

Aboyne Enduro 2025

Tartan Enduro Series - DoonThaBrae Events

Sunday 29th June 2025

We're heading to a true rider favourite for the second round of the Tartan Enduro Series, get ready for Aboyne on 29th June! Known for its flowing single-track, steep & techy descents, and endless stoke. Aboyne has been a fan favourite riding destination for years, and we can't wait to bring the Tartan Enduro Series here! Expect a mix of handcrafted trails, natural features, and some big smiles as riders take on this epic North-East Scotland gem.

The Aboyne full route is around 31km long, with 1100m of climb and includes 6 timed single track stages. The lite route omits the trickiest two stages, making it 24km with 780m of climbing across 4 stages.

Full route: <https://www.trailforks.com/route/aboyne-2025-tartan-enduro-series>

Lite route: <https://www.trailforks.com/route/aboyne-lite-2025-tartan-enduro-series>

We are still looking for a few more marshals to help manage the day and ensure it runs smoothly, so if you know anyone who may be able to help please let them know. No experience needed. For more details about what's involved and to sign up, head to: <https://www.doonthabrae.com/events/marshal-round-2-aboyne-tartan-enduro-series>

Race Format

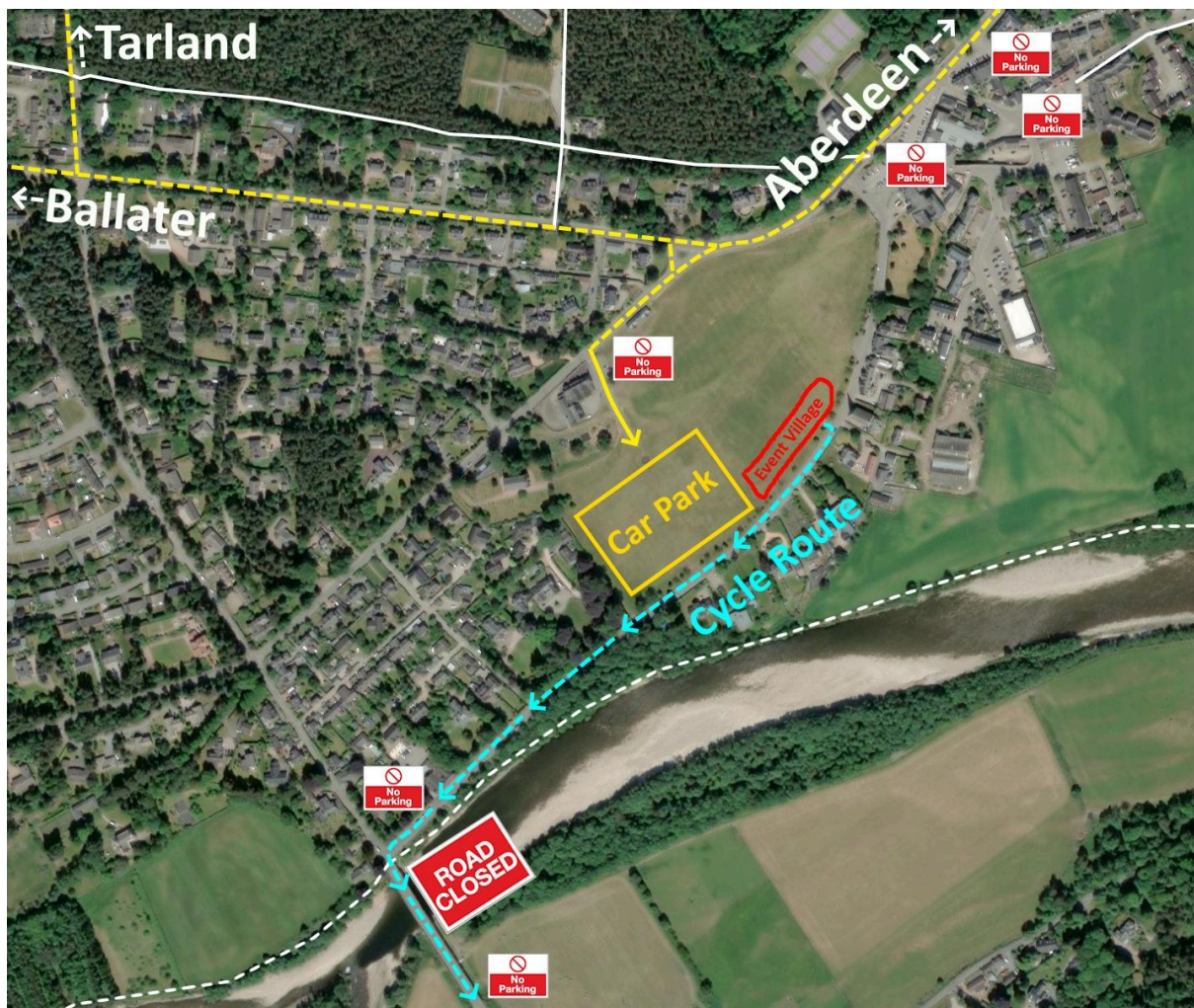
For those new to it, an enduro race is where riders are timed in downhill stages, with neutral transfer stages (climbs!) in between. The winner is determined by the lowest cumulative time across all timed stages. For a quick guide, watch out 'How To Race Your First Enduro' video: [youtube.com/watch?v=k7BFwkhFxxQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7BFwkhFxxQ)



