

# Welcome to Rotherham!

Please visit us again

## Responsible Walking

This trail uses just a few of our many rights of way to access and enjoy the countryside. A right of way is not owned by the council, it is a right to pass over private land. When you go out please remember that almost all the land you cross is in private ownership, and someone's livelihood will depend on the crops and livestock there. Our countryside is not just a beautiful place, but a working environment, please play your part by keeping it tidy for the people who walk and work there tomorrow.

Take a responsible attitude into the countryside, leave only footprints and take only photographs.

Follow the Countryside Code, happy walking!

## The Main Multi-User Trans Pennine Trail Rotherham

### How to get there

The Wath section of the Trans Pennine Trail lies on the main west-east section of the trail and is a multi-user throughout its length.

For bus information, contact the Traveline on 01709 515151 or visit [www.sypte.co.uk](http://www.sypte.co.uk) for the latest timetables.

Public parking is available as shown on the plan.

Public Paths in Rotherham are clearly shown on the OS Explorer Maps Nos. 278 and 279. Why not pick up a copy at your local bookshop and devise your own walks.

Any enquiries please ring 01709 822168

Remember to keep a track of where you are in the description, occasionally waymarks get vandalised and we may not have had time to replace them.

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A warm welcome to Rotherham! Follow the River Dearne across the North of Rotherham by horse, foot or bike on the central section of the Trans Pennine Trail – a multi user route across England.

- Take advantage of our free 'advice for you' notes on our website [www.rotherham.gov.uk](http://www.rotherham.gov.uk) where you will find specific advice for you – whether you ride a horse or bike, want a walk or have special challenges when entering the countryside.
- Pay a visit to the RSPB Old Moor Wetland Centre or simply stroll the riverbank on our newly built trail.



Just follow the Trans Pennine Trail Signs

## The Trans Pennine Trail

The Trans Pennine Trail is a multi-user route across the north of England from Southport to Hornsea and with north - south route from Leeds to Chesterfield, plus a spur to York.

The TPT is mapped and signed all the way. It is mainly traffic free. Easy gradients and surfaced paths make sections suitable for families, gentle exercise and people using wheelchairs and pushchairs.

The concept of the TPT first emerged in 1987 when a feasibility study proposed a long distance route predominantly using old railway lines. In 1988, a meeting of interested parties was called by Barnsley MBC which resulted in a unique partnership of Local Authorities agreeing to work together to develop the route. The Trans Pennine Trail was formally launched with an inaugural walk and cycle ride in May 1989 between Southport and York.

Sections of the route were gradually developed as funding could be secured. In 1997, the project secured £5.3m from the Millennium Commission to complete the route, which was officially opened on 13th September 2001. In July 1996 the Trans Pennine Trail was designated as the British section of the E8 European Long Distance Waling route.

<http://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk>



### If coming from Barnsley and the West

Stick to the broad signed trail, pass the Old Moor Wetland Centre and stay on the broad route as it passes to the South of wetlands. You'll cross only one road on the way. Our advice notes for individual user groups expands upon the advice given here.

To Stockport

Old Moor Wetland Centre

### If coming from Doncaster and the East

Follow the broad trail through reclaimed open-cast coal sites, now converted to parkland, you'll only cross one road on the way, and follow the banks of the River Dearne before heading past the Old Moor Wetland Centre.

