

# Tarland Enduro 2025

## Tartan Enduro Series - DoonThaBrae Events

Sunday 17th August 2025

We're heading to the terrific Tarland Trails centre for the third round of the Tartan Enduro Series 2025. Aberdeenshire's first fully purpose built trail centre has been hugely popular since opening in spring 2023. It's helping lots of new riders access the amazing sport of mountain biking, as well as appealing to more experienced riders. With trails consisting of sweeping turns, big berms, jumps, technical riding, it will have you whooping as you race down them!

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-3-tarland-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 our 'How To Race Your First Enduro' video: [youtube.com/watch?v=k7BFwkhFxxQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k7BFwkhFxxQ)

Feedback was very positive for last year's mash-up enduro format, so we will be using this again. For those unfamiliar with this, competitors will leave the event village in a mass start (set off on three large waves of ebikes, lite route riders and the rest to help spread riders on the climb). You can then ride the downhill stages in any order. Riders may ride a stage more than once, but to complete the event each rider will need to complete every stage (six stages for the full route and four for youth/lite categories) at least once by an advised cut off time. The cut off times will differ for ebikes full route and the rest of the field and refer to the time by when you must have completed your last stage, after which you should head back to Race HQ. Whichever category you're riding, we'd strongly recommend riding each stage at least once to ensure you have an overall race time, prior to riding any stages again. Your overall race time will include the quickest time for each stage, if you have ridden it more than once.



## Pre-race Registration and Start

Registration will open at 08:30, just under two hours before the riders mass start, commencing at 10:15 and will close at 11:00. We will register riders at Race HQ (collecting wrist mounted timing chip and race number, with zip ties) as they arrive and we would appreciate everyone not showing up at 10:10! So come along in a good time and once you're registered, complete pre-race bike preps and soak up the vibes, perhaps grab a bite from our caterer, who will have hot food and drink available from around 8:30am and chat to our sponsors, your mates and us. Once registered, riders are encouraged to participate in the correct mass start wave (see race schedule below), or can set off anytime afterwards but they may not set off beforehand. 'On the day' entries may be accepted but not guaranteed.

# Tarland Enduro 2025 Schedule

| Time  | Event                  |
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| 8:30  | Registration Opens     |
| 10:15 | eBike Full Start       |
| 10:30 | Full Route Start       |
| 10:45 | Lite/Youth Route Start |
| 11:00 | Registration Closes    |
| 11:10 | Final Start Time       |
| 15:15 | eBike Finish Time      |
| 16:00 | Final Finish Time      |
| 16:30 | Prizing Giving         |



The Tarland Trails Pittenderich Car Park will be closed and locked on Saturday evening at 20:00 and no overnight camping is allowed there, but is in the nearby allocated parking field.

The event village, including Race HQ for rider registration and the race start line, is in the event zone at the top end of the Tarland Trails Pittenderich Car Park. On the day of the event, the Trails car park will only be available for the vehicles of organisers, sponsors, catering, medical and volunteer marshals, or disabled parking. There will be a marshal in a hi vis vest managing access to this car park for these vehicles only.

