

BYCYCLE

RIDE FROM DALWHINNIE TO PERTH

SUNDAY 19th AUGUST 2018

ByCycle is pleased to announce that our Special self-guided ride this year will take place on Sunday 19th August 2018 and will be a repeat of the popular ride from Dalwhinnie. Most of the route is on cycle paths or minor roads mainly Sustrans' Routes 7 and 77. These are well signed by Sustrans. Please note that, although the route closely follows the A9, no part of it is actually on it. All are welcome but an adult must accompany any under 18-year olds and be responsible for their conduct and safety.

The route will take the cycle path down Drumochter Pass then through Bruar and Blair Atholl (fortunately the Horse Trials are a week later so there should be no mud on the road) before arriving at the suggested lunch spot of Pitlochry Theatre. Leaving Pitlochry, we head over to Logierait Bridge then onward via Dalguise to Dunkeld. We leave Sustrans Route 77 a couple of miles out of Dunkeld to visit Murthly then Stanley on our way to the end of ride celebrations at Bell's Sport Centre on the North Inch, Perth.

The distance is about 62 miles (100km) with an ascent of 800m but descent of 1150m.

Please note that the route may be modified if there are road closures or other events outwith ByCycle's control.

Please check out the map at:

https://www.mapometer.com/cycling/route_4711858.html

The map includes refreshments, toilet stops en route and two cycle shops in Pitlochry and Dunkeld plus a couple of points where particular care is needed. See **Essential Safety Information** below. It is recommended that you print, bookmark or download these documents and take them with you on the ride, as there will be no marshals and additional signage will be limited to the latter stages.

The entrance fee is £25. This covers the cost of the coaches and the furniture van and other expenses associated with the ride. The fee is non-refundable. If you would like to support ByCycle/Perth and Kinross Cycle Campaign by being a member then please make your membership payment separately (see <http://bycycle.org.uk/about-us/>) as this is not included in the ride fee as in previous years.

Registration for the ride is only available online at:

<http://www.fabian4.co.uk/default.aspx?EventID=2081>

The organisers wish to express their thanks to the following organisations who are supporting our ride by providing goods or services free of charge:

- Bell's Sports Centre for facilities to hold our post-ride celebrations
- Bike Station Perth for technical support
- Pitlochry Co-op for bananas
- All our volunteer supporters

If you need further information please contact mikesimm259@gmail.com directly

A. THE ARRANGEMENTS

Registered riders and their bikes will be transported from the **South Inch car park** in Perth and taken to Dalwhinnie to begin their ride back to Perth.

Check-in for the ride will start at 8 am and the coaches will leave for Dalwhinnie at 8:45 am AT THE LATEST.

There should be bathroom facilities available in the South Inch car park. The drop-off will be at the Snack Shack, Dalwhinnie where you can get food and there are toilets. This is a new drop-off point as the one we have used in the past has now closed permanently. Riders will set off singly or in small groups to minimise any disruption on public roads and make it safer for everyone. There will be neither an official leader nor on-route marshals but there will be sweeping cyclists at the rear of the ride.

The end of the ride celebrations will be at Bell's Sport Centre on the North Inch in Perth where you can enjoy tea and cake and swap stories before leaving for home. Riders are asked to check-out there between 3 pm and 7 pm. or, if they decide to leave the ride at any other point or time, please check out by texting ByCycle control with your name and ride number on **07517347111** to let us know you are safe. This is also the number you should use to report any incidents during the ride.

B. THE RIDE

The Route

Most of the ride follows Sustrans Routes 7 and 77 so look out for the blue signs.

Turn left on Sustrans Route 7 after leaving Snack Shack and head towards the A9. Immediately before the A9 turn right with care to join the cycle path down Drumochter Pass. Follow the cycle path and then the old A9 for about 20 miles until you reach the B847. Turn right and follow the road to the House of Bruar then pick up the B847 to Blair Atholl and Pitlochry where it becomes A924. Take care through Pitlochry High Street where there will be much tourist traffic then turn right into Ferry Road at Victorias Restaurant, down the hill where a track on the left leads you over a pedestrian bridge towards the Theatre which is our suggested lunch stop for meeting up with other riders again.

