

Traffic free cycle paths

A network of traffic free routes based on old railways is being developed in Rossendale.

Valley of Stone Greenway (Route 92) Rochdale – Whitworth – Bacup – Rawtenstall

The Valley of Stone Greenway is a new cycle route which is being developed following an old railway from Rochdale to Rawtenstall. The following sections of the route are now open

- Rochdale – Whitworth via Healey Dell Nature Reserve
- Whitworth – Shawforth – Britannia
- Stacksteads (Riverside Park) – Brandwood (Rake Head Lane)
- Waterfoot (Lench Road) – Cloughfold (Hill End Lane)

Stubbins – Helmshore – Haslingden (Route 6)

A cycle route is being developed from Stubbins, north of Ramsbottom to Accrington using an old railway where possible. Open sections include

- Strongsty – Lumb Viaduct
- Helmshore (Station Road – Textile Museum)
- Haslingden (Grane Road – Ogden Brook)
- Baxendem – Accrington

From Ramsbottom you can follow the route south to Bury and Manchester. From Accrington the routes continues to Blackburn.

Sky Rides

Sky Rides are British Cycling's programme of guided cycle rides. They are led by trained leaders. The range from easy rides for beginners to more challenging rides. www.goskyride.com

Breeze

British Cycling's programme of women's rides. www.goskyride.com/breeze

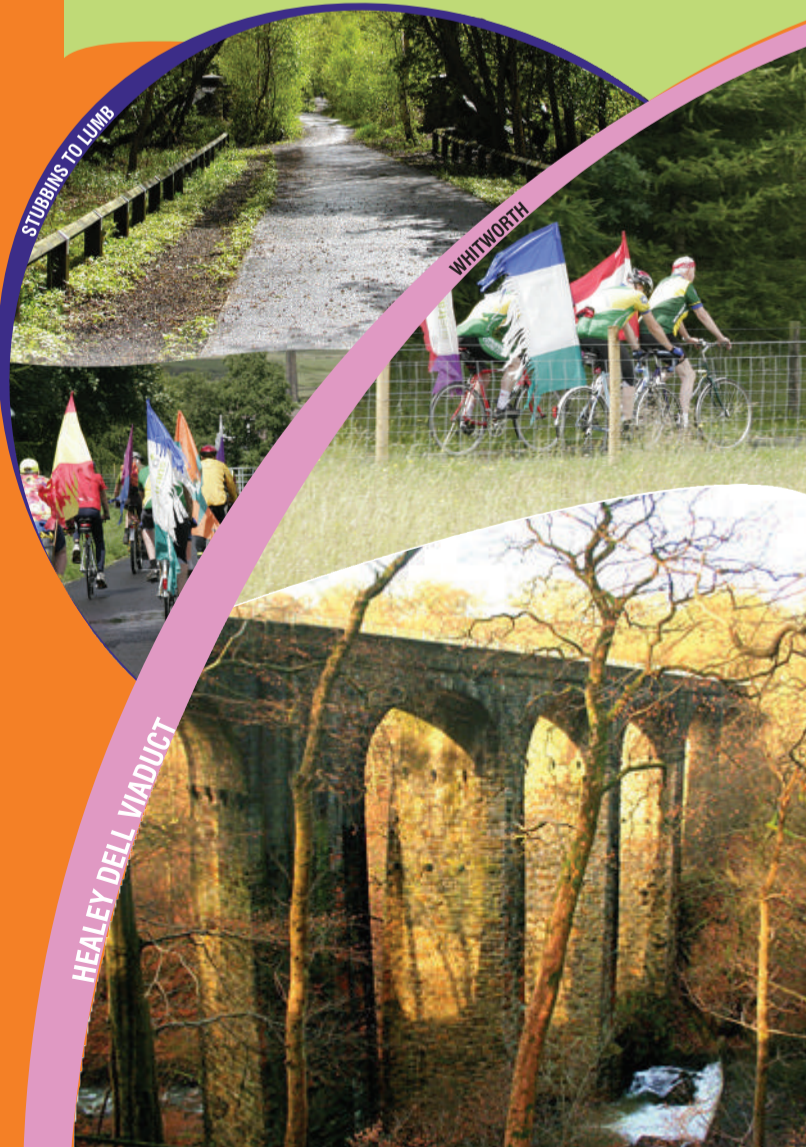
Lancashire Cycleway (Route 90/91)

The Lancashire Cycleway a 260-mile tour of the county runs through Rossendale.

Rossendale Road Club – The club is involving in cycle racing, mountain biking and cycle cross.

www.rossendaleroad.club.com

Rocky Riders is the Club's junior mountain bike section.



Bridleway Routes

Mary Towneley Loop and Pennine Bridleway
Straddling the Lancashire – Yorkshire boundary the Mary Towneley Loop is a demanding 47-mile ride using old packhorse trails. The Loop is part of the Pennine Bridleway which, when complete, will run from Derbyshire to Northumberland offering you a 350-mile ride. More information and route map

www.nationaltrail.co.uk/PennineBridleway
West Pennine Moors Bridleway Loop – 56 miles
A bridleway is being developed round West Pennines Moors. Highlights of the Loop include the snaking track around Holcombe Moor. More information and route map www.westpenninemoores.com



Kings Highway

Ride north from Haslingden on the Kings' Highway. The Kings Highway is an ancient bridleway route running across the moors. There are links to the "Halo" a landmark artwork sculpture overlooking Haslingden and the Rossendale Valley. The Halo is one of Pennine Lancashire's Panopticons.