

# Things to See and Do

## The Countryside

The White Peak is a spectacular landscape of open views characterised by the network of fields enclosed by dry stone walls. North and south of Hartington the trails go down into the deep valley of the Upper Dove and the steeper gorge at Beresford Dale. On the lower land are the towns and villages built from local stone in traditional style.

## Interesting Places

The Trails and White Peak cycle network have a rich industrial heritage and railway history.

Look out for the sculpted benches along the Trails and the mural at Friden brickworks.

Enjoy the Manifold Track and see a scale model of the railway in the Manifold Valley visitor centre.

Take an audio tour at High Peak Junction Workshops.

Explore the National Stone Centre next to the High Peak Trail at Wirksworth and the nearby Steeplegrange Light Railway.

Visit the World Heritage Site including Arkwright's Mill (the world's first cotton-spinning mill) near Cromford Wharf, Cromford village (one of the first industrial villages) and the Cromford Canal.

Use the network to visit the historic towns and villages of Ashbourne, Cromford, Hartington, Tissington and Wirksworth.

Find out more by reading the Trail interpretation panels and visiting local information centres.

## Seasonal Wildlife

The White Peak Trails and cycle-routes offer fantastic views across the hills, dales and farmland of limestone country. Visit in spring and summer to enjoy the colourful wild flowers on hillsides and in haymeadows which attract many birds and insects. Enjoy the changing colours of the leaves in autumn and beautiful frost patterns on crisp winter days.



The Dipper is a bird of the rivers



Several Peak District villages have annual well dressings (a tableau of flower-based pictures around the village wells). Ask at visitor centres for dates.

## From Track to Trail And Further Afield

You can walk, cycle or ride a horse on these routes all year round. Why not branch out and create your own circular route by using the greater network of public footpaths, bridleways and roads shown on the White Peak Ordnance Survey map (Outdoor Leisure 24).



Flower rich limestone daleside

## Events

Come along to one of the special countryside events and activities on the Trails. There are guided walks, cycle rides, tours of Middleton Top Engine House and High Peak Junction Workshops and more. Great for individuals, families, groups and schools. To find out what's on call in at a cycle hire or information centre.

Organised events on the Trails, such as sponsored walks or cycle rides, need permission from Derbyshire County Council (01629 823204) or the Peak District National Park Authority (01629 816290).

## For Cyclists

Hire a cycle or bring your own to explore the White Peak Trails and cycle-routes.

On the Trails, you are advised not to cycle down steep inclines. Keep to the left and ride in single file.

Cyclists should give way to pedestrians.

Please ring your bell or call out "Bike" when approaching others from behind so that they know you are there.

Please consider other users at all times and do not race along the Trails.

Take your time and enjoy the views!

## For Horse Riders

Horses and riders are welcome on the Trails. There is also a riding route around Carsington Water.

Route 54A is the only section of the network not open to horse riders due to poor visibility at road junctions.

There are several tunnels and steep inclines along the White Peak Trails and cycle routes (see Map).

Please consider other users and do not gallop along the Trails. Keep to the left and ride in single file.

For horses, the Pennine Bridleway begins at Hartington Station where there are horse-box parking facilities. It will eventually lead almost to Scotland! More information on www.nationaltrail.co.uk/penninebridleway.

Relax and enjoy a gentle ride.



Swainsley Tunnel

## For Walkers

Walkers welcome too! Keep to the left on the Trails.

The Trails are used by cyclists and horse-riders so please consider other users at all times.

Keep dogs under control and clear up after your dog. Take care on steep inclines.

The network also includes country roads which do not have pavements alongside – be aware of traffic.

Enjoy your White Peak walk!



A Heritage Walks book 'In the Footsteps of Our Ancestors' including the Hartington, Hulme End and Wvetton Mill area can be bought at information centres and local bookshops. Leaflets are available at information centres for circular walks from Middleton Top, Black Rocks and High Peak Junction Workshops.



