



Christmas Edition

Kids Activity

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Packed full of family
friendly fun activities
and challenges for
everyone!



Trans Pennine Trail



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Let's go on a.....

Winter Scavenger Hunt

Take a walk in nature and see what you can spot.

Help Sophie Squirrel find all the things below!

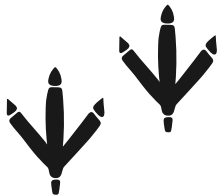
Tick each item off the sheet when you spot it, and count your score as you go.

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Robin
10 points

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**Tree
without
its leaves**
5 points

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**Animal
Footprint**
25 points

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Holly
10 points

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Fir Tree
5 points

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Puddle
10 points

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Twigs
15 points

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Sign
20 points

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Pine Cone
25 points

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Bench
10 points



For each thing you spot, why not find something else in nature that is the same colour.

Total score

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Let's feed the birds and make a...

Loo roll bird feeder

Help Mandy Mole make a loo roll bird feeder!

These simple, upcycled feeders are great fun to create and the earlier you put them out, the sooner the birds will start to flock to your garden cafe.

You will need:

- A cardboard tube (a kitchen roll is perfect)
- Two long sticks or skewers
- Some lard or suet (or vegetable suet)
- Bird seed, spread out on a plate or tray
- A piece of string
- scissors



- 1 Ask a grown-up to help you to make four holes in one end of your cardboard tube, these must be large enough for your sticks or skewers, but not so large that the sticks slide out. Be careful of any sharp ends!
- 2 Make sure the holes opposite each other line up so that you can thread your sticks through.
- 3 Next, make two small holes opposite each other in the other end of your tube. Use a butter knife or spatula to cover your roll in lard or suet, vegetarian varieties are good too.
- 4 Roll the tube in bird seed so that the seed sticks to the lard. Finally, carefully thread the sticks through to make a cross shape, and thread a piece of string through the two top holes. Then you're ready to hang your feeder outside.

Credit: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/helping-nature/what-you-can-do/activities/feed-the-birds>

Why not share your creation by snapping a photo and sending it to me at info@transpenninetrail.org.uk.

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Let's bake some...

Party pop cakes!

Help greedy Ford the Fox make some Festive party pop cakes!

You will need:

For the cake

- 100g butter
- 100g caster sugar
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 2 eggs
- 100g self-raising flour

For the buttercream

- 75g butter
- 150g icing sugar
- ½ tsp vanilla extract
- 1 tbsp milk
- 200g white chocolate melted
- sprinkles

Equipment

- Use of an oven
- 20cm sandwich tin
- mixing bowl
- lollipop sticks



- 1 Heat oven to 190C/170C fan/gas 5. Grease and line the base of a 20cm sandwich tin.
- 2 Place the butter, sugar and vanilla extract into a bowl and beat well to a creamy consistency. Slowly beat in the eggs, one by one, then fold in the flour and mix well.
- 3 Tip into the cake tin and bake for about 20 mins until risen and golden brown. Set aside to cool completely.
- 4 While the cakes are cooling, make the buttercream. In a large bowl or the bowl of stand mixer, beat the butter and icing sugar together until smooth, add the vanilla extract and milk and beat again.
- 5 Once the cake is cooled, crumble into large crumbs. Add the butter cream and stir together. Take chunks of the cake mixture and roll into balls, transferring each ball to a lined tray or plate, push a lollipop stick into each, then put into the fridge for an hour to set.
- 6 Melt the white chocolate in the microwave, blasting it and stirring at 10 seconds intervals until smooth.
- 7 Tip the sprinkles into another bowl. Take each of the chilled cake pops and dip into the white chocolate, allowing it to drip off a little over the bowl.
- 8 Dip into the sprinkles, then stand upright in a mug to dry at room temperature for an hour, or in the fridge for 30 mins.



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Get busy with some...

Winter Challenges

Go on a colour hunt

Can you find winter colours in nature?

Search for something white like frost, something green like holly, something brown like a twig, and something red like berries.

I-spy with my litte eye

Head outside and see how many winter wonders you can spot!

Look for a bare tree, a red berry, animal footprints, frost on a leaf, and someone wearing a woolly hat.

Take a sniff

Can you smell fresh air, damp earth, pine trees, or smoke from a chimney?

Sound safari

Stand still and listen! Can you hear birds chirping, the wind blowing, water trickling, or leaves rustling?

Can you solve the...

Festive Wordsearch

Can you help Hannah the Horse find all the Festive words in the word search?

Look at the puzzle and cross off all the words as you find them!



M D F O F E Q X X I N C
K B H O L L Y H K S V T
K G S N O W M A N N X J
N S R R E I N D E E R T
S S T A R E E L F S V B
S T O C K I N G F M U I
E V R B T R E E C R Q W
B M W C F N S A N T A N
P L W P F W R O B I I N
T I N S E L I D G K L V
V D P R E S E N T S A J
B O N A M S L E I G H K



**ELF
HOLLY
PRESENTS
REINDEER**

**ROBIN
SANTA
SLEIGH
SNOWMAN**

**STAR
STOCKING
TINSEL
TREE**



Try these....

Christmas crackers

on your family and friends

Why was the turkey at the Christmas party so proud?