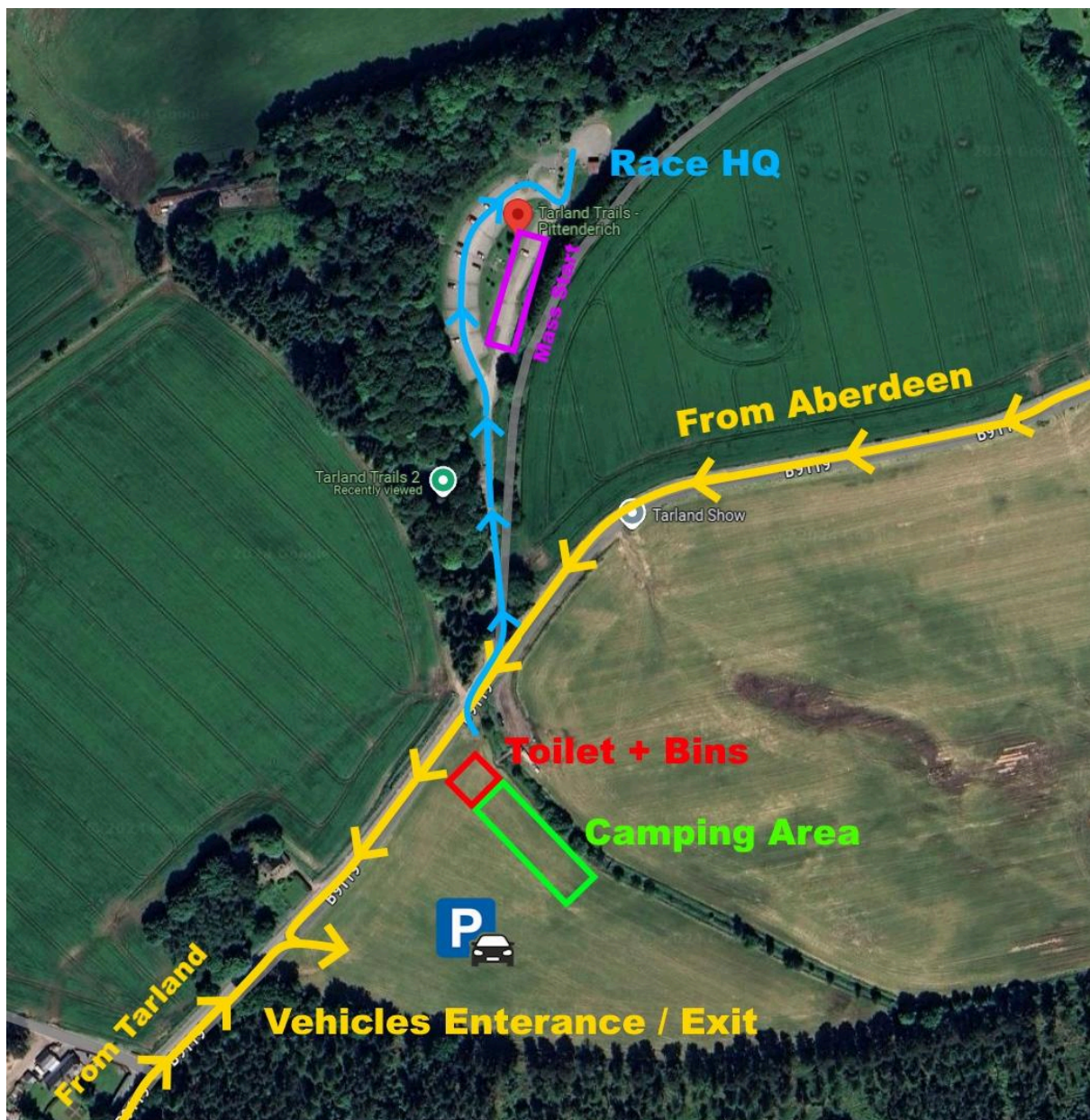
The participants' car park is in a large field, with ample space for all participants' and supporters' vehicles, on the opposite side of the road to the trails car park entrance. You will see DoonThaBrae banners & flags marking the field entrance and a marshal in a hi vis vest, who will direct you to your parking spot. There is a separate entrance/exit just for cyclists and pedestrians in the corner of the field near to the Tarland Trails car park entrance.

Both the original car park and field will be open from early on Saturday morning. If you plan on camping overnight on Saturday, please head straight to the parking field and park there. Please DO NOT USE local road verges or park in the centre of Tarland, which creates problems for local residents and other road users. This is very important to allow us to continue to return to the amazing trails at Tarland with the local community's support.

Camping in the event field is included in your race fee for the Tarland Enduro on the Saturday night. A condition of the landowner making this available is that there will be no fires, smoking, alcohol, loud music, silly behaviour etc... Basically please be respectful of the area and community, which will allow us to continue offering camping at our events.

If you plan to use the trails for practicing on Saturday, please pay the usual car parking fee at the ticket machine (£5 card or cash) or show your annual pass. All parking money goes directly to the cost of maintaining and improving the trails at Tarland Trails. There are lots of local amenities in the nearby Tarland village (cafe, shop etc) if you require anything.





## 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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10:15         | Mass start wave 1 - ebikes (full route)                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10:30         | Mass start wave 2 - regular bikes (full route)                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 10:45         | Mass start wave 3 - lite route (includes. youth riders & chaperones)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11:00         | Registration closes   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15:15         | eBike finish time (will not be allowed to descend further stages)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16:00         | Final finish time (will not be allowed to descend further stages)     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 16:30         | Prize ceremony  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 17:00 - 18:00 | Sponsors & competitors depart and event village is cleared            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18:00         | END OF DAY - Organising team depart                                   |