## Access For All

The High Peak and Tissington Trails have level, mostly compacted stone surfaced routes providing easy conditions for all users. But please be aware of the steep inclines (shown on the map). Accessible car parks and picnic sites are provided at former stations.



The Manifold Track has a good level, tarmac surface for people in wheelchairs, families with pushchairs and for cyclists. However the section from Swainsley to Wvetton Mill is used by motor traffic and includes a tunnel 100m long at Swainsley. This is illuminated but is still quite dark – there are small passing places where people on foot can avoid vehicles but it is not recommended for people in wheelchairs or with pushchairs. Accessible car parks are at Hulme End, Wvetton Mill and Waterhouses.

Carsington Water has accessible facilities including visitor centre, restaurant, shops, toilets and mobility scooter hire.

Route 54A mostly uses country lanes between Middleton Top and Tissington with several steep gradients. It is not suitable for wheelchair users or pushchairs or for inexperienced cyclists and walkers with young children.

The non-trail sections of routes 54 and 54B consist of a combination of off-road surfaced routes and minor roads. They are not recommended for people in wheelchairs or with pushchairs.

Route 54C Hartington to Hurdlow uses a single track gated road with cattle grids and one steep gradient making it unsuitable for people in wheelchairs or with pushchairs.

Parsley Hay cycle hire centre stocks a comprehensive range of bikes suitable for all abilities, including tandems, trikes, the 'wheels for all!' hand cranked bikes and wheelchair-bikes (phone/fax to check for availability 01298 84493).

Mapleton Lane cycle hire centre, near Ashbourne, has a range of cycles and a mobility scooter for all abilities (please phone to check availability 01335 343156). Other cycle hire centres are at Carsington Water and Middleton Top.

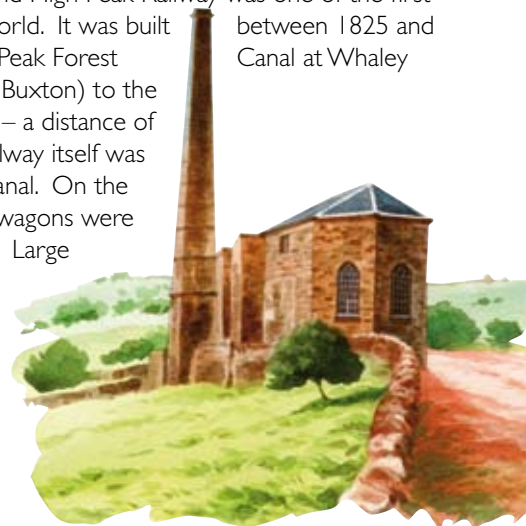
All public toilets on the routes are suitable for disabled people.

For more details on accessible facilities and routes, get a copy of 'Your Welcome – A Guide for First Time and Infrequent Visitors to the Peak District National Park' from Information Centres.

## The High Peak Trail

The Cromford and High Peak Railway was one of the first railways in the world. It was built between 1825 and 1830 to link the Peak Forest Bridge (north of Buxton) to the Cromford Canal – a distance of 33 miles. The railway itself was designed like a canal. On the flat sections the wagons were pulled by horses. Large steam powered beam engines in 'engine houses' pulled the wagons up the steep 'inclines' using cables (on a canal the inclines would have been locks).

At Middleton Top the engine house with its massive beam engine is open for visitors to wonder at (telephone 01629 823204 for details of open days). The railway was adapted over the years but finally closed completely in 1967. The section south of Buxton was then converted to the High Peak Trail.



Middleton Top Engine House

## The Tissington Trail

This was one of the last of the Victorian railways – it opened in 1899. It supplied milk to London and several quarries were opened along the track sending limestone to the industrial areas. The Trail was created after the railway closed in 1967. The signal box at Hartington Station has been preserved. You can go inside and see how it worked. At its southern end the Trail goes into a 600 metre long tunnel to emerge in the centre of Ashbourne.