Because it was stuffed!



What do you get if you cross a snowman and a dog?

Frostbite!

Why did the Christmas tree go to the barber?

It needed a trim!



Why did Santa go to music school?

So he could improve his wrapping!

Why was the Christmas tree so bad at knitting?

It kept dropping its needles!

Why was 6 afraid of 7 at Christmas?

Because 7 ate 9 mince pies!

Why is it cold at Christmas?

Because it's Decembeerrrrr!

Why did the elf go to school?

To learn his elf-abet!

Why don't penguins like talking to strangers?

They find it hard to break the ice!

Why did the elf bring spare pants to the party?

In case things got a bit cheeky

Why not send us your favourite Christmas crackers!

Read all about Mandy Mole's...

Trans Pennine Trail Adventure

Chapter Six: The Magical Spur of Friendship

As Mandy Mole and her friends stood on the beach at Hornsea, Sophie Squirrel spotted a strange shimmering shape behind the Trans Pennine Trail information board. "It's a portal!" she squeaked. "Maybe it leads to another part of the Trail," said Hannah the Horse.

With a brave deep breath, Mandy Mole, Sophie Squirrel, Hannah the Horse, Connor the Caterpillar, Ford the Fox and Rebecca Rabbit stepped through the swirling silver doorway.

WHOOSH! They landed on a busy path in Leeds, right beside the shining Royal Armouries Museum. Everywhere they looked, people enjoyed the Trail – families walking, cyclists whizzing past, runners jogging, people using wheelchairs moving smoothly along the wide, friendly paths. We even saw horse riders waving further down the route too!

"The Trail feels so alive!" Mandy Mole said. The friends followed the route south to Wakefield, spotting signs for the Room on the Broom Adventure Trail. Sculptures peeped through the trees, making Sophie Squirrel giggle.

Next, the Trail carried them to Barnsley, where they stopped at the Elsecar Heritage Centre. As they explored the old workshops, a cheerful badger popped out from behind an engine.

"Hello! I'm Bob the Badger, photographer of the Trail!" he said proudly. "Smile!" Click! He snapped a picture of the whole group.

"Come with us!" Connor the Caterpillar said. "We're exploring for adventure!" Bob the Badger happily joined, and they continued into Rotherham, where the giant Magna Science Centre towered beside the Trail. They passed more Trail users enjoying the day – children on scooters, couples walking dogs and birdwatchers with binoculars.

In Sheffield, the friends travelled along the famous Five Weirs Walk, watching the river sparkle beside them. Finally, they reached Chesterfield, where the peaceful Chesterfield Canal wound through the town.

"This Trail is full of amazing places," Rebecca Rabbit said. "And wonderful people," added Hannah the Horse. "And even more wonderful friends," Mandy Mole said warmly.

Bob the Badger lifted his camera for one last picture. "You know... I think friendship and adventure are the greatest treasures of all."

The group nodded. "That's the real gift of the Trans Pennine Trail."

Hand in hand – or paw, hoof, and tiny caterpillar foot – the friends walked on together, ready for whatever adventure waited next.

Help Mandy Mole to answer the questions about her adventure.

- 1 How do Mandy Mole and her friends begin their journey along the North-South spur of the Trail?
- 2 Which important museum do the friends see when they arrive in Leeds?
- 3 Who is the new friend they meet in Barnsley, and what is his favourite hobby?
- 4 Can you name two places the friends visit as they travel through Wakefield, Rotherham, Sheffield, or Chesterfield?
- 5 What do Mandy and her friends decide is the true gift of the Trans Pennine Trail?

Have you enjoyed doing the activities? Let us Know!

We'd love to hear your stories and see your photos! Please send them to us by email or tag us on social media!

When sending in pictures of family enjoying the activities, please confirm you are happy for us to use them in our marketing materials (such as on social media, leaflets and press releases)

Did you know that we can send you a digital certificate for completing the activities?

Interested? Get in touch!

This Christmas, we are giving our beloved TPT Friends a fresh new look. These friendly faces are ready to make your festive adventures magical:



Mandy Mole – small but mighty, always digging up fun surprises along the Trail.

Hannah the Horse – strong and graceful, leading the way on winter walks.

Bob the Badger – dependable and adventurous, ready for frosty explorations.

Rebecca Rabbit – quick and curious, hopping into festive challenges.

Connor the Caterpillar – bright and cheerful, adding a splash of colour to your activities.

Sophie Squirrel – lively and full of festive cheer, perfect for treasure hunts.

Ford the Fox – clever and playful, guiding you through puzzles and nature games.

Each Friend has been beautifully redesigned to bring colour, personality and fun to your activities. Together, they'll lead you through festive hunts, wildlife quizzes, and so much more.

Find out more and explore their other fun activities at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/children/>

The **Trans Pennine Trail** is a special path that stretches 215 miles all the way across the middle of England, coast to coast, from the Irish Sea to the North Sea!

But that's not all – if you count all the extra routes called spurs, there are 370 miles to explore! It's a giant adventure route where you can walk, cycle, ride horses, use a wheelchair or even push a buggy!

For more information please visit our website, at: <https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/>

To find out more about the Trans Pennine Trail go to: www.transpenninetrail.org.uk



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