

Killiehuntly Bike Ride

This leaflet is provided as a guide only. Please make sure that you have a map, suitable clothing and the equipment appropriate to your planned route, particularly in poor weather conditions.

Remember – the conditions in the can change quickly in the mountains.

Description

A 5-mile circular route on unsurfaced forest tracks suitable for mountain and gravel bikes. There are some rough and rutted sections as well as steep ascents and descents giving lovely views of the forest, Lochan nan Reamh, Gleann Chomraig, and the Monadhliath mountains. **Grade = Red**

Allow 1 hour

Starting point

Start at the Drumguish crossroads where the Speyside Way crosses the road through the village at NN 794480. There is very limited parking at Drumguish and you may need to park on the roadside in the forest.

The Ride

1. Ride uphill to the south-east on the tarmac road, passing the houses to your right, continuing until the tarmac ends before a metal gate. Pass through the gate.



2. Continue along the gravel track across the open moorland, through the heather and juniper. There are views of the distant Monadhliath mountains to your left. After some sharper bends in the track, you will reach a tall metal gate in the deer fence at the edge of the forest. Pass through the gate (the latch is a good puzzle for very young riders!).



3. Follow the rougher track gently uphill through the trees until you reach a crossroads in the forest tracks.



4. Continue straight ahead up the hill which gradually gets steeper as you head up through the forest. Time for a low gear! Continue past the first track on your right and onwards as the gradient eases and you can get your breath back. Take the next track on the right – much less frequently travelled and with occasional puddles and ruts.



5. The path undulates through the quiet forest, crossing a more heavily used track. Continue straight ahead on the quieter track.



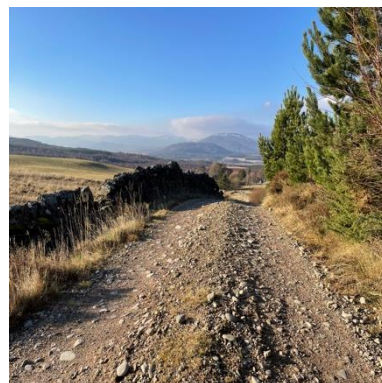
6. Soon the track joins a more frequently used track. To follow the return route, turn right up the hill. However, it is worth taking a very short diversion here and riding to the left out to the edge of the forest to take in the view to the south up Glenn Chomraig.

Rejoin the route and follow the clear track which soon begins to descend through the forest. **Take care on this section as there are some loose stones on the faster section of the track.**

Soon the track levels off and there are glimpses of Lochan nan Reamh to your left. Continue downhill.



7. On a clear day there are lovely views towards Kingussie when the track emerges from the trees. Continue down the hill until you reach Killiehuntly Farmhouse. Ride past the millpond into the cobbled former farmyard, passing downhill to the left between the buildings to head down the gravel driveway. When you reach the main Glen Tromie track, turn right to head downhill towards Drumguish.



- When you reach the signposted fork in the track, turn right up the hill on the minor track. Continue riding through the houses at the western side of Drumguish until you return to your starting point at the crossroads.



Map

