# 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.



# **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

- **U** Greenways and trails horse riders, cyclists, walkers, wheelchairs
- and motorised scooters.
- **U** 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
- **V** Permissive routes across private land, some landowners might impose
- 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

<u>6</u> ⅓ 650 ₩ **Blackwell Trail** Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service

**www.**derbyshire.gov.uk **t:** 01629 533020

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**t:** 01629 540696

**t:** 0845 1130065

**Carsington Water** Carsington Sports and Leisure

Clay Cross Countryside Centre

**Horseshoe Trail** 

Shipley Country Park

**Cloud Trail** 

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<u>6</u> ⅓ 6 ₩ i **Creswell Crags** Nottinghamshire County Council and Derbyshire County Council www.creswell-crags.org.uk t: 01909 720378 Museum and Education Centre

<u>6</u> ⅓ 656 ₩ **Derby Riverside Path and Derby Canal Path** 

**t:** 01332 640809 Derby City Council b A do A i UP **Elvaston Castle Country Park** Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service,

**www.**derbyshire.gov.uk **t:** 01629 533870 Elvaston Castle Country Park Ŀ ¼ Æ ₩ UP

Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service **www.**derbyshire.gov.uk **t:** 01629 533020 Clay Cross Countryside Centre 

Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service **www.**derbyshire.gov.uk **t:** 01773 719961 Shipley Country Park b & store **High Peak Trail** Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service

**www.**derbyshire.gov.uk **t:** 01629 823204 Middleton Top Countryside Centre Peak District National Park Authority www.peakdistrict.gov.uk t: 01629 816200 <u>6</u> ⅓ 646 ₩

South Derbyshire District Council www.south-derbys.gov.uk t: 01283 221000 Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service

**www.**derbyshire.gov.uk **t:** 01773 719961 Shipley Country Park ₽ X & W UP **Monsal Trail** Peak District National Park Authority www.peakdistrict.gov.uk t: 01629 816200

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Ø ₩ i UP **Pennine Bridleway - Derbyshire** 

Hayfield Information Centre **www.**derbyshire.gov.uk **t:** 01663 746222 Natural England www.nationaltrail.gov.uk t: 0300 0601840 **Ripley Greenway** 

Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service

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**i** Visitor Centre

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Horse Riding UP Horse Box & Trailer Parking

Silverhill Greenway Derbyshire County Council Countryside Service

**www.**derbyshire.gov.uk **t:** 01629 533020 Clay Cross Countryside Centre 

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www.derbyshire.gov.uk t: 01629 533020 <u></u> **₹ ₹ ₹** Thornhill Trail

Peak District National Park Authority

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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 E À G® ₩ UP

Trans Pennine Trail - Longdendale Trail **www.**unitedutilities.com **t:** 01457 851083 Trent Valley Greenway

Shipley Country Park **www.**derbyshire.gov.uk **t:** 01773 719961

**Upper Derwent Valley** Peak District National Park Authority

**Ashby Woulds Heritage Trail** 

Leicestershire County Council

Trans Pennine Trail Office

**Around Derbyshire** 

b i store **t:** 0116 305 5000 www.leics.gov.uk

www.transpenninetrail.org.uk t: 01226 772574

www.peakdistrict.gov.uk t: 01433 650953

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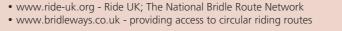
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For more detailed information about each of the routes, site maps (where available) and facilities, visit our website at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countryside

There are many other routes and venues across the County than those shown. Try out the useful websites listed below for other ideas

• www.bridleways.co.uk - providing access to circular riding routes









# **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 : 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

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

**British Driving Society** To encourage and assist those interested in equine driving t: 01473 892001 www.britishdrivingsociety.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. www.pcuk.org

# Getting Started - Riding Schools and **Equestrian Centres**

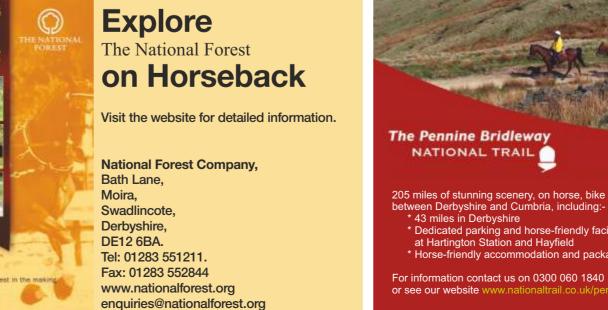
Whatever your age or ability, everyone can have a go. Whether starting a new hobby, conquering a challenge or planning a multi activity holiday, you can book horse riding lessons and guided rides at one of the many equestrian centres or riding schools across the County.

Those shown on the map are approved centres with either the British Horse Society or the Association of British Riding Schools. Full lists and details are available from their websites. See Horse Riding Organisations.

#### **Horse Riding Holidays**

Trail holidays and guided riding holidays are available from private operators and some equestrian centres. Organised tours, horse hire and accommodation with stabling can all be found in Derbyshire.

Plan a holiday in Derbyshire with extra help from Visit Peak District by logging





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www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countryside

#### Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190

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







### For further information contact





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

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

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

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