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WELCOME TO ETAPE CALEDONIA PRESENTED BY WAHOO

We can't wait to see you at the UK's original closed-road sportive on Sunday 12th May, in what will be the 17th edition of the event.

Please take the time to read through this Event Day Guide carefully - it contains all the information you need to know about the event to ensure you have a smooth and incredible event day.

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Community is at the heart of Etape Caledonia, and we want to create a space for our loved and loyal participants to get priority access to tickets, the latest event news and information, plus exciting offers.

Join today and help us shape the future of Etape Caledonia for years to come. Click [here](#) to join.

ETAPE CALEDONIA VOLUNTEERS

A great way to be part of the event is to join the fantastic volunteer team. Volunteers get to see behind the scenes and provide incredible energy, enthusiasm and support. Whether it be helping prepare participants for the start, refuelling at an aid station or giving the well-deserved medals at the finish line. It's a great way to meet new people, use current skills and learn new ones as well as having fun!

No previous experience is required, the maximum shift time is six hours and there's food and refreshments too. There's also an opportunity to have a free entry to Etape 2025 as a thank you for donating your time.

To find out more about volunteering and to register go to www.etapecaledonia.com/volunteer or contact our volunteer team at volunteer@motivsports.co.uk with any questions.

Thank you to all the individual volunteers and groups donating their time to this year's event to make it a memorable experience to all participants.

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GETTING THERE

We strongly recommend that anyone living or staying close to the event cycles to the start, as parking in the area is extremely limited. The route maps provide details of a Rider Access Point (RAP), all riders should aim for this location to make it to the start line.

CAR PARKING

If you have purchased parking online, your parking permit will be included in your rider pack. Please display this in your windscreen before arriving at the car park on Sunday morning so we can keep traffic moving. The car park is at the Pitlochry Recreation Ground and will be clearly signed from the A9. The postcode is PH16 5B. If you have not purchased parking in advance there is no opportunity to pay on the day this year, so please make alternative arrangements. Parking in Pitlochry is very limited so we advise anyone driving to plan ahead.

Please plan your parking for event morning well in advance. Parking around Pitlochry will be severely restricted due to high volume of attendees.

DROP OFF CAR PARK

If anyone is dropping off a participant they MUST follow the participant drop off signage off the A9, down Foss Road to the Pitlochry Festival Theatre. At the Festival Theatre building, participants can walk over the bridge to Ferry Road. Cars can re-join the A9 from Foss Road. Any participants dropped off in the event car park will not be able to get back out of the car park until after the start of the event.

Please note: Any participants who are cycling down to the start line after 6:00 and are coming from Faskally Forest/Killiecrankie (North) direction must keep off the road and keep to the right of the road (as they are cycling). The first wave sets off at 06:30 and if you are cycling down to the start, you are likely to meet the mass starts coming the other way.

