**Car Parking**
A small amount of roadside parking is available at Steadfolds Lane, this is not disabled specific but does give easy access to the north end of the trail, which lies about thirty metres from the parking. At the time of printing you will have to follow the road as this short section is unpaved. Updates will be placed on our webpage www.rotherham.gov.uk/prow.

**Getting there by Public Transport**
Thurcroft is served by a regular bus service, contact the Traveline on 01709 515151 or visit www.sypte.co.uk for the latest timetables.

Steadfolds Lane lies in the north of Thurcroft – with your back to the Post Office head left along Sandy Lane, Steadfolds Lane is the second left, the trail starts about a kilometre from the Post Office just after the disused railway bridge you pass under.

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**A word about motorbikes**
Ridden irresponsibly and illegally, these are becoming the new national scourge of the countryside, and unfortunately Rotherham suffers as much as other places in the country. You should not see any motorbikes or quads on this trail, but if you do please call 01709 832444 (a 24 hour service) when it is safe to do so and report exactly what you saw – we know that if motorbikes become established they are harder to prevent so please do report what you see and it will be acted upon. Do not take the law into your own hands and approach any illegal bikers.

Also when you’re out in the broader countryside remember that many responsible groups such as LARA and the TRF promote legal, safe and proactive use of routes that do have vehicular rights, although there are only a few of these in Rotherham.

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**Any enquiries please ring 01709 822168**

**Follow the Countryside Code:**
- Be safe - plan ahead and follow any signs
- Leave gates and property as you find them
- Protect plants and animals, and take your litter home
- Keep dogs under close control
- Consider other people

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**Easy Going Trail No:1**

**The Old Mineral Line Trail at Thurcroft**

**A Miles without Stiles route**
The Old Mineral Line Trail at Thurcroft

An easy way to explore the beautiful countryside ‘on your doorstep’

The 2 mile long Old Mineral Line Trail welcomes practically everyone to the countryside – from wheelchair users to horse-riders, cyclists to walkers. The Trail has been specifically designed for the less able, the elderly and people with young families – it is tarmaced throughout its length, and is broad and clear. You may meet other users, including cyclists and horse-riders, the young, the old and the less physically able so please bear this in mind as you use the route.

- You do not need to read a map.
- You do not need fancy equipment.

Just follow the Doorstep walk and ride waymarks.

Miles without Stiles

An initiative which began in the Lake District National Park, the idea for this family of routes is straightforward – you will be able to go for miles without encountering a stile or man made obstruction. Each of these routes is graded for those with disabilities against the national By all Reasonable Means guidelines – a copy of which can be downloaded at www.countryside.gov.uk.

The approximate location of benches is marked on the map, as well as where you can access the trail. At the time of printing horse-riders cannot access the trail from Laughton Road, but can access from other points.

Horse-Riders

The whole route is tarmaced, and we do not recommend the surface as being suitable for cantering, also bear in mind that during very cold periods the trail may become icy and slippery. Always ride carefully give way to pedestrians and be in mind that all types of users may be encountered – some people may feel at risk of your horse and find it intimidating, please behave to other users on the trail as you would wish them to do to you. Riders cannot at present walk the full trail but are encouraged to do so and to report their actions on this route and help us to get more bridleways – an aim we whole-heartedly support.

The route has no road crossings and is suitable for people learning to ride; you won’t encounter anything more than other users, boulders made into makeshift stiles and a couple of horse stiles – all furniture and widths are to the latest British Horse Society Standard.

Walkers

For those who enjoy the simple pleasure of taking a walk, the trail offers some fine views and visits a corner of the Borough where, up until now, has been little visited by non-registered users. If you are planning to walk consider stopping up supplies in local shops or supporting a local business by having lunch there. For help on organising guided walks contact 01709 822168.

If you have a dog please do not let it foul the trail.

Cyclists

The trail is ideal for pedal bikes – it is flat and broad throughout its length and is an ideal introduction to young or beginning cyclists as there are no roads and only a few obstacles to pass. There are plenty of other users, especially the less able and those riding horses.

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The Less Physically Able

This trail provides access for most people, especially those with mobility impairments. We have tried to provide a trail that practically anyone can use however, as with all our users, you should be responsible for your own safety and well-being whilst visiting the countryside – dress appropriately at all times. We do not continue.

It is graded a Zone 1 route on the By all Reasonable Means grading system for all points except rest points which we have supplied every 500 metres (as opposed to the criteria 300 metres).

As an old railway, there are some open culverts on the way, we therefore do not recommend this route for those with serious sight issues unless accompanied.

Those with hearing issues should beware that other users may be encountered, although the route does not cross any roads, and in the case of cyclists and riders these may be moving at speed.

In all cases, give us a call if you have any concerns or want any information – 01709 823368.

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Access Point

Public Footpath

Map not to scale

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