

Brief history of the Tissington Trail

- 1899 - The LNWR Buxton to Ashbourne railway line opened. It carried express trains from Manchester to London. Until after the Second World War, a daily train delivered milk from Peak District farms to London.
- 1967 - The railway line closed under Beeching's reform of train services.
- 1968 - The line was acquired by the Peak Park Joint Planning Board. The Board removed the track bed, station buildings, platforms and other features as at the time these were considered to be eyesores.
- 1970 - The first trail warden, Peter Lawrence, was appointed. He patrolled the trail on a horse called Muttley. During the 1970s more horse riders used the trail regularly than at present and there were several riding centres nearby.
- 1971 - The 13 mile Tissington Trail opened for walkers, cyclists and horse riders. The original Hartington signal box was kept as an information centre for many years.
- 1975 - The Countryside Commission promoted an experiment in cycle hire at Parsley Hay, coinciding with a general revival of interest in cycling.
- 1977 - Bikes could be hired at Parsley Hay for £1 all day, and on high days and holidays customers queued for hours.
- 1980 - The Seven Arches Viaduct at Ashbourne collapsed during routine maintenance work and had to be rebuilt with a modern structure.
- 2001 - The Tissington Trail and High Peak Trail were the first and for a while, only part of the National Park to reopen after the outbreak of foot and mouth disease.
- 2011 - The Trail celebrates its 40th year.