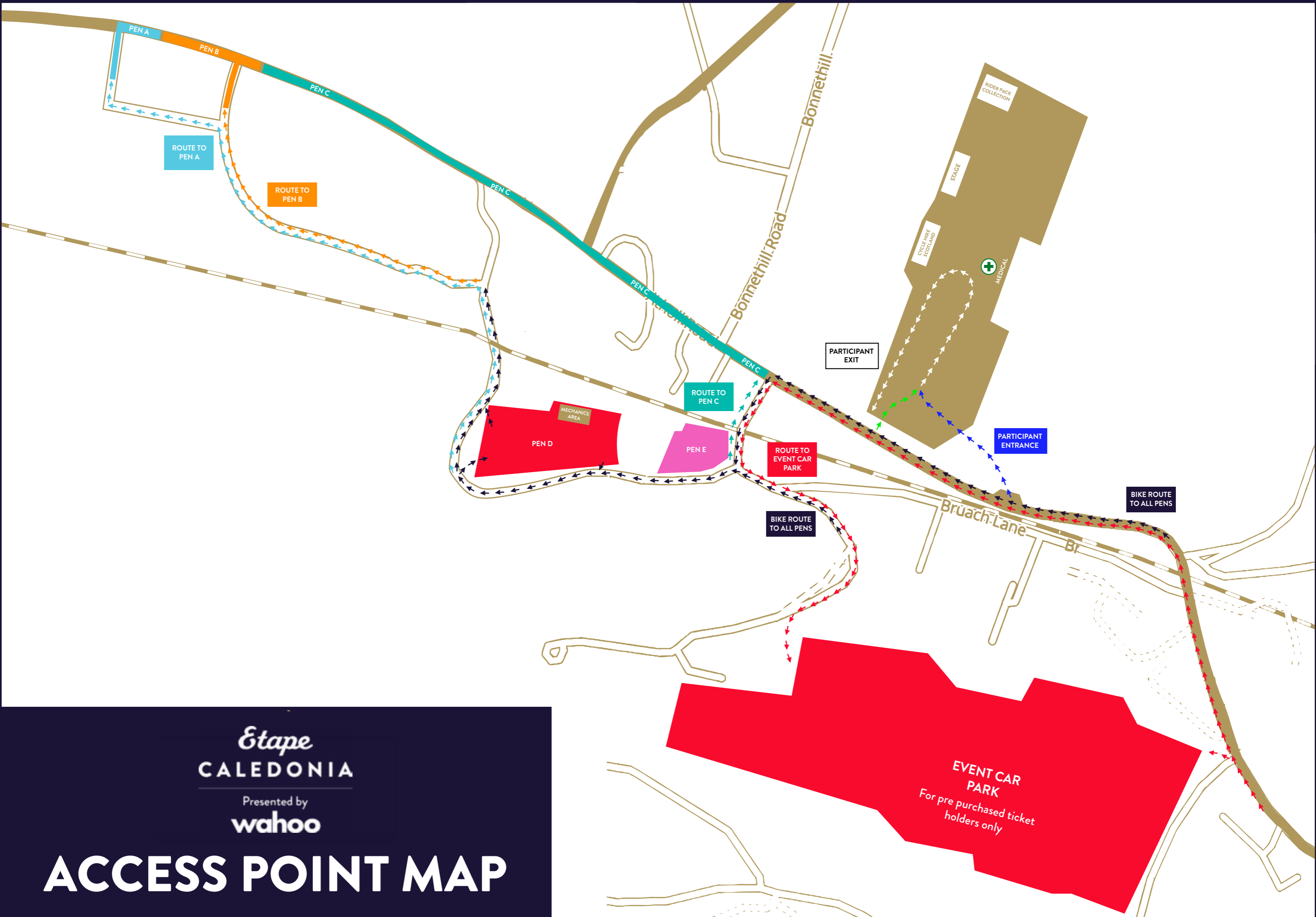


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ACCESS POINT MAP

EVENT CAR PARK
 For pre purchased ticket holders only

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You have been allocated a wave based on the estimated finishing time that you provided during registration. You will have a letter on your rider bib and bike board; this is your allocated start pen. Please follow signage to this pen 30 minutes before the estimated start time for your pen.

The estimated start times for the waves are:

PEN:	PLEASE BE IN YOUR PEN BY:	ESTIMATED STARTING TIME:
Pen A - C	06:00	From 06:30
Pen D - E	06:10	From 06:40

PLEASE NOTE: Your start pen will be clearly signed and there will be marshals on hand to help with directions. Participants that have registered for the 85 mile route but decide to shorten their ride on the day will not be able to access the 55 mile or 40 mile route from Pen A-C until the lead 55 mile or 40 mile rider arrives at the route split. If you do decide to shorten your ride you will be held at the route split.

YOUR RIDER PACK

Your rider pack contains all the essential items for your ride. Please take the time to go through it all carefully.

If you have not purchased rider pack delivery, you will be sent a unique QR code prior to the event which you will need to use to pick up your pack. All packs need to be collected from the Event Village, located at the Atholl Road car park open at the following times:

RIDER PACK COLLECTION - SATURDAY 11 