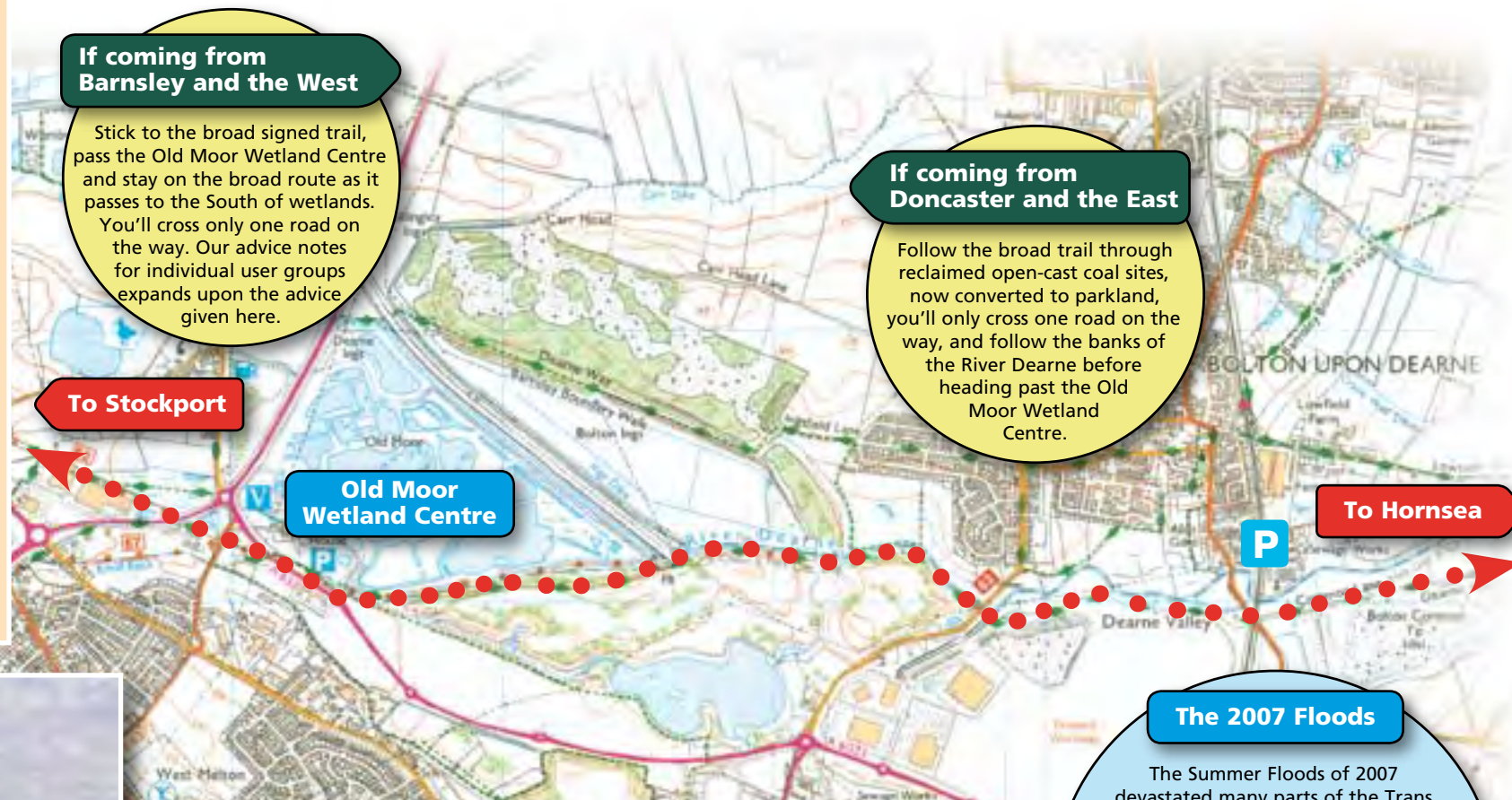
To Hornsea

### The 2007 Floods

The Summer Floods of 2007 devastated many parts of the Trans Pennine Trail in Rotherham. A massive project to reposition a 20 ton equestrian bridge was the first repair to be completed in October 2007, and over the following months since then the trail has been completely rebuilt. This has not only involved a great deal of hard work by people too numerous to mention, but also the patience and understanding of local and national users of the trail. Our thanks to everyone involved in the rebuild.

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### Old Moor Wetland Centre

Old Moor is a fantastic place to watch wildlife at the heart of the Dearne Valley. The landscape includes open water, marsh, reedbeds and grassland.

In winter, over 8,000 golden plovers join many other wading birds and waterfowl on the reserve. In summer, watch swallows and martins over the open water and dragonflies buzzing over flower-filled ditches.

Old Moor is an ideal site for both beginners and experienced birdwatchers alike. There is plenty for families to do, with a specially designed play area and Wildlife Explorer backpacks for free loan during visits.

There are events based around birds, regular dragonfly and butterfly walks during the summer and family activities such as pond dipping and 'bug hunts'.

The RSPB shop stocks a wide range of gifts, books and wildlife gardening supplies. The Gannets Café has a veranda outside, giving customers the bonus of a bird's eye view of the reserve.

Old Moor is part of the RSPB Dearne Valley nature reserve. Staff will be happy to guide you to other sites in the area, including Wombwell Ings and Gypsy Marsh.

<http://www.rspb.org.uk/reserves/guide/o/oldmoor>

## Visit Rotherham

Finding exciting destinations to visit isn't always easy – especially if you want to avoid the crowds.

Visit Rotherham, an attractive historic town, which celebrated its 800th anniversary of the Markets Charter in 2007. The area is surrounded by some of Yorkshire's finest countryside, where you are perfectly placed to enjoy a wealth of visitor experiences, mixing history and heritage, all within minutes of each other. You'll be assured a warm and friendly Yorkshire welcome!

Have you ever thought about doing something different? Try indoor bungee jumping at Magna with the UK Bungee Club. Watch the marvel of Float Tube Fly Fishing at Thrybergh Country Park. Alternatively hold a snake and see bird of prey demonstrations at the Tropical Butterfly House or ride on a miniature Steam Train at Rosehill Park.

Rotherham's walking is second-to-none and to celebrate the fact there is a varied walking festival in July, which attracts people from across the UK and abroad. Rolling lowlands coupled with picturesque villages divide more than 200 miles of public footpaths, cycling trails and bridleways. A trio of country parks, including award-winning Rother Valley Country Park, all feature waterside walking. Rotherham is also linked to the Trans Pennine Trail and National Cycle Network.

Breathtaking is the only way to describe Rotherham Minster that towers over Rotherham town centre. It is one of the best examples of Medieval perpendicular architecture in the country. Chapel of Our Lady is one of only three complete medieval bridge chapels in the country. Superbly restored, it features a beautiful stained glass window telling the story of Rotherham and the chapel.

Rotherham has a superb collection of museums and historical sites to suit all tastes.

A unique show of local Rockingham Pottery and glassware awaits visitors to Clifton Park Museum, which has been transformed by a £3 million redevelopment. Turn house detective and explore the story through rich collections and state-of-the-art displays.

Roche Abbey at Maltby, home to ruins of the Cistercian Abbey founded in 1147. The actual grounds also form a chapter of history, being landscaped by Capability Brown in 1774.