

# Cycling & Mountain Biking



## around **AUCHTERARDER** and **THE OCHILS**

The steep sided Ochil Hills dominate this area, forming a protective green backdrop for Auchterarder and the fertile farmland of Strathearn. Cycling opportunities are as rich and varied as the landscape itself, with routes to suit all abilities. Auchterarder is renowned for its many independently owned shops and the world famous Gleneagles Hotel lies just west of the town.



### Tullibardine Chapel

**Circular Road Route**

**Approximately 5 miles / 8km**

**OS Landranger Map 58**

**Minor roads with a short section on main road.**

**Highlights:** A short run with some of the best landscape views in southern Perthshire. Tullibardine Chapel is a beautiful and complete 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century cruciform church in the care of Historic Scotland. The churchyard has interesting gravestones, ancient trees and an open aspect to Crieff and surrounding hills. A real hidden gem.



### In the Heart of Strathearn

**Circular Road Route**

**Approximately 15 miles / 24km**

**OS Landranger Map 58**

**Mainly gentle cycling on secondary and minor roads.**

Set out from Auchterarder High Street on the B8062, heading north towards the River Earn and Kinkell Bridge. Turn right just after the bridge to reach the small village of Trinity Gask, then sharp left (north) through a number of small settlements/farms to reach the crossroads at Dubheads Farm. Turn left and complete the circuit by following the road through St Davids and back to Kinkell Bridge. Return to Auchterarder via same route. Refreshments: Auchterarder.

**Highlights:** Carefree cycling on peaceful country roads in the heart of Strathearn.





## Through rolling countryside to Crieff

**Linear Road Route**

**Approximately 14 miles / 24km**

**OS Landranger Map 58**

**Uncrowded secondary and minor roads. Undulating with steep sections.**

This route starts in the historic village of Dunning. Set off on the B8062, passing the Maggie Walls Monument by the roadside (commemorates a witch burned at the stake here in 1657). Continue past Craig Rossie hill on the left, take the tunnels under the railway and the A9 to reach Shinafoot and then join the A824 heading west to Auchterarder. Rejoin the B8062 after a short distance and cycle north through fertile farming country to reach Kinkell Bridge, the River Earn and eventually the bustling town of Crieff which has many eating places and shops. Return by the same route.

**Highlights:** A relaxing cycle through green rolling countryside in the shadow of the Ochil Hills. Visit Dupplin Cross (fine Pictish stonework) and St Serfs Church in Dunning. Innerpeffray Library (the oldest library in

Scotland) is well signposted and has a wonderful rural location off the B8062. Crieff has many attractions including The Famous Grouse Experience at Glenturret Distillery, Crieff Visitors Centre, Stuart and Waterford Crystal Factory Shop and the 'Stocks, Stones and Stories' Exhibition in Crieff Town Hall.

## Accommodation



Perthshire has an excellent choice of accommodation to suit all tastes and budgets. Many establishments are members of the VisitScotland Cyclists Welcome Scheme and provide specific facilities such as cycle storage, drying areas, weather forecasts and packed lunches - all designed to make your stay more enjoyable.

Contact Auchterarder Tourist Information Centre for details of participating local establishments

**OR** visit [www.visitscotland.com/cycling](http://www.visitscotland.com/cycling)

**OR** look out for the logo in our brochures.



## Scenic Glen Devon and Dollar

**Linear Road Route - Approximately 15 miles / 24km (one way only)**

**OS Landranger Map 58**

**All on main roads - suitable for experienced road cyclists only. Some demanding uphill sections.**

Leave Auchterarder on the A824, heading west to its junction with the A823. Travel southwards on the A823 past the famous Gleneagles Hotel and golf courses. The route continues through the picturesque steep sided glen towards Glendevon village and the interesting junction at Yetts O'Muckhart. (Yett is an old Scottish word for a gate). Join the A91 for the short cycle to the attractive small town of Dollar. Return by same route. Refreshments: Glendevon village, Dollar. **Highlights:** A fantastic tour with sweeping views from the top of Glen Devon – north to Crieff and surrounding mountains, southwards to the rolling Ochil Hills and the greenery of the valley below. In Dollar, both Castle Campbell (known as the Castle of Gloom) and Dollar Glen are worth a visit. Optional detour to

Rumbling Bridge Gorge - a noisy place of dramatic architecture, rock and water scenery (continue on the A823 for approx 1.5 miles/2.5km after Yetts O'Muckhart).



Dunning



## The Way of the Cadgers

**Linear Off Road Route. Approximately 6 miles / 9.5km (one way only)**

**OS Landranger Map 58**

**A hilly traverse through the Ochil Hills on minor roads and rough tracks.**

An ancient right of way goes through the hills between Auchterarder and Glendevon village. This is popularly known as 'The Cadger's Yett' after the travelling packmen of yesteryear who used the route to transport goods and cattle. From the lower part of Auchterarder High Street turn into Abbey Road, then cross the Ruthven Water and follow the minor road southwards over the hill passing Cloan, Upper Cloan and eventually Coulshill, which marks the end of the tarmac road. A right of way sign indicates the way ahead and onto the highest point on the route - a pass known as The Cadger's Yett (gate). From here the track descends to the village and the glen itself, passing rustic Glendevon Youth Hostel en route.

[www.syha.org.uk](http://www.syha.org.uk). (NB: parts of the track can be boggy in wet weather).

Return by same route. Refreshments: Glendevon village. **Highlights:** A simple route through the heart of the Ochils with wonderful views.



Glendevon Youth Hostel

## Cycle Hire and Other Services

(Advance booking advised. Delivery of bikes may be possible).



Marshall's Garden Machinery, Dalreoch, Dunning. Tel 01764 684600.

HIRE

Sinclair Cycles, High Street, Auchterarder. Tel 01764 660996

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Tiso Blackford, Tullibardine Centre, Moray Street, Blackford. Tel 01764 682845

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## USEFUL CONTACTS

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[www.perthshire.co.uk](http://www.perthshire.co.uk) for information on cycling, other activities & places to visit in Perthshire.

**VisitScotland** T: 0845 22 55 121 E: [info@visitscotland.com](mailto:info@visitscotland.com) W: [www.visitscotland.com/cycling](http://www.visitscotland.com/cycling)

Visit the website to request free brochures packed with information on cycle routes throughout Scotland, holiday operators, tips and maps.

**Perth & Kinross Cycle Campaign (ByCycle)** W: [www.bycycle.org.uk](http://www.bycycle.org.uk)

**Sustrans/ National Cycle Network** Information Line: 0117 929 0888 W: [www.sustrans.org.uk](http://www.sustrans.org.uk)

**Travelling with your bike:** First ScotRail T: 08457 484950 or [www.firstscotrail.com](http://www.firstscotrail.com)



## BE SAFE, BE AWARE

- Always exercise your access rights responsibly in accordance with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code [www.outdooraccess-scotland.com](http://www.outdooraccess-scotland.com)
- Adhere to guidance signage and requests from land managers, countryside rangers and estate staff.
- Always give way to walkers and horse riders.
- Take special care cycling downhill.
- Wear a cycle helmet and be prepared for emergencies.



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