

PENNINE WAY - TRAIL FACTS

- ⚙ The Pennine Way was the first UK Long Distance Path [now National Trail].
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Date proposed: 1935	Date approved: 6/7/51
Date submitted: 1939	Date of official opening: 24/4/65 *a

*a Route opened officially before northern sections completed
- ⚙ The Pennine Way is **463km** [289 miles] in total, including loops.. A full length walker would complete **429km** [268 miles] by the recommended route.
- ⚙ It runs between Edale in Derbyshire and Kirk Yetholm in the Scottish Borders taking in Northern England's finest moorland scenery and major scenic attractions.

Grid References	North	NT 827282	Kirk Yetholm
	South	SK 123859	Edale
- ⚙ Its original theme was the provision of the opportunity to make long distance journeys through predominantly wild country. The ability to navigate by map and compass was, and is, intended to be a necessary skill for those undertaking the route.
- ⚙ The Trail has:-
319km of Public Footpath,
112km of Public Bridleway
32km of Public Highway.
- ⚙ **45km** of the route is subject to legal alignment procedures [effective date 1/3/96].
- ⚙ There are **535** access points to the Pennine Way from other Public Rights of Way and permissive paths.
- ⚙ The Pennine Way has an aggregate use of between **240,000** and **360,000** per annum. On the Pennine Way the vast majority of users are walkers. Most are day walkers with around 10,000 long distance walkers, although the balance in walker days is roughly 60/40.
- ⚙ Half the Pennine Way passes over open moorland, one quarter through rough grazing and only a tenth through forest and woodland or along riverbanks.
- ⚙ Its not too steep - a long distance walker would complete:-
284km on gentle slopes of less than five degrees,
32km on slopes of ten to fifteen degrees, and only
6km on steep slopes of more than fifteen degrees.
- ⚙ In 1996 the average width of the Pennine Way was **2.85m**. In 1989 it was **4.52m**. Where new paths have been built to combat trampling problems the average width has reduced from **11.1m** in 1989 to only **1.6m** in 1994.
- ⚙ The Pennine Way passes through three National Parks [Peak National Park, Yorkshire Adles National Park and Northumberland National Park] and the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - the largest in England. In all **365km** of the route is in these designated areas for landscape protection.
- ⚙ The Trail passes through many protected habitats and environments. These include:-
2 Environmentally Sensitive Areas [**125km**],
20 Sites of Special Scientific Interest and **2** National Nature Reserves [**197km**],
Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site [**16km**]
- ⚙ In 1994 the Trail showed:-
24% light trampling impacts,
17% medium impacts, and
13% heavy and extensive impacts.

46% of the trail is on manmade surfaces, **95%** of which are in satisfactory or better condition.

- ⚙ There are :- **287** gates, **249** timber stiles, **183** stone stiles and **204** bridges ... a total of **1331** items of countryside furniture. Of these **78%** are in satisfactory or better condition.
- ⚙ There are **458** signs and waymarks on the route of which **95%** are in satisfactory or better condition. **43%** include the Acorn - the standard symbol for National Trails in England & Wales
- ⚙ Services within 45mins walk of the route include:-
 - 87** shops,
 - 110** pubs,
 - 23** cafes and tea shops,
 - 49** public telephones, and
 - 17** information centres.
- ⚙ There are **8** railway stations and **50** points of access to bus services. Car access is catered for by **35** managed car parks and **53** locations where roadside parking is available.
- ⚙ There are **208** providers of accommodation within 2km of the route [1996 data],
 - 133** Bed & Breakfast establishments,
 - 46** Camping sites,
 - 17** Hostels, and
 - 12** Bunkbarns.In all these can provide up to **3554** bedspaces. 61% of accommodation costs less than £15 per person per night, and only 8% costs more than £20 per person per night.
- ⚙ Walker surveys indicate that:-
 - 16%** are walking less than two miles,
 - 45%** are out for less than a full day,
 - 32%** for a full day walk, and
 - 7%** are long distance walkers.Almost **30%** are on a day trip and **68%** on holiday or a short break.
- ⚙ The “average” long distance walker is male and between 16 and 44 years old. However, the overall balance is 60/40 male to female and almost 10% of walkers on Kinder are over 60.
- ⚙ Walkers come from all over the world but most are “local”:-
 - 45%** from Yorkshire, Greater Manchester & the North West, or Northern England,
 - 13%** from the East Midlands, and
 - 18%** from the South-east.
 - 4%** were not U.K. residents[although 27% of walkers on the Hadrian’s Wall section were of non U.K. origin].
- ⚙ **22%** of walkers stayed on the route,
 - 24%** travelled less than 10 miles to the start point of their walk,
 - 24%** 26-50 miles, and
 - 14%** over 50 miles.
- ⚙ The strangest encounter on the Pennine Way was with a man taking a pet rabbit for a walk [a white rabbit on a leash] near Top Withins.