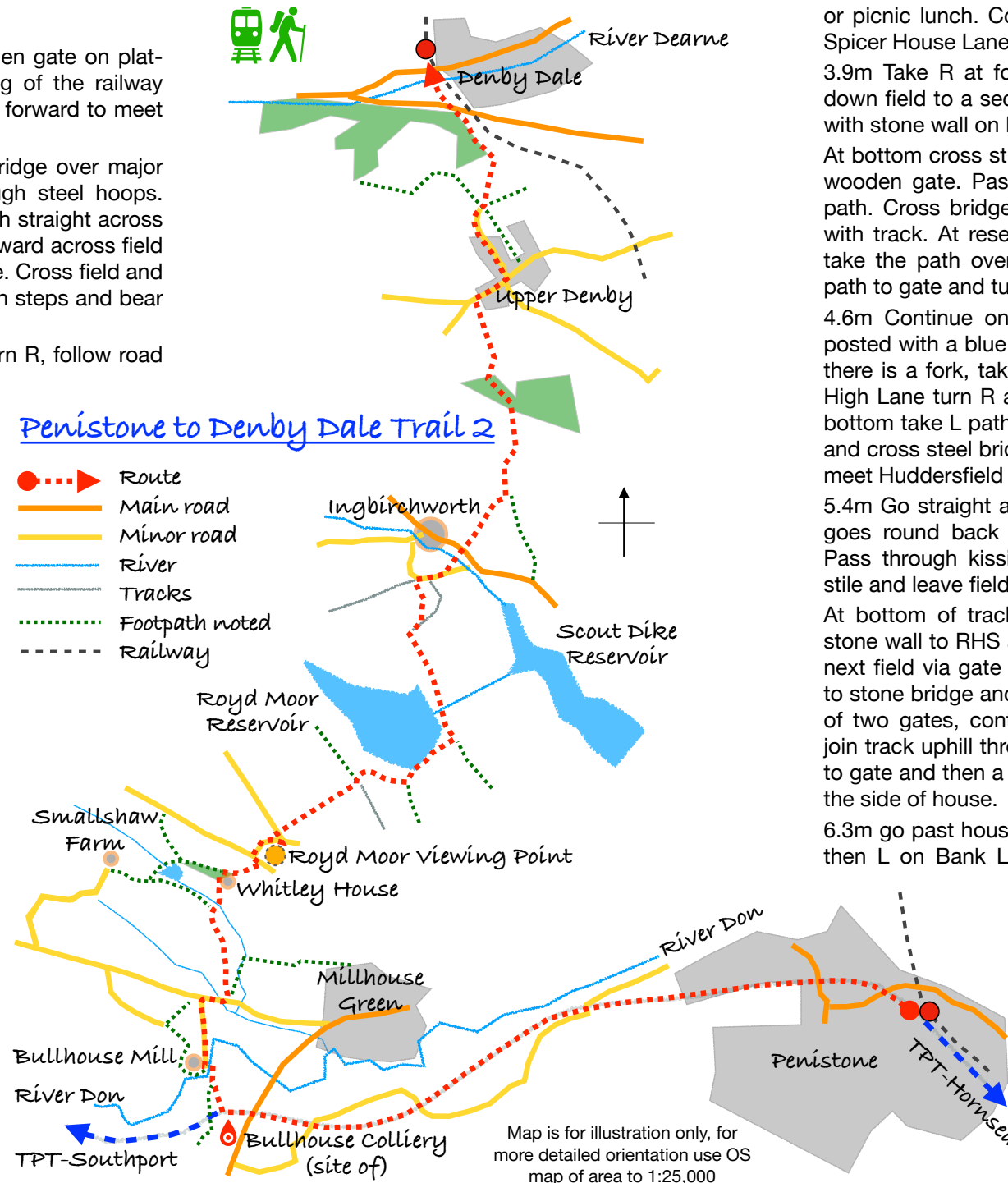
At stile exit field and cross small stream via wooden bridge and head for gate between Whitley House and small outbuilding to LHS. Continue straight ahead, cross wooden stile into wood and up hill. Leave wood via gap in stone wall and turn R on footpath. Pass through stile to meet track, bear L and continue up hill to meet Royd Lane.

3.6m Turn L and then R up Royd Moor Hill. Pinfold viewing area is at top which is a good place for a rest



Penistone to Denby Dale Trail 2

- Route
- Main road
- Minor road
- River
- Tracks
- Footpath noted
- Railway



Map is for illustration only, for more detailed orientation use OS map of area to 1:25,000

or picnic lunch. Continue past pinfold and turn L onto Spicer House Lane.

3.9m Take R at footpath sign over stile and continue down field to a second stile, cross and walk down field with stone wall on RHS.

At bottom cross stile and bear R down field heading for wooden gate. Pass through gate and turn R on footpath. Cross bridge over stream and turn L at junction with track. At reservoir take the gate to the R, do not take the path over the top of the dam. Go down the path to gate and turn L.

4.6m Continue on path down hill and up, it is signposted with a blue TPT sign. The path turns R and then there is a fork, take the path to the L and continue. At High Lane turn R and continue straight down hill. Near bottom take L path through green area with picnic table and cross steel bridge over stream and up green lane to meet Huddersfield Road.

5.4m Go straight across to path between houses. Path goes round back of houses and over stile into field. Pass through kissing gate and bear L across field to stile and leave field turning R to join track.

At bottom of track take gate to L and continue with stone wall to RHS and pass through second gate. Leave next field via gate to R and follow path down slight hill to stone bridge and gate. Pass through on path to a set of two gates, continue. Pass through another gate to join track uphill through woodland. Keep going on track to gate and then a final gate to arrive in Upper Denby at the side of house.

6.3m go past house to road and turn R on Denby Lane, then L on Bank Lane at blue TransPennine trail sign.

Continue along road following blue signs. Continue down track to a junction with 4 options. Take the path straight ahead, second from L. Continue down to Barnsley Road with railway viaduct to RHS. Cross road to footpath, continue down and up to Wakefield Road.

7.2m turn R into Denby Dale if you are in need of refreshments or continue straight across to steps and follow signs to station.