Hartington Station

## Cycle Hire Centres

- Carsington Water 01629 540478
Mapleton Lane (Ashbourne) 01335 343156
Middleton Top 01629 823204
Parsley Hay 01298 84493
Waterhouses (Brown End Farm) 01538 308313
Waterhouses (Manifold Valley) 01538 308609
Free Peak Cycle Hire leaflets are available from all information centres or email cyclehire@peakdistrict.gov.uk

## Information Centres

- Ashbourne 01335 343666
Bakewell 01629 816558
Buxton 01298 25106
High Peak Junction Workshops 01629 822831
Leek 01538 483741
Manifold Valley (weekends and school holidays, contact Leek for opening times)
Matlock 01629 583388
Matlock Bath 01629 55082
Middleton Top 01629 823204
Parsley Hay 01298 84493

## Useful Websites

- www.visitpeakdistrict.com for visitors
www.peakdistrict.gov.uk for National Park information
www.derbyshire.gov.uk for county travel and local information
www.staffordshire.gov.uk for county travel and local information
www.besst.org for eco-friendly places to eat & drink, stay, visit and shop
www.nationaltrail.co.uk/penninebridleway for long distance route information
www.stwater.co.uk for information on Carsington Water

## Managing the Trails & Highways

The Trails are managed by Wardens and Rangers employed by the National Park Authority, Derbyshire County Council, Staffordshire County Council and Severn Trent Water. You may meet them building walls or fences, working in woodlands or leading a guided walk. They are knowledgeable about the Trails and surrounding areas so please ask them if you need assistance. The roads and road signs are the responsibility of the Highway Authorities (the County Councils).



Manifold Track below Thor's Cave

## The Manifold Track

This was the Leek and Manifold Valley Light Railway. It was built in 1904 to transport dairy products from the valley to the main railway south of Waterhouses. It was a 'light railway' because it used much narrower track than the 'standard gauge' of mainline railways. The owners also hoped that the old copper mines at Ecton would re-open - but they never did. The railway closed in 1934. One section of the trackbed became a new road to Wvetton Mill and the rest became a walking and cycling route. The old station at Hulme End has been preserved and is now a Visitor Information Centre.



Windsurfing on Carsington Water

## Carsington Water

This 2 mile-long reservoir, managed by Severn Trent Water, was opened in 1992 as an emergency reserve of water for Derby and the East Midlands. Cyclists can make a complete circuit of the reservoir – over 8 miles long – crossing the dam and passing through the villages of Carsington and Hopton. There are wildlife viewing points around the shore. A large modern Visitor Centre includes a children's play area, watersports centre, restaurant and shops.

## The BESST Project

BESST – Business & the Environment linked through Small Scale Tourism – is an international demonstration project exploring new ways for businesses to make the most of the local environment in providing services to visitors. BESST has created the new cycling route 54A between Middleton Top and Tissington using a combination of country lanes and new off-road links. This forms a 'Trails Triangle' by linking the Tissington and High Peak Trails to provide a 28 mile cycle circuit (35 miles if you take the longer route around Carsington Water).

BESST has also developed an award winning Heritage Walks book for the Alstonefield, Wvetton and Hartington area (buy a copy from Information Centres or BESST businesses).

Businesses throughout the area have joined BESST (listed over the page) to provide an extra-special experience in your visit - whether you're looking for somewhere to eat and drink, stay or shop. Visit www.besst.org for more details and to find out about similar initiatives in Hylte, Sweden and Fyresdal, Norway.



The new cycle-route from the High Peak Trail towards Hopton

## Other New Cycling Links

The Cycle Trails Plus project has created new links between the northern end of the Tissington Trail, the High Peak Trail and the northern end of the Manifold Track at Hulme End. These new links use off-road tracks and quiet country lanes. Cyclists can now enjoy areas like Beresford Dale, the Upper Dove Valley and the attractive village of Hartington.

