**Tandem Trekkers Route Assessment - Ride route: TransPennine Trail (Penistone to Dunford Bridge)**

Route Assessed: This route has been ridden multiple times by Tandem Trekkers. It is a popular Trekker’s route and represents a natural progression from Track induction.

As the original route assessment has been misplaced, this new assessment was compiled by Paul Stark on 21st August 2021. Weather was overcast with intermittent light drizzle. Ridden on 28c solo bike.

This section of the Trans Pennine Trial (TPT) rums for 5.6 miles from Julie’s Café at Penistone (S36 6BA) to turn around point at Dunford Bridge.

The route is completely traffic-free – though encountering the occasional stationary/slow-moving maintenance vehicle is to be anticipated. That said, the trail is very popular with horse riders, families with young children and dog walkers so expect to meet people / animals and other cyclists riding a variety of equipment. Indeed, at points the track can become slightly congested and narrow. Loud and clear verbal instructions/bell ringing when approaching and passing other trail users need to be used. Dogs and young children can be unpredictable!

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| Nr | Approx distance from start (miles) | Risk Description | Mitigation | Risk ratingLow / Med / High |
| START  | 0.0 | Start point – Julie’s Café – S36 6BA |  |  |
| 1 | 0.9  | Trail crosses gravel track. Surface is not sealed with exposed rails | Extra care and vigilance. | Low |
| 2 | 1.36 | Trail crosses quiet lane with tight pinch points at either side. Exposed rails on lane. | Riders should dismount and walk tandems across lane. | Low |
| 3 | 1.95 | Trail rises slightly to use a bridge to cross road beneath. Central bollard obstruction necessitates move to left or right. | Extra care and vigilance. | Low |
| 4 | 3.27 | Trail rises slightly to use a bridge to cross road beneath. Central bollard obstruction necessitates move to left or right. | Extra care and vigilance. | Low |
| END | 5.61 | Turning Point |  |  |

**UPDATE 4th March 2022 - DIVERSION**

Diversion assessed – Paul Stark – 4th March 2022 (On foot)

Work to lay the overhead power lines, as they emerge from Woodhead Tunnel, underground as necessitated the closure of the trail at a point approximately 1.2 miles from the Turning Point at Dunford Bridge. A diversion is in place.

The diverted track is approximately 3 meters wide and is constructed from well compacted fine aggregate. All extra risks are rated low and call for extra care and vigilance

* Unsealed surface – expect localised ponding after inclement weather
* Track undulates
* Potholes on both bridges over River Don
* Expect slow moving construction traffic
* Tandems likely to require post ride washdown
* 90 degree left turn to access car park at Dunford Bridge. Expect traffic including large construction vehicles in car park
* Unless continuing onto Windle Edge it is recommended Tandems turn around in the area before the barrier

**General risk assessment notes applicable to all rides**

All riders should be encouraged to take part in activities that are within their capabilities.

All riders must wear a helmet.

High vis clothing to be considered for road riding.

The session leader should have checked the leader pack as per insert and have leader pack with them at all times. This must include first aid.

Sun protection and water advisable to be carried.

For exposed routes or winter rides suitable clothing is essential along with spare water or windproof items.

All ride leaders should familiarise themselves with the contents of the ride leader pack specifically tools, spares, first aid and survival equip.

Ride leader should carry suitable navigation aids and check route assessment before commencing ride.