On leaving the Theatre, turn left down Foss Road for a few hundred yards then with care turn right to join the Logierait road before the bridge. This road terminates with a steep drop to the busy A827. Turn left and ride along the pavement to the crossing point. Take care crossing the road at this point before going over Logierait Bridge. At the top of the ascent from the bridge turn left to join the Dalguise Road (Sustrans Route 77) which leads to the A9. When you reach the A9, turn left and cycle along the footpath across the bridge then left into the woods and through the grounds of Dunkeld House Hotel. Turn right and continue through Dunkeld, over Telford Bridge (see last paragraph) then left towards Birnam. Just before the Beatrix Potter park turn right up Birnam Glen and then left up the steps to the Railway Station. Follow the cycle path to the B867. Turn right with care to head towards Bankfoot. At the top of the hill and just after going under the railway bridge leave Sustrans Route 77 and turn left towards Murthly.

Turn right onto the B9099 and cycle up through Murthly and then through Stanley and Luncarty. At the top of the hill in Luncarty, just before the A9, turn left to join the cycle path that initially crosses farmland then runs along side the A9. Go under the bridge and turn left then left again then right to join the cycle path across the Inch and the post ride celebrations at Bell's Sports Centre.

C. ESSENTIAL SAFETY INFORMATION

Potential hazardous areas are:

- The cycle paths and roads throughout the ride are generally quiet being mainly on Sustrans designated cycle routes. Most right turns have high visibility but exercise particular care during these manoeuvres.
- Be aware that many cars are pulling trailers and/or caravans
- Approximately 1 mile from the start take care turning right onto the cycle path down Drumochter Pass.
- Be aware that there is a cattle grid near the end of the cycle path that is approached **UPHILL**. Make sure that it is clear before you start to cross and that you have sufficient speed and/or the correct gear to get over it.
- At House of Bruar watch out of tourist traffic.
- Take care riding through the High Street in Pitlochry as, particularly tourist, cars may often turn or stop suddenly and consider pulling into the left before the right turn down Ferry Road.
- Care when turning right unto the road leading to Logierait.
- Extreme care needed when approaching and crossing A827. The approach is by a steep decent starting near the cemetery. Turn left and ride on the pavement to the designated crossing point and walk across the A827 when clear.
- Watch out particularly for children and dogs on the North Inch and give way to pedestrians.

D. TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Technical support during the ride will be provided by [Bike Station Perth](#). If you need their assistance, please call them on **07753708934**. Be aware they may not be

able to reach you directly on the cycle path down Drumochter Pass. Please note that Bike Station Perth is ONLY for technical support with your bike. If you need any other support, such as transportation, there are railway stations at Blair Atholl, Pitlochry and Dunkeld/Birnam. In addition the following taxi firms operate in the area.

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| Blair Atholl/Pitlochry | Elizabeth Yule | 01796 472290 |
| | SR Taxis | 01796 473931 |
| Dunkeld | Lady Driver Taxi | 07725 346643 |
| Perth | A and B Taxis | 01738 634567 |
| | Perth Radio Taxis | 01738 502682 |

E. DISCLAIMER

While ByCycle will take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of riders, participants ride at their own risk and neither ByCycle nor its office bearers accept any responsibility for loss, damage or injury during the ride. ByCycle's sole role is to arrange transportation to the start point by approved carriers. Riders should ensure that they are fit enough for the ride in the prevailing weather conditions and their bikes are in good working order and suitable for the terrain. Please make sure your tyres are at the correct pressure and bring at least one spare inner tube that fits your bike. Please make yourself familiar with the route you intend taking and the potential hazards and/or carry appropriate maps (OS Landranger 42,43,52)

If you leave the ride before Bell's Sport Centre in Perth and so are unable to checkout there, please text **07517347111** with your name and ride number so we know you are safe.

E. REFRESHMENTS, DETOURS, ETC.

- Apart from the drop-off point at the Snack Shack in Dalwhinnie there are numerous shops, food and toilets at House of Bruar, Blair Atholl, Pitlochry, Dunkeld/Birnam and Stanley.
- The suggested lunch stop is Pitlochry Theatre which has both indoor and outdoor dining facilities
- There is an excellent cycle shop and café in Pitlochry, Escape Route (01796473859), which will be open. Progression Bikes (07925322225), which is to be found under the archway beside Howies Bistro in Dunkeld, may not be as they lead tours.
- Unlike last year there are no specific detours (unless you want a couple more hills and stay on Route 77 from Dunkeld to Perth) but worth a visit if you have the time are [Pass of Killiecrankie](#), [Pitlochry Dam](#), the splendid example of a Highland railway station at Birnam/Dunkeld with its attractive fountain and [Dunkeld Cathedral](#). En route you pass over pass over [Telford's Bridge](#) linking Dunkeld with Birnam.