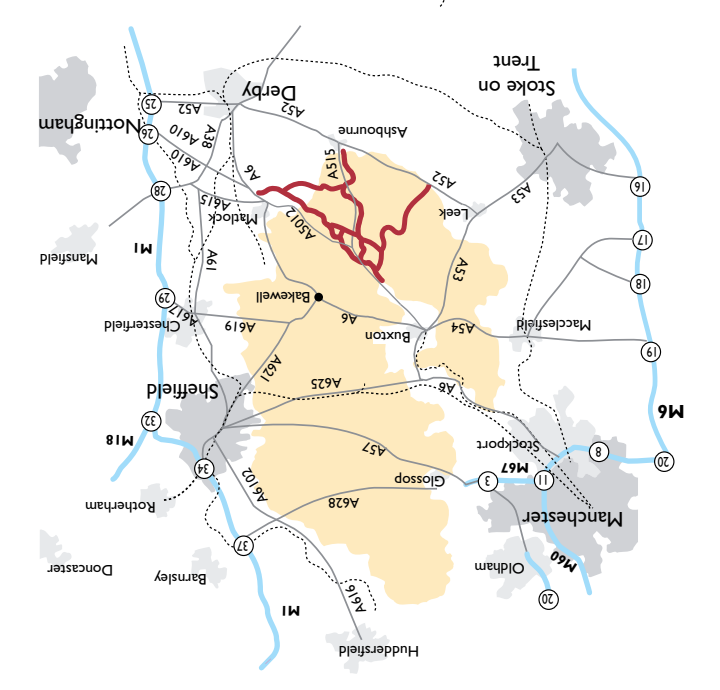


Check updates, other services and timetables from Traveline 0800 608 2608 or www.derbyshire.gov.uk/buses
TM Travel 108 links Derby and Leek to Ashbourne Cycle Hire and Waterhouses Cycle Hire.
Hay Cycle Hire.
Bowers 542 links Buxton to Ashbourne Cycle Hire and Parsley Water Cycle Hire and Ashbourne Cycle Hire Centre.
TM Travel 411 links Matlock and Wirksworth to Carsington Hill Centres.

National Express Service 440 London to Manchester both stop at Matlock and Buxton for connecting buses to Cycle Trentbarton's TransPeak Service Derby to Manchester and National Express Service 440 London to Manchester both stop at Matlock and Buxton for connecting buses to Cycle Hill Centres.

Useful map: OS OL24 White Peak Explorer map.
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How to get here

# White Peak DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

# TRAILS + CYCLE-ROUTES 2007

Over 70 miles of relaxing cycling in spectacular countryside





## Manifold Track and The Dove Valley

**1. Bank Top Farmhouse (Farmhouse café, Accommodation, Aga cookery courses) Hartington**

On west side of road between Hartington and Pilsbury. **Contact:** Jane Pilkington **Tel:** 01298 84205  
A family run working farm with holiday accommodation and special Aga cookery courses! Come and cook your own evening meal! Stay in a secluded corner of the Peak District National Park on this 200 acre beef and sheep farm. Enjoy bed & breakfast in our stone farmhouse that dates to 1859.



**2. The Hayloft, Sennilow Farm (B and B, Teas) Hartington**

On the left 50 metres up Church Street behind the village pump on the eastern side of the Market Place. **Contact:** Jane Bassett **Tel:** 01298 84358  
**Website:** www.hartingtonhayloft.co.uk



The Hayloft is a traditional stone barn, on a working beef and sheep farm, dating from 1870, which has been beautifully restored and furnished to a high standard. The accommodation including ground floor bedrooms is situated in a quiet but central village location. After a hearty breakfast in our adjacent tearoom enjoy the many walks and trails from your door.