Event Village Location, Camping & General Arrangements

The event village is on the Aboyne Green ([57.072943, -2.783033](#)) in the middle of the village and unfortunately we only have it on the Sunday for the race day, so there is no free camping available for this event (we have camping sorted for the next two events). On race day you should see DoonThaBrae banners marking the parking and it will be open early on Sunday morning. All arriving participants are REQUIRED to use the parking provided and as directed by marshals. The Aboyne bridge is currently closed for vehicle traffic, so we are requesting everyone to please DON'T PARK there on the Saturday or Sunday around the event weekend as it will cause blockages and issues for locals. Compliance is very important to allow us to continue to return to the amazing trails at Aboyne with the local community's support.

The Aboyne Green is also the Race HQ, where riders must report for registration and return at the end of the event, for their times and to hand back their timing chips.



For overnight parking on Friday and Saturday there are plenty of fantastic options nearby to Aboyne. Here are just a few recommendations:

- Aboyne Loch Caravan Park, just east of Aboyne
- Tarland Camping & Caravanning Club Site
- Firbank Park, just south of Dinnet
- Greenpark Leisure Brathens
- Feughside Caravan Park
- Castlewood Leisure Club
- Silver Ladies Caravan Park
- Banchory Lodge Caravan Park
- Silverbank Caravan and Motorhome Club Campsite
- Ballater Caravan Park
- Loch Kinord Car Park, just west of Dinnet wanting a simple overnight carpark without facilities.

Pre-race Registration and Start

You will have selected your start time when entering online prior to the race, which you can check in your SiEntries account. Please arrive at the car parking area ready to race NO MORE than an hour before your start time. This is ample time to complete final equipment preparations and on the day registration at Race HQ, whilst minimising congestion. Please come to Race HQ 30-45 minutes before your start time to collect your race number board and wrist timing chip. 'On the day' entries will not be accepted. After registration, you must report to the start line 5 minutes before your start time. The start line is very close to the cafe, you'll be able to see it from registration.

Start times for this round are a bit different due to a variation in Stage 3 between the Full and Lite routes. We need to make sure all Full route riders complete Stage 3 before Lite riders begin it. Please note that you won't be able to start earlier than your allocated time on the day, so no sneaking in early this time if you're on the Lite route!

Race Day Schedule

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 07:00 | START OF DAY - Organising Team arrive & set up Race HQ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 07:30 | Medical team, marshals & sponsoring businesses arrive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 08:00 | Marshals meeting (to pick up equipment & receive on the day briefing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 08:30 | Registration opens |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 08:30 | Marshals commence leaving Event Village to go to their race positions |



- ☐ 09:00 - 09:30 Full eBike Only waves depart
- ☐ 09:45 Full Elite wave depart
- ☐ 10:00 - 11:00 Full waves depart
- ☐ 11:30 - 11:40 Lite waves depart
- ☐ 11:45 - 12:00 Youth waves depart
- ☐ 16:00 Estimated return time of final competitor
- ☐ 16:30 Prize Ceremony
- ☐ 17:00 - 18:00 Sponsors & competitors depart and event village is cleared
- ☐ 18:00 END OF DAY - Organising team depart

Timing System

We will be using the SPORTident AIR+ timing system for this event. The SPORTident AIR+ timing system is a modern electronic timing system that is commonly used in Enduro races. The system is highly accurate and reliable for Enduro races. Here's how it works:

1. Each competitor is issued with a small electronic tag, which they wear on their right wrist, away from other electronic devices (e.g. Garmin watches).
2. During the race, there are several timed stages, where competitors race against the clock to complete a challenging downhill section as fast as possible.
3. At the start of each timed stage, competitors pass through a start gate, which triggers the timing system to start recording their time.
4. At the end of each timed stage, competitors pass through a finish gate, which stops the timer and records their finishing time.
5. At the end of all stages, competitors will hand back their electronic tag to Race HQ registration to download the timing data to a central computer, which compiles the results and provides real-time updates to the race organizers and spectators.

Route Map

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Race Completion

YOU MUST REPORT BACK TO RACE HQ BEFORE LEAVING

Your wrist SIAC (timing chip) contains all your timing data and you will not get a race result unless you hand it in to the organising team ON THE DAY at RACE HQ. This is required, even if you retire and do not complete all the event stages. Checking back in is an essential safety



requirement of the event, so we can be certain all riders have returned. Failure to hand back a hired SIAC on the day will incur a charge of £60.

