

## The Settle Loop

The Settle Loop is a 10 mile (16km) section of the Pennine Bridleway National Trail. It is situated within the Yorkshire Dales National Park and is suitable for walking, mountain biking and horse riding.

The circular route starts in the town of Settle and climbs up on to magnificent limestone uplands, offering views towards Malham Tarn and across the National Park before descending back in to Settle again. It is a moderate/challenging walk. The route can be enjoyed in either direction although it is recommended to follow the route anticlockwise, particularly if on a horse or bike, to avoid a steep descent on tarmac on the return to Settle.

The Settle Loop incorporates open grassy stretches, limestone outcrops, grass and gravel paths and quiet winding lanes. As a National Trail, the route is well signposted using the National Trail acorn symbol.

It is possible to extend the route by following bridleways to Malham village or Malham Tarn as indicated on the map. Both locations also offer alternative starting points. The Settle Loop can also be reached from Stainforth along the Pennine Bridleway.

Settle is a bustling market town standing beside the largest outcrop of limestone in Britain, in a region of scars, cliffs, caves and potholes. You'll find cafes, pubs, restaurants, shops and accommodation in and around the area.

## The Pennine Bridleway National Trail

The Pennine Bridleway is a 205 mile (330 km) National Trail running through the Pennine hills from Derbyshire to Cumbria. It has been specially designed for horse riders and is also a fantastic trail for mountain bikers and walkers. The Trail is a linear route but it also includes 2 loop sections: The Settle Loop and also The Mary Townerley Loop which is a 47 mile (76 km) circuit in the South Pennines. [www.nationaltrail.co.uk/penninebridleway](http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/penninebridleway)

## Getting there

**Car:** Settle is just off the A65 between Skipton and Kendal.


**Train:** There are regular train services on the Leeds-Settle-Carlisle line and the Leeds-Giggleswick-Morecombe line. There is limited space for bikes. See [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com) or [www.traveline.info](http://www.traveline.info)


**Bus:** Services connect Settle to surrounding towns and villages. See [www.dalesbus.org](http://www.dalesbus.org) Sunday services are limited.

### Parking, including for Horse Boxes/Trailers:

The nearest car park is Greenfoot Car Park in Settle (BD24 9RB). Horse boxes and trailers must be parked within the marked bays and charges are per marked bay so multiple tickets may be needed. There is also designated parking for horse boxes and trailers in the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority car park in Stainforth. From Stainforth, link to the Settle Loop on the Pennine Bridleway via Goat Scar Lane.

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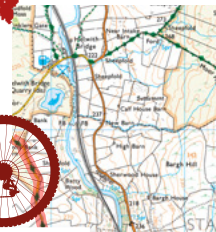
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## The route starts in the centre of Settle

1. From Market Place, follow Cheapside on to High Street.
2. At the end of High Street bear left and where the road forks take Victoria Street (the lower road) signposted towards Airton and Malham. Just after the cobbled section the road bends to the left and continues as Albert Hill.
3. At the junction, fork right following signposts for the Pennine Bridleway to Long Preston. The route climbs steeply up a narrow tarmac lane.
4. As the tarmac ends, take the left fork signposted The Pennine Bridleway Settle Loop.
5. As you rejoin the road, turn right along the tarmac road signposted Pennine Bridleway Stockdale Lane. After 100m turn left along the narrow tarmac lane signposted Pennine Bridleway Stockdale Lane.
6. At the end of the tarmac single track road, fork left through the wooden gate signposted Pennine Bridleway Malham 3 ½ miles. The route follows the obvious stone trackway with some grassy stretches as you continue to climb.
7. As you approach the gate turn left, keeping the wall on your right, and follow the signpost for the Pennine Bridleway towards Langscar Gate. The route follows a grassy trackway that passes through several walls via gates.
8. At the junction, follow the route signposted Pennine Bridleway Langcliffe 4 ¼ miles. The route follows a stone bridleway and some grassier sections.
9. As you rejoin the road, turn left through the gate signposted Pennine Bridleway Settle 2 miles. Follow the well defined path through a series of gates down to the walled lane. At the bottom of the lane continue straight down the hill to return to Market Place in the centre of Settle.



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**Start:** Market Place, Settle, BD24 9EJ  
**Grid ref:** SD820637  
**W3W:** canines.starring.eruptions  
**Distance:** 10 miles (16 km)  
**Height gain:** 1608ft (490m) with some steep slopes  
**Time:** 5 hours on foot

### Map Key

- The Pennine Bridleway National Trail
- Link routes to The Settle Loop
- Parking

- Public Toilets
- Tourist Information
- Train Station

1km  
**Map scale:** One square is equivalent to 1km.