**3. Bank House (B and B) Hartington**

On the north side of the market place opposite the Beresford Tea Rooms. **Contact:** Helen Harrison **Tel:** 01298 84465



A family run business in the centre of the historic village of Hartington. Local shops, pubs, tearooms close by. Ideal for walkers and cyclists. Great for families – children welcome. Home-cooked full English breakfasts, evening meals by arrangement and special diets catered for.

**4. Beresford Tea Rooms (Teas) Hartington**

On the south side of the Market Place. **Contact:** Sue Wardle **Tel:** 01298 84418  
A friendly place for light bites and tasty snacks or a more filling meal. Gifts on sale and local information available. A great place to call in for refreshments if you're doing any of the cycle-routes or BESST Heritage Walks in the area. This bustling tearoom is also the award winning village post office – often to be found at the hub of the local community.



**5. Rookes' Pottery (Hand crafted pottery) Hartington**

At the western end of the village on the Warslow road. **Contact:** David & Catherine Rooke **Tel:** 01298 84650  
**Website:** www.rookespottery.co.uk  
Rookes Pottery was established in 1977. We use a combination of hand and machine techniques to produce fine terracotta and glazed pots. For the garden we make pots and planters and a unique range of wall pots. The kitchenware collection includes bread crocks and chicken bricks that miraculously self-baste the meat.



**6. Hartington Youth Hostel (B and B, Evening meals) Hartington**

Up the hill at the eastern end of the village (follow the signs). **Contact:** William Greenwood **Tel:** 01298 84223  
**Website:** www.yha.org.uk  
This magnificent 17th century manor house features log fires, oak panelling and a bedroom where Bonnie Prince Charlie once slept. High standard accommodation and facilities. An ideal base for families, individuals and couples, walkers and cyclists. Stately homes, caves, mines, theme parks and tranquil Dovedale nearby. Children welcome. Pets' area and adventure playground on site.



**7. Wolfscoate Grange Farm (B and B, Self catering) Near Hartington**

2 miles south of Hartington. If following Route 54 the farm is above Beresford Dale. At the junction of the road from Hartington with the Route 54 track downhill to the dale, continue on the road southwards for 500 metres to the farm. **Contact:** Jane & Joe Gibbs **Tel:** 01298 84342  
**Website:** www.wolfscoategrangecottages.co.uk  
Stay on a traditional Peak District sheep and cattle farm. The farmstead dates back to the Domesday Book and the house has a 1649 datestone. Luxury Bed and Breakfast in the farmhouse with a real sense of history. Four self catering holiday cottages in converted farm buildings offer superb accommodation. Farm trail in beautiful scenery, wildlife to watch and an insight into farming.



**8. Manifold Inn (Pub, Accommodation) Hulme End**

On the east side of the bridge over the River Manifold. **Contact:** Julie Greatrex **Tel:** 01298 84537  
**Email:** info@themanifoldinn.co.uk  
The Manifold Inn is a 200 year old coaching inn that offers a warm welcome and fresh home-cooked food. Situated next to the River Manifold in the hamlet of Hulme End near Hartington the countryside is literally on the doorstep. Accommodation available. An ideal base for a holiday in the Peak District. Good for walkers, cyclists, anglers and sightseers!



**9. The Stores (Village Shop) Hulme End**

On the roadside at the eastern end of Hulme End. **Contact:** Judith Prince **Tel:** 01298 84351  
This village shop in a pretty stone cottage in the hamlet of Hulme End might look small but it packs stationery, groceries, fresh food, sweets, newspapers and much more into every nook and cranny. An excellent shop for walkers, cyclists and campers. Cycle-route 54 and one of the BESST Heritage Walks takes you straight past the door – call in for a well earned bar of chocolate!



