Billinge Hill  

A superb mountain bike trail taking in some of Pendle's best landscape. Starting from Wycoller Country Park climb up on the road through Trawden and then following the Lancashire and Yorkshire Canal towpath to Colne. Join the ride from Colne Station, though it is a long walk from the edge of Boulsworth Hill back to Wycoller Country Park.

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**Pennine Bridleway**

Running up the Pendle Hills the Bridleway will, when complete link Darwen to Northwich and offer you a subtle 360 mile ride around the historic forest edge. The oldest bridleway on the Bridleway is the Millstone Edge bridleway and this is the unmissable route to link the Adelphi at Rossendale with Saddleworth and the Ribble Valley.

**Highlights of the open route in Lancashire**

- **Weets Hill** – North’s highest hill that is renowned for spectacular views from the top.
- **Winter Hill** – Another splendid viewpoint erected in the year of Queen Victoria’s Jubilee.
- **Clowes Hill** – A beautiful secluded village at the bottom of the Pennine Moors with a pub and views over Blackpool areas.
- **Roddlesworth Woods** – Attractive wooded valley with a network of bridleways. There is a visitor centre and café at Tockholes.
- **Darwen Tower** – Another spectacular viewpoint erected in the year of Queen Victoria’s Jubilee.

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**Key**

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**Mary Towneley Loop**

Straddling the Lancashire-Yorkshire boundary part of the Pennine Bridleway the Mary Towneley Loop is a demanding 17 mile route following ancient packhorse routes the Loop takes you from the historic village of Winter Hill on the Lancashire-Yorkshire border to the village of Winter Hill on the Lancashire-Yorkshire border. The Loop was first suggested in 1814 to celebrate the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1814 and replaced in 1845!

**Highlights of the route include:**

- **Rowley Moor Road** – Follow the famine relief road across the moors above Rossendale.
- **Bonnygate – Cross the Lancashire-Yorkshire border at Gorple Gate.** There are fantastic views across the moors.
- **Snowley Pike** – You will see Stoodley Pike from many places along the Loop. The tower was put up to celebrate the end of the Napoleonic Wars in 1814 and replaced in 1845.
- **Middle Bank** – A beautiful secluded village above Darwen where you will find many 18th century weavers cottages and a youth hostel.
- **Clapper Bridge** – A deep gorge in the Pennines between Burnley and Todmorden. You have to ride down into the gorge and then up again.
- **Coal Clough – Wind Farm** – Above the gorge is a suitable site for wind farms.
- **Waterfall – Rossendale** – Good starting point for the loop with attractive shops. Karrimor was started by a Waterfoot bicycle shop owner after the Second World War.

**North Lancashire Bridleway including Salter Fell Crossing 28 miles (45km)**

An epic crossing of the Bowland Hills from Chipping in the north to Halton in the Lune Valley to the north.

The route includes the crossing of Salter Fell on one of the most remote moorland tracks in the county, where you will be literally miles from anywhere. There are outstanding views from Salter Fell to the Lune Valley, its a stone built village with a background in hat making. The village hosts an annual scarecrow festival. For more information visit [www.nationaltrail.co.uk/PennineBridleway](http://www.nationaltrail.co.uk/PennineBridleway)

**Salter Fell and Cross o’Greet**

You can also make an exciting mountain bike ride combining the Salter Fell Road with Lancashire Cycleway route 90 over the Cross o’Greet pass.

Start from Slaidburn or Wray, Slaidburn is a picturesque village famous for its Home of the mountain biking events in 2002 Commonwealth Games.

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**West Pennine Moors Bridleway Loop 56 miles**

A figure of eight bridleway lies in the heart of North Lancashire. The route takes you through three moorland valleys, past reservoirs and up to stunning view points, offering you a beautiful mix of riding conditions.

**Highlights of the route include:**

- **Lever Park** – was created by Lord Lever the soap magnate in the nineteenth century. The area was home to the mountain bike events in 2002 Commonwealth Games.
- **Rogersgill and Aventbridge Reservoirs** – A network of reservoirs on the west side of the moors was created in the nineteenth century to supply water to Liverpool.
- **Salter Fell** – A beautifully situated village at the bottom of the West Pennine Moors with a stunning walk.
- **Ruddsworth Woods** – Attractive wooded valley with a network of bridleways. There is a visitor centre and café at Tockholes.
- **Darwen Tower** – Another spectacular viewpoint erected in the year of Queen Victoria’s Jubilee.
- **Lancashire Mound** – Owned by the National Trust there are outstanding views over the Greater Manchester conurbation from the main route.

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