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HORSE PORTRAIT PHOTOGRAPHY LOCATIONS

A good location for a horse portrait photography shoot can easily be overlooked so we are providing this location guide. The locations we list in this guide have good access and are suitable for horses, providing suitable backgrounds for photography. Some of these location provided options for different looks in the same location. As photographers we know what we like, but are interested in what locations and style of images you have in mind and want.

This Horse Portrait Photography Locations Guide provides information in relation to some of the locations we have previously used for horse portrait photography and can recommend.

Each location has a description, together with a post code. We also provide maps of these locations that show paths and exact and meeting points prior to an arranged shoot.

As we update our location guides from time to time, you will notice a issue date at the tope of the first page as to when the guide was last updated. We are willing to consider and travel to other locations within Yorkshire, so please let us know if you have a specific location in mind.

POMPOCALI

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Wetherby



Pompocali, Milner Ln, Wetherby, LS14 3AQ

Pompocali is a strange series of earth workings situated between Thorner and Bardsey near to Hetchell Woods, not far from the A58. This location is great for horse portraits with big sky's if that is the style you are looking for.

The banks of the earth workings form almost horse shoe type shapes with conical mounds and ridges that can provide some dramatic horse portraits. There are various marked bridleways that criss cross the area. The woodland area in the autumn provides additional backgrounds for horse portraits styles.

SKIPWITH COMMON

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Selby



Skipwith Common: Way To Bomber Loops, Cornelius Causeway, Selby YO8 5DD

Skipwith Common is an excellent location for horse portrait photography providing a mixture of shoot locations from long tree lined avenues to open and shaded grass areas. You can also hack here with lots of options and loops.

Parking and access here is excellent for vehicles with horses. Plenty of different parking spots. This location really is worth the effort.

Parlington Lane

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Aberford



Parlington Lane, Aberford LS25 3EF.

Parlington Lane is the best location for equine portraits that I have found which is close to Leeds and the images that can be created here are truly beautiful.

There is roadside parking for a horse-box on Bunkers Hill / Main Street, you can reverse into the entrance of Parlington Lane to unload a horse.

The distance to the specific shoot location I use is 800 meters from where you park. As you walk up Parlington Lane, you will pass a gatehouse on the left and shortly afterwards there is a large fallen tree on you left. From here you would be able to see us. This location can be shot in two different directions providing different looks.

Highfield's Old Track

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Doncaster



Highfields Old Tracks, Woodlands, Doncaster DN6 7JA

Highfields is a Country Park on the outskirts of Doncaster and there are a few wooded areas very close to the park that provide some great autumnal colours for horse portraits.

There are various access point and parking which I arrange prior to the equine shoot.

Temple Newsam

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Leeds



Temple Newsam Trailway, Leeds,
LS15 0AE

Within the grounds of Temple Newsam there is a route called the Temple Newsam Trailway,

this route can be used by riders

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Melton Woods

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Sands End

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Whitby



Sands End Beach, Whitby

If you are looking for action images of horses riding through water and the sea, this is a great beach where horses are allowed on the left hand side all year and the whole beach from October to beginning of May. There are various access points and parking which I arrange prior to the equine shoot.

The Linesway

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Near Garforth



The Lines Way Near Garforth, Brecks Lane LS25 7EG

The Lines Way is an old disused railway track that runs from Garforth to Allerton Bywater, it has many access points along its route and is suitable for horses. The best location along the route for equine portraits are near Brecks Lane in Kippax.

To get to the shoot location park on Brecks lanes and walk down the dirt track Bridleway, which will take you to the Lines Way, it's roughly 400 meters from Brecks Lane to the Lines Way.

The Terry Lug

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Thorner Road Wetherby



The Terry Lug, Thorner Road, Wetherby LS23 6LU

I discovered this location in 2021 whilst out walking. There is a wide bridleway running through mixed woodland which would be ideal for autumn horse portraits shoots (probably the best location close to the Leeds area) We did a shoot here in May 2022, but I think it's more suited to the autumn. There is good access and parking area for unloading and loading horses. The bridleway leads down toward Pomocali, providing an opportunity for a split location shoot with two very different looks.

Inside Stables 7 Barns

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Dark Wooded Areas

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Old Barns & Dark Woodlands.

If you have access to old barns, stables or dark woodlands it is possible to create studio like conditions where it is possible to create truly amazing fine art horse portraits.

In the winter and on overcast days it is possible to darken the ambient light in conifer woodlands and create images like this one. This images was taken in a shaded field with conifer trees behind Ella and her horse. Close to Castleford.

We are always searching for new locations that are suitable for horse portraits so add new locations to this list when we find them. Below are some of the other locations I have used.

Clumber Park Area near Worksop

Wandlebury Area near Cambridge

Shouldham Woods near Kings Lynn

Longston Old Railway Tracks near Leek

Do you know of a great location? I would love to hear about it. We will consider all locations in Yorkshire and surrounding areas. Please email me your location ideas.

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