**10. Wetton Mill Tearoom (Food and drink) Wetton Mill**

Cross the bridge at Wetton Mill and turn right. It's 50 metres on the left. **Contact:** Jannette Mellor **Tel:** 01298 84838  
A popular oasis of homemade cakes, sandwiches, drinks, ice-creams and more at one of the most beautiful riverside locations in the Peak District National Park. A welcome 'watering hole' for walkers, cyclists, horse riders, families – young and old. A great spot for rest and refreshment if you're using the Manifold Track or enjoying one of the BESST Heritage Walks.



# White Peak Trails and Cycle-Routes



	National cycle route numbers		Accommodation
	Trail		Food and drink
	Other off road routes		Things to see and do
	Routes using minor road		Car park with picnic site
	Main road		Toilet
	Other minor roads		Information point
	Tunnel		Cycle Hire
	Steep descent		Distances shown in miles between red circles.
	Very Steep descent		

The numbered cycle-routes have been agreed with the Highway Authorities and form part of the National Cycle Network. Signing is being finished in 2007. Sections of route using minor roads are unsuitable for young children and inexperienced cyclists.

**You are advised NOT to cycle down inclines on the Trails**

## Special Businesses

Use this leaflet to get the most from your visit - whether you are staying for a day or a week. With 70 miles of routes to explore, here are places to eat and drink or stay in and a wide variety of things to see and do.

The businesses listed are involved in the BESST project - **B**usiness and **E**nvironment linked through **S**mall-**S**cale **T**ourism (see overpage). They have satisfied five criteria to ensure they provide a quality customer experience:

**Participation** – in a local business association and involvement in BESST's Trails Triangle or Heritage Walks projects.

**Basic quality standards** – eg accommodation meets 'Quality in Tourism' standards.

**Environmental Performance** – eg on water use, waste, appearance of property, energy use.

**Continuous improvement** – always working to make creative use of environmental assets and apply the BESST philosophy.

**Collaboration** – between businesses to create new services or promote other businesses with something special to offer.

## The High Peak Trail

**11. The Royal Oak (Pub meals, Camping Barn) Hurdlow**

Out of the entrance to Hurdlow Station car park turn left and cross the bridge over the Trail. **Contact:** Christine Taylor **Tel:** 01298 83288  
**Website:** www.royaloakpub.org  
On the High Peak Trail section of the Pennine Bridleway an "exceptionally well converted" traditional stone built Camping Barn. We provide comfortable dormitory-style accommodation, basic kitchen/diner, hot water, showers and secure cycle lock-up. Locally sourced products provide hearty, home cooked meals, breakfasts and packed lunches



**12. Old House Farm (Holiday cottages) Newhaven**

Out of the entrance to Friden car park turn left and follow the road for 500 metres. The farm is on the corner before the main road. **Contact:** Sue Flower **Tel:** 01629 636268  
**Website:** www.oldhousefarm.com  
Home to the Flower family since 1916 Old House Farm remains a true working farm. We have a choice of three quality cottages including 'Piggery Place', which has excellent disabled access.



**13. Hoe Grange (Self-catering log cabins) Brassington**

From the Trail take the private path through the fields. By road it's 1 mile south of Longcliffe on the B5056 - follow the signs up the farm track. **Contact:** David and Felicity Brown **Tel:** 01629 540262  
**Website:** www.hoegrangeholidays.co.uk  
A traditional family run dairy farm, offering 2 luxurious log cabins, set in spectacular Derbyshire countryside – a real "home from home". The farm adjoins the High Peak Trail and is close to Carsington Water making it an excellent base for outdoor activities. Extensive disabled facilities. Bring your horse on holiday – we offer spacious stabling and grazing.



**14 Janet Chester, Trail House (Woollen crafts) Longcliffe**

In Longcliffe, next to the Trail. **Contact:** Janet Chester **Tel:** 01629 540711  
Using traditional methods of prodding and hooking and locker hooking. I design rugs, cushions, bags and pictures using recycled fabrics and thick handspun dyed wool concentrating on texture and colour. I sell my products at craft fairs and I also run half and full day workshops with lunch and plenty of tea or coffee.



