



CTC  
Kirkpatrick Macmillan Birthday Rides  
Dumfries  
29 July – 5 August 2006



**Route OR30 – Dalswinton and Forest of Ae.**  
**It is essential to carry adequate food and drink on this route.**

Scheduled day : <b>Sunday</b>	Terrain : highly variable in topography and surface.
26/31 miles (42/50 Km), 13/18 miles (21/29 km) off tarmac.	Map OS 78; Explorer 321
<b>Emergency phone 0777 189 5522</b>	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College TL, take 2 <sup>nd</sup> R (Auchenkeld Ave.); at end TJ, TL, then R into Sutherland Way to
0.4 (0.6)	Cycleway TR, and follow to
1.0 (1.6)	end of Cycleway TL (SP Ae Forest); at 1 <sup>st</sup> LHJ after suburb TL (no SP)
2.8 (4.5)	Kirkton village TR; SO all J's; after "Dalswinton Plants" (*A*)
5.8 (9.3)	1 <sup>st</sup> RHJ TR (white post on R)
7.0 (11.3)	end of tarmac (note old mill with water wheel); follow CTC waymarkers which are at all J's where not SO; pass Shaws farm to
9.5 (15.3)	gate after ford TR; track goes thru elegant tufted hairgrass; thru gate into forest (at XR with 2 CTC markers, go SO 1 <sup>st</sup> time)
13.0 (21.0)	top of Great Hill for Great, panoramic, views! (*B*); retrace to last XR TR; follow CTC waymarkers to
14.7 (23.7)	TJ TR public road, Loch Ettrick; RHJ SO (no SP)
15.7 (25.3)	3rd forest road on R TR; follow CTC waymarkers (passing small-holding) to
18.4 (29.6)	acute J; <b>Option 1:</b> TR; follow most used road (past picnic site) to
21.0 (33.8)	public road TL to
21.5 (34.6)	5 ways TR (SP Locharbriggs); SO all J's to
28.0 (45.1)	start of Cycleway to R; follow to TL just past library and playground; TL and retrace to
29.0 (45.7)	College.
	<b>Option 2:</b> for a high level extra loop with excellent views, T sharp L (no SP); cross bridge; TJ TL (SP Path to Beattock)

Miles (Km)	Route Description
20.0 (32.2)	RHJ TR (post 19, red route points R; hopefully not changed!)
22.7 (36.5)	RHJ TR (no SP); soon LHJ SO (no SP); SO (!!downhill racers crossing point!!) and descend a little to
24.9 (40.1)	2 <sup>nd</sup> acute TJ TR; at bottom of hill, T acute L to tarmac, then R thru buildings up short sharp hill to
26.0 (41.8)	5 ways; continue at 21.5 (34.6) above.

### Arranged Refreshment Stops

None

### Cafe/pub locations

Dalswinton (very limited)

### Shop locations

Dalswinton (very limited)

### Points of Interest

*A* At “Dalswinton Plants”, TL for where the first steamboat sailed, and a replica of it. At the loch, park against the wall on your L (not obstructing the gateway), cross and go thru the small iron gate, proceed c100yds along path by loch, look to your R for the replica. Built by William Symington, engineer at Wanlockhead mining, sponsored by Patrick Miller, laird of this estate in 1792.

*B* Great Hill. 360 degree panorama. Lowther Hills to north, hills above Moniaive to NW (you might just be able to pick out the large windfarm on Windy Standard, the highest point in that direction), Galloway Hills to the West, Criffel Hill to the S, Lake District hills to the SE, Southern Uplands to the East (possibly picking out the table-topped Burnswark near Lockerbie; this has an Iron-age fort and a Roman camp on the flanks; the Romans used the fort for firing practice!).



