

# Doorstep Walks

## A Closer Look Guide

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### **The Poolsbrook Trans Pennine Trail Ride at Rother Valley Country Park**

#### **Doorstep Ride 2 – Just the Words**

Some people may find the small print of the rides leaflets a little tricky to follow, or ride leaders may wish to have a handy, large print version of the route to insert notes. We thought it would be useful to have a description only version of the routes to enable you to cut and paste, enlarge or remove text as you wish.

To start at the visitor centre car park head out of the park back onto the main road and follow the road along right, keeping an eye out for traffic, and follow the route from point 2 below.

To start at the trailer park head across the bridge, turn left and follow the description below from *the track forks...*

1. Start at the cycle hire main entrance and head right back to the road, at the gateway turn right.
2. Follow the access road to the watersports centre, keeping an eye out for park vehicles, after a while the track forks, take the left-hand route signed as the Trans Pennine Trail.
3. Follow the track around, keeping the lake on your right. The track follows the lake round, after a while a second ride is signed ahead along the side of the lake (this is doorstep ride 1

around the park) ignore this and head left, under the railway bridge. Immediately after passing under the bridge head left again.

4. You are now on the old Great Central Railway line, keep heading straight following the broad trail which will soon pass over the B6058 at Killamarsh. At first the scenery passed is reclaimed colliery and open-cast land but soon the trail passes into the open countryside, passing by the edges of Renishaw village.
  5. The trail continues south and eventually approaches the outskirts of Staveley, here the path descends, follow the route right and then left as it curves alongside the railway line. Cross the railway line and then head immediately left, you will soon see houses ahead, follow the trail right as it skirts them and passes under the main road.
  6. Keep going straight along the old railway, now a broad open area abutted by housing and industrial units, at one stage you cross a surfaced path, keep going straight until you leave Staveley behind. The trail heads under another road, and then over a road. Immediately before you go over the next road head left towards Poolsbrook Country Park, the path turns and then slowly descends as it reaches the park visitor centre.
- 6a. [To start the ride from Poolsbrook follow the description from point 7 and, at point 8 reverse the description starting at the beginning.](#)
7. From the visitor centre head uphill, keeping the industrial units on your right, the path turns and then comes to the main trail, adjacent to a bridge over the road on your left. Turn right and follow the trail through Staveley, keeping straight as the route heads over a road then under two roads before entering more open countryside with housing behind you.
  8. Keep heading straight, ignoring side-paths, soon the trail comes to a railway bridge, cross this and descend left and then right, up the slope then left onto the main track again
  9. The path soon enters open countryside, keep straight, ignoring any minor side paths as the trail passes Renishaw and then

Killamarsh before crossing the river via a large viaduct. Keep going straight until, eventually the path comes to a 'T' junction, turn right and head under the railway bridge.

10. At the lake-side turn right and follow the path around the lake. Upon reaching the access road turn right again and soon you'll see the cycle hire centre on your left (to reach the visitor centre stay on this road until you see the car park on your left, the visitor centre and café are nearby).