**15 Middleton Top Visitor Centre and Engine House Middleton**

Adjoins the High Peak Trail at the top of Middleton Incline. **Contact:** Derbyshire Countryside Service **Tel:** 01629 823204  
**Website:** www.derbyshire.gov.uk/countryside  
The Middleton Top Countryside Centre is situated on the High Peak Trail, near Middleton by Wirksworth. The "Top" as you might expect, is at the top of a hill and offers delightful views of the surrounding countryside. This site has cycle hire, a visitor centre and gift shop where information, books and refreshments are available. Visitors can also visit the historic engine house (c.1830) containing the original steam winding engine.



**16 National Stone Centre (Exhibitions and café) Middleton by Wirksworth**

Adjacent to the High Peak Trail between Middleton Top and Black Rocks. **Contact:** Ian Thomas **Tel:** 01629 824833  
**Website:** www.nationalstonecentre.org.uk  
Set in the heart of the Derbyshire Dales, the NSC is crammed with ancient tropical reefs, minerals, fossils, lead mines, quarries, lime kilns and full of wildlife treasures. Visit the Discovery Centre to see the 'Story of Stone' exhibition. Browse through the best rock and mineral shop in the midlands.



## Route 54A and Carsington Water

**21 Hopton House (Self-catering) Hopton**

Close to the Carsington Water circuit routes at the eastern end of Hopton village. **Contact:** Bob and Yvonne Evans **Tel:** 01629 540686  
**Website:** www.hopton-house.com



A seven bedroom country house for 18 guests standing in a commanding position overlooking Carsington Water. Panoramic lake views, close to many water sports and ideal for the larger family party

**22 Carsington Cottages (Self-catering cottages) Carsington**

In Carsington village, to the west of the church. **Contact:** Valerie Riach **Tel:** 01629 540513  
**Website:** www.carsingtoncottages.co.uk  
Carsington Cottages in the tranquil picturesque Village of Carsington. Sleeps 1-12. Idyllic 17th Century stone Dairy Barns offering some ground level accommodation in charming beamed cottages, retaining many original features and modern comforts: Internet access. Pretty gardens. Paddock. Parking. Village Pub. Walks from door. Fishing, sailing, canoeing, windsurfing, cycling, climbing, golf and horseriding nearby.



**23 Carsington Sports and Leisure (Outdoor activities) Carsington Water**

On the shore of Carsington Water, north of the Visitor Centre. **Contact:** Sarah Barratt **Tel:** 01629 540478  
**Website:** www.carsingtonwater.com  
We offer a full range of watersports and cycling activities. We provide excellent training courses for sailing, kayaking, powerboating, and windsurfing. We organise outdoor and adventure activities for groups of all ages. Or just come and hire equipment.



## The Tissington Trail

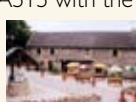
**17 The Kings at Ivy House (Guest House) Biggin**

Just north of the Cycle-route 54 crossing point on the A515 road. **Contact:** Mervyn & Debbie King **Tel:** 01298 84709  
**Website:** www.smoothhound.co.uk/hotels/kingsivy.html  
Stay in a grand old Grade II listed Georgian house, once a coaching inn - with log fires and flagstone floors. Home cooked evening meals are a special experience here. Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere. Open all year. The perfect place to unwind after exploring all the Peak District has to offer. Surrounded by spectacular scenery. Visit Britain 5 diamonds Gold Award and East Midlands Excellence in England Award.



**18 Rivendale Caravan and Leisure Park (Caravan site) Alsop-en-le-Dale**

East of the Tissington Trail opposite the junction of the A515 with the road to Cold Eaton. Take care crossing the A515 road. **Contact:** Greg Potter **Tel:** 01335 310311  
**Website:** www.rivendalecaravanpark.co.uk  
This award winning caravan and leisure park is surrounded by spectacular scenery, with sheltered, sunny pitches. Ideal for cycling and rambling on the nearby Tissington and other trails, with many footpaths leading into Biggin, Eaton and Wolfscoate Dale. Practical Caravan top 100 site 2005/6.