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**Route OR 2 – Mabie and Southwick.**  
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Scheduled day : <b>Wednesday</b>	Terrain : highly variable in topography and surface.
46/52 miles (74/82 Km), 19/20 (31/32) off tarmac.	Map OS 84; Explorer 313
<b>Emergency phone 0777 189 5522</b>	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College TL; take 2 <sup>nd</sup> R (Auchenkeld Ave) at end TJ TL, then R into Sutherland Way to
0.4 (0.6)	Cycleway TL; at 2nd Toucan crossing TR, then L at rbt; SO thru all J's and lights to
3.5 (5.6)	fork L (SP A711); continue on A711 ( <b>!!fast traffic!! sorry about that!!</b> ); pass Cairnyard Holiday Cottages to
8.8 (14.2)	track to L (sign FRP 161); inside forest gate, TR and descend [but stop for view, at approx 9.9 (16.0), over Loch Arthur] to
10.4 (16.7)	public road TL; continue to
12.5 (20.1)	RHJ TR (SP Solway Fishery); over bridge, TR thru gate, then L; RHJ TR; SO all J's
15.7 (25.3)	hairpin bend; at 16.2 (26.0) view back to Lowther Hills; SO
20.5 (33.0)	big layby – big view! Lake District, St Bees Head, Isle of Man, Southernness Lighthouse, Mersehead wetlands (RSPB); TJ TL thru gate (hopefully unlocked) to
21.8 (35.1)	ornate gates and lodge at main road, TL
25.0 (40.2)	Kirkbean (TR for Carsethorn, pretty village and Steamboat Inn, add 2.5 miles, 4.0 Km); note painted bus shelters on main road
26.8 (43.1)	Drumburn Viewpoint on R
28.0 (45.0)	LHJ TL (SP Ardwall); before farm, TR (SP carpark); bear L thru gate into forest; SO
29.8 (48.0)	thru gate to follow farm track past farm ( <b>**make sure you leave gates as you find them**</b> ) to
30.8 (49.6)	public road, TL thru New Abbey & over bridge to
31.5 (50.7)	LHJ TL (SP Beeswing)

Miles (Km)	Route Description
32.0 (51.5)	TR onto track (CTC marker); follow CTC markers to
34.5 (55.5)	XR at public road TL (CTC marker); soon CTC marker to L thru gate; follow to TL at next CTC marker and walk or ride to top of hill (Troston Hill) in open ground for view over Solway; retrace to
36.2 (58.3)	last XR TL (CTC marker), then R; follow road past Lochaber loch and up to acute TJ TR; then 7stanes Blue route markers to buildings at Mabie Trailhead; TL down to
38.4 (61.8)	main road TL (SP Dumfries); SO on A710, TJ TR, over river, over railway; next mini rbt TR into Moffat Road, then L onto Cycleway to next Toucan crossing, TR and follow College signs to
46.4 (74.7)	College.
	<b>Optional loop from 21.8 (35.0):-</b>
24.0 (38.6)	3 <sup>rd</sup> RHJ after Mainsriddle TR (SP Southernness); LHJ TL (SP Arbigland); RHJ TR (no SP) to
26.8 (43.1)	shore (Powillimount) (paddle, picnic, Southernness lighthouse [2 <sup>nd</sup> earliest 1748,1842,1894, used to 1936] to R); retrace to RHJ TR; follow Footpath signs passing John Paul Jones' Museum (pirate, then service in Russia and "Founder of the American Navy"), Arbigland entrance, thru buildings, to J slight TR (small yellow discs on posts opposite), to farm TL onto tarmac; TJ TR (retro Footpath sign); TJ TR (no SP, but large double gates opposite) into
29.8 (48.0)	Carsethorn; retrace SO to
30.3 (48.8)	Kirkbean; continue from 25.0 (40.2) above, adding 5.3 (8.5)

### Arranged Refreshment Stops

None.

### Cafe/pub locations

Scarce! – until New Abbey, but diversions possible to Southernness (add 4 miles, 6.5 Km) and Carsethorn.

