



Rolling Stone

IN BETWEEN/FAMILY commitments, a regular, once-and-Sundays out on the trails, a dedicated group of Yorkshire trail-builders have been breaking backs and pouring sweat into a labour of love called the Warren Boulder Trail. We journeyed north to see what they'd been up to

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FROM whatever angle you look at it, the UK is far from a bountiful Eden of legal singletrack. Hell, I'll go further than that and say we were at the back of the queue when Mother Nature was doling out trails, mountains, wilderness and all the other assorted paraphernalia that makes somewhere great for mountain biking.

It's true we weren't actually the 'lanterne rouge' but, in a nutshell, what we got was a claustrophobic, densely-populated island, blessed with little more than overgrown hills and a wilderness that, at its wildest, would be regarded by plenty of other countries as an urban

park. In a word, we got shafted.

The most frustrating thing is that, while we actually have a pretty good stash of singletrack thanks to thousands of years of pedestrian traffic, only a tiny fraction of what exists is actually within bounds to two wheels. It's a galling predicament, but for an industrious band of riders in the Yorkshire area, the status quo didn't have to be set in stone.

Like some sort of Hollywood David and Goliath script, they decided they could make a difference. So, four years ago, they joined forces and created SingletrackAction — a trail building and advocacy group affiliated to the International Mountain Bicycling Association. Since then they've →