## Timing System

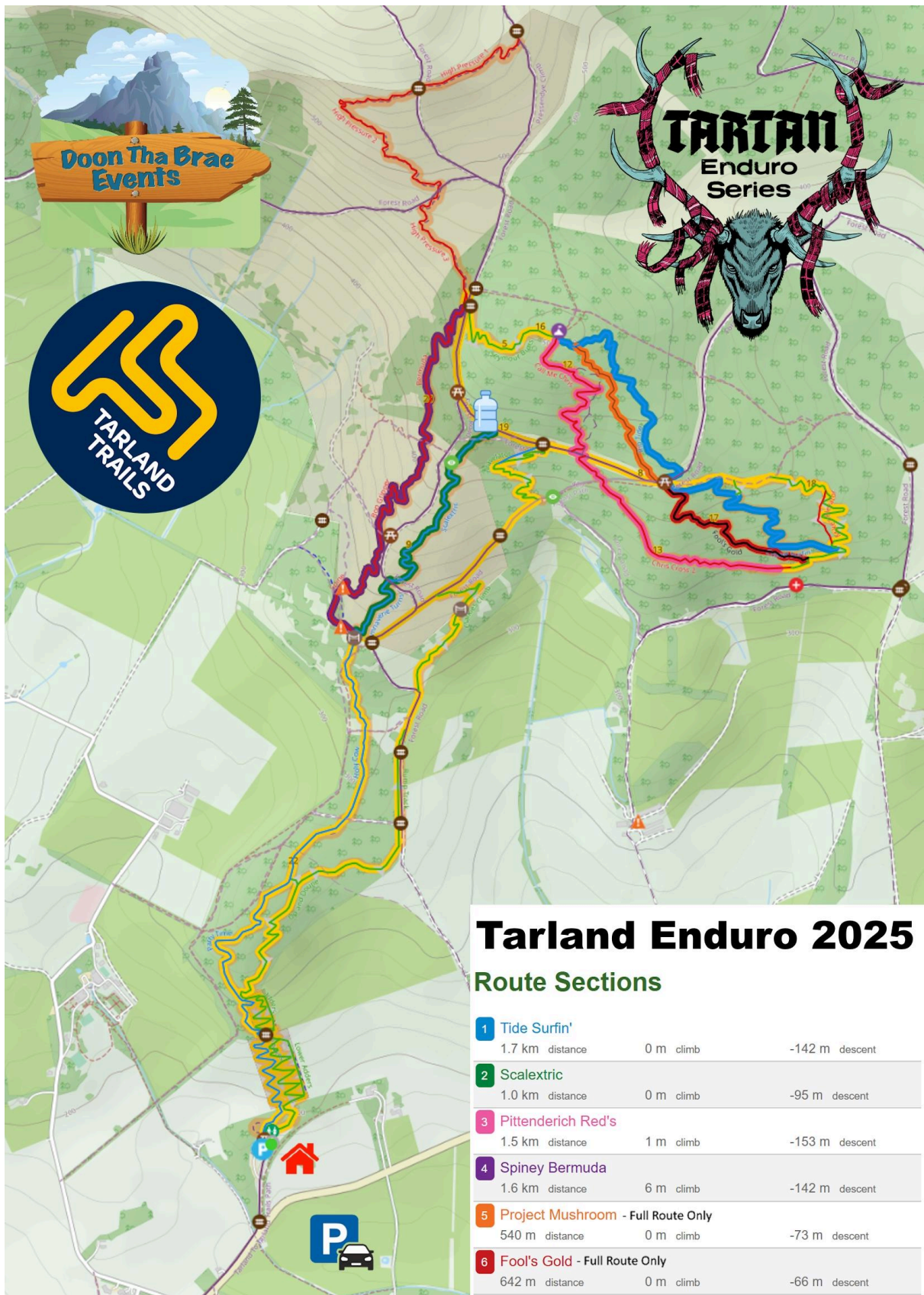
We will be using the SPORTident AIR+ timing system for this event. The SPORTident AIR+ timing system is a modern electronic timing system that is commonly used in Enduro races. The system is highly accurate and reliable for Enduro races. Here's how it works:

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

Trailforks route: <https://www.trailforks.com/route/tarland-2025-tartan-enduro-series/>





## 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 (we have a hog roast ready for you), 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](https://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 as they have fewer downhill sections to complete. 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.



## Safety & Environment

**Trails safety** - mountain biking is an inherently potentially hazardous activity. The trails being used for the event are an 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 area remains 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 Tarland Trails 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](https://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 supporters of Tarland Trails for their work developing, improving and sustaining trails at Tarland, including the fabulous recently opened hand built Project Mushroom. We are making a financial donation towards these costs. Thank you also to the entrants who made their own additional voluntary donation to Aberdeen Mountain Rescue Team (AMRT) 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 youths 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 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](#) [Deviante 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/Tarland](https://sportident.co.uk/results/DoonThaBrae/2025/Tarland)



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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!