### Shop locations

New Abbey, Dumfries

### Points of Interest

Included in directions.



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**Route OR3 – Tinwald Downs and Birthday Tea.**

Sorry, not a lot of off-road, but a delightful diversion over the Tinwald Hills, just the same. There may not be a café/Pub when you want to eat, so take your own and have it while enjoying the views!

For points of interest, take cards C30 and C3.

Scheduled day : <b>Thursday</b>	Terrain : big hills at first, easy after.
33 miles (53 Km), inc. 5 (8) off tarmac	Map OS 78, 84, 85; Explorer 322, 321

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College TL, then 2 <sup>nd</sup> R (Auchenkeld Ave.); TJ TL then R into Sutherland Way to
0.4 (0.6)	Cycleway TR, and follow to
1.0 (1.6)	end TR (no SP); TJ TL (main road A701); SO ( <b>!!becoming twisted and narrow!!</b> ) to RHJ TR (SP Tinwald) ( <b>!!great care crossing!!</b> ); up to Tinwald village;
2.5 (4.0)	2 <sup>nd</sup> LHJ TL (no SP), up steeply to Damhead Kennels TR onto track; at brow, views of Mid and Upper Annandale; ( <b>!!extreme care on descent, loose stones; advise walking!!</b> );
4.5 (7.2)	regain tarmac; TJ TR; TJ TR;
7.0 (11.3)	track crosses TL (SP E Tinwald); SO
9.8 (15.8)	TJ (A709 main road), TL ( <b>**fast traffic on bends**</b> );
10.6 (17.1)	2 <sup>nd</sup> RHJ TR (no SP); “XR” TL; SO to
11.9 (19.2)	main road SO into Lochmaben; after road merge after Townhall, TR into Well Vennel to Kirk Loch TL; LHJ TL (deadend sign for SO);
12.8 (20.6)	after Church TR (B7020) (view loch thru gaps on trees); LHJ [TL for Castle – add 1.0 (1.6)] SO
14.3 (23.0)	2 <sup>nd</sup> LHJ (after bridge, NOT SP Heck) TL; in Hightae TJ TL: SO to War Memorial; SO to end of village; return to
15.6 (25.1)	War Memorial TL; TJ TL (SP Dalton);
16.0 (25.7)	RHJ TR (Mossburn Animal centre – rescued animals, cafe);
16.5 (26.6)	XR SO (up);
16.8 (27.0)	fork R (end tarmac; track rough on steepness); pass Rammerscales

Miles (Km)	Route Description
	House and other interesting structures;
17.9 (28.8)	RH bend (fire sign with skull and crossbones);
18.0 (29.0)	TJ TL (no SP; Rammerscales woodland notice to R);
18.3 (29.5)	TJ TL; soon cattle grid; surprise views;
19.4 (31.2)	tarmac;
20.0 (32.2)	<b>!!XR on steep downhill!!</b> SO (no SP)
21.0 (33.8)	Collin TJ TR; soon veer R (SP Tinwald)
22.3 (35.9)	SXR TL (SP Dumfries); rbt TR (SP Industrial Estate)
23.8 (38.3)	LHJ TL (SP Industrial Estate); follow as straight as you can to sharp RH bend; go SO over obstruction; SO to
25.0 (40.2)	Toucan crossing, TL onto Cycleway; at next Toucan crossing, TL into Moffat Rd; SO at all J's and lights to lights at river TL; get into Carpark lane to go into Dock Park; SO thru park; after end of park cross to L, thru gate and up thru park to next road; TR and then enter Crichton Main Gate on L; bear R, then up L to
28.8 (46.3)	<b>Crichton Church (Service 14.30) and Birthday Tea (Easterbrook Hall 15.30).</b> After retrace to Dock Park carpark; SO along river to opposite Royal Bank on R; cross busy road at island, go up Bank St; at top, TL, past clock tower (Mid Steeple), TR past sandstone column, SO past bus shelters on L (Great King St), SO across at lighted crossing (walk where necessary); SO (Newall Terrace) to TJ, TR, then L at station entrance into Caledonian Cycleway to
33.0 (53.1)	College.