After racing and checking back into Race HQ, we'd love to see riders and their supporters remaining in the event village for food, socialising and to attend the prize giving ceremony, before heading off.

Rules

A full set of rules can be found at: doonthabraeevents.com/entry-rules

"Riders will be set off at a minimum of 20 secs intervals on Race Day. Please let faster riders past. If you are the faster rider coming behind another rider, give a clear shout "RIDER" to ensure that he or she knows you are approaching. If you are the slower rider, please briefly move to the side allowing a clear line for the passing rider.". The only situation where this will not apply is if you are within 10 seconds of the stage finish.

By entering the event through our online registration you agree to abide by these rules and wilful disregard of them can lead to penalties, up to disqualification.

Youths

The youth (under 13 years old) category, riding the shorter lite route, will start after the full route riders. This is to avoid them being caught up during the race and to allow the main prize giving ceremony, at around 4pm, to include everyone. As a reminder, each youth rider must have an adult chaperone. A chaperone can accompany a maximum of two youth riders. The chaperone will not compete in the event or have a timing tag and will ride behind the youth participant(s) to be available to take care of any issues e.g. bike problems, injuries or withdrawals for any other reason. Youths, or indeed any riders, may not be towed or pushed, if still competing in the event. You may choose to ride throughout the race with the youth group, but this is not mandatory.

Safety & Environment

Trails safety - mountain biking is an inherently potentially hazardous activity. The trails being used for the event are a well established trail network which have previously been used for mountain biking racing. They are of varying technical difficulty, so please ride within your ability, even whilst racing, to ensure you don't need to meet our excellent professional medical support team. Be aware that the general forest is open to the public over the



weekend, so please take care in case the marshals miss someone encroaching into the race area.

Bio-security - we'd like to thank Glen Tanar, Dunecht Estates and Birse Community Trust for permission to race on these trails and use the forest, without which we wouldn't have an event at all. Please help them look after the forest by taking some simple pre-event precautions: "Tree diseases and pests are posing an increasing threat to our forests and can be spread very quickly from forest to forest on muddy tyres, boots or paws. We believe everyone who loves spending time in the forest will want to help if they can to reduce the risk of spread of disease. For some simple ways everyone can help follow the link to find out more." forestry.gov.scot/sustainable-forestry/tree-health

Litter - please, please take all your litter home with you, or dispose of it in the waste facilities provided in the event village. Do not leave anything on the course, including gel containers and food wrappers. Anyone seen littering will be disqualified.

Videos & Photos

Ben Girdwood Videography will be creating the race video along with many other people taking photos. So make sure you put on a smile and look out for more info on these following Race Day. Please feel free to take your own photos of the day and share them to social media using the hashtag **#DoonThaBrae** & **#TartanEnduro**.

Local Trail Projects

We would like to thank Aberdeenshire Trail Association for their work developing, improving and sustaining trails at Aboyne. We are making a financial donation towards these costs. Thank you also to the entrants who made their own additional voluntary donation to Braemar Mountain Rescue Team (BMRT) during online event entry, fingers crossed we won't have to use them at the event.

Results & Prize Giving

Prizes are awarded for the top three riders in each category, and will be scheduled for around 4:30pm (both youth and adults). Please note these are approximate timings and may change on the day of the event, depending on the return of the final riders to the event village.

You will be racing for great etched slate trophies as a permanent reminder of your achievement across 16 different race categories. The trophies and prizes are sponsored by



some fantastic UK based businesses, catering for all your biking needs and many other needs. We would like to put a huge shout out to all our sponsors [Clarkie's Campers](#) [Cyclehighlands Static-Bikes](#) [Bikeremedy Ride in Peace](#) [Adventures 20TwentyStore](#) [Rembikes Fortan](#) [Banchory Cycles](#) [Skyline Cycles](#) [Bike Station Ballater](#) [Stogies Mtb Pedal](#) [Power Cycle Centre Inverurie](#) [Bark + Ride](#) [Unbound Collective](#) [OPITO Deviate Cycles](#) [Racecraft Bikes Inverness](#) [Lost Loch Spirits](#) [Shoreland Lodges](#) [57North Adventures](#) [Total Endurance!](#)

Thank you to each and every sponsor for supporting enduro, which are an important part of helping create the amazing mountain biking scene in Scotland! Please check them out and drop by to say hello to those businesses who are in the event village on the day! Thanks also to our amazing volunteer marshals, who work hard to ensure the race runs smoothly - give them a wave as you pass!

All results will be visible online a few minutes after each rider hands in their SIAC (Timing Card) at sportident.co.uk/results/DoonThaBrae/2025/Aboyne



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And Finally...

Hopefully we have included everything you will need in here to be able to have a great day and a fantastic race. If you have any more questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. See you on Sunday!