**19 Tissington Hall (Tea Room and Country House) Tissington**

In Tissington village, west of the Tissington Trail car park. **Contact:** Sir Richard Fitz-Herbert **Tel:** 01335 352200  
**Website:** www.tissington-hall.com  
Tissington Hall was built in 1609 and has been the Fitz-Herbert family home ever since. Check out the website for open days. School and group visits welcome. The Estate village of Tissington is famed for its annual wellsdressings. The old Coach House is an award winning tearoom, open daily 11-5. Tissington Hall has a civil licence for marriage ceremonies. Self-catering holiday accommodation available.



**20 The Old Orchard (Guest House) Thorpe**

Leave the Tissington Trail at Thorpe Station. Follow the signs to Thorpe village. The Guest House is on the right up the road signposted to the church. **Contact:** Barbara Challinor **Tel:** 01335 350410  
**Website:** www.theoldorchardguesthouse.co.uk  
We live in the picturesque Derbyshire Dales in a limestone house with gardens and a stream. We provide B and B in 2 double ensuite rooms. Close to Dovedale and the High Peak and Tissington Trails so ideal for tourists who enjoy the outdoors. Our food is the freshest we can find with traditional English breakfast or whatever suits the customer.



## Other BESST Businesses within 3 miles of a Cycle-Route

(Cycling may involve using a busy road)

**Church Farm Cottages** (Holiday Cottages) Alsop en le Dale  
**Contact:** Christine Duffell  
**Tel:** 01335 390216  
**www.churchfarmholidaycottages.co.uk**

**Michael Griffin** (Oak Furniture) Alstonefield  
**Contact:** Michael & Dorothy Griffin  
**Tel:** 01335 310249  
**www.griffin oak.co.uk**

**The George** (Pub and meals) Alstonefield  
**Contact:** Emily Brighton  
**Tel:** 01335 310205

**Gateham Grange** (Cottage and Camping Barn) Alstonefield  
**Contact:** Robert & Teresa Flower  
**Tel:** 01335 310349  
**www.cottageguide.co.uk/gatehamgrange**

**The Haybarn** (Holiday Cottage) Alstonefield  
**Contact:** Coralie Smith  
**Tel:** 01335 310328

**Rowlands Cottage** (Self-catering) Alstonefield  
**Contact:** Ellen Wilberley  
**Tel:** 01335 310370  
**Email:** Rog@wibbs200.fsnet.co.uk

**Notty Hornblower** (Costume Museum) Alstonefield  
**Contact:** Notty Hornblower  
**Tel:** 01335 310318  
**www.hopehousemuseum.co.uk**  
Also Cream teas, lunches etc. Visits must be pre-booked.

**The Cottage Studio** (Local paintings) Alstonefield  
**Contact:** Jean Goodwin  
**Tel:** 01335 310362

**Earthwise Crafts** (Textile Crafts) Brassington  
**Contact:** Chrissie Tiedeman  
**Tel:** 01629 540612

**Breach Farm** (B and B, Cottages) Carsington  
**Contact:** Michelle Watson  
**Tel:** 01629 540265  
**www.breachfarm.co.uk**

**Millfields** (B and B) Fenny Bentley  
**Contact:** Susan Drabble  
**Tel:** 01335 350454  
**www.millfieldsbandb.co.uk**

**Bentley Brook Inn** (Accommodation, Meals) Fenny Bentley  
**Contact:** Hazel Foulkes  
**Tel:** 01298 350278  
**www.bentleybrookinn.co.uk**

**Lower Hurst Farm** (Farm butchery) Hartington  
**Contact:** Dave Broadhurst  
**Tel:** 01298 84900  
**www.lowerhurstfarm.co.uk**

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**Turlow Bank**