### Arranged Refreshment Stops

None.

### Cafe/pub locations

Lochmaben, Mossburn Animal Centre open from 11.00 (help sustain rescued animals), Dumfries.

### Shop locations

Lochmaben, Collin

### Points of Interest

Take cards C30 and C3.



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**Route OR 4 – Annandale Estate and Forest of Ae.**  
**It is essential to carry adequate food and drink on this ride.**  
*This ride is also the DATC off-road route.*

Scheduled day : <b>Friday</b>	Terrain : very variable in topography and surface.
43 miles (70 Km), 15 (24) off tarmac	Map OS 78; Explorer 322,321
<b>Emergency phone 0777 189 5522</b>	

Miles (Km)	Route Description
0.0	Exit College TL, then 2 <sup>nd</sup> R (Auchenkeld Ave.); at end TJ TL, then R into Sutherland Way; at
0.4 (0.7)	Cycleway TR; and follow to
1.0 (1.6)	end of cycleway TL (SP Ae Forest) to
3.0 (5.0)	XR TR (SP Amisfield); soon, after bridge, TR, then SO to
4.3 (7.0)	LHJ TL (after bridge ramparts) up hill to TJ Amisfield village TL (no SP)
5.3 (8.5)	<b>XR !! A701 fast traffic!!</b> SO (SP Shieldhill); SO thru Shieldhill to
8.0 (13.0)	XR SO (SP Nethermill); next, follow two SP's Garrel to
11.8 (19.0)	<b>TJ !! fast traffic!!</b> TR (SP A701)
12.7 (20.5)	LHJ (just before double bend sign) TL; TR onto grassy track between two cottages; <b>**beware half-fallen tree**</b> (if still there); follow CTC waymarks at less certain J's, crossing tarmac road; watch out for loose downhill (CTC sign, <b>**advise walking if less than full mountain bikes tyres**</b> );
16.0 (25.8)	tarmac road T sharp L; TR at dam, just before cottage; cross field and bridge, join tarmac; take 1 <sup>st</sup> track L (waymark)
18.1 (29.2)	track ends, TJ TL; over bridge, acute RHJ TR
20.0 (32.2)	RHJ TR (green SP Beattock)
21.8 (35.2)	TJ TL (church opposite); soon RHJ TR thru tube under rly; TL; SO thru Beattock Village to
23.0 (37.0)	LHJ TL (but SO for Old Bridge Inn) (SP Route 10, which we follow most of the way home); up "The Crooked Hill" to

Miles (Km)	Route Description
25.0 (40.8)	leave bikes just before forest and walk 90yd (80m) to R for view of Upper Annandale; then SO to
26.3 (42.3)	start of forest road to L; sorry, rather boring for a couple of miles till the first felling, but then extensive views inc. Queensberry Hill; follow R10 and horse route signs to
31.0 (50.0)	LHJ SO (CTC marker) ( <b>not</b> horse route to L); SO all Js (better scenery now) to
33.5 (52.0)	RHJ TR (SP Ae); pass picnic and events sites, and display of ploughs used to establish all those hectares of trees, to
36.0 (58.0)	TJ TL onto tarmac to
36.5 (58.8)	5-ways J TR (SP Locharbriggs); SO to
42.2 (68.0)	Start of Cycleway to L; just after library and playpark, TL and retrace to
43.2 (69.6)	College

Arranged Refreshment Stops

None.

Cafe/pub locations

Just one on the route, the Old Bridge Inn at Beattock, about halfway round. More at Moffat, for which go SO 1.8 (3.0) at Beattock.

Shop locations

None, unless you divert into Moffat.

Points of Interest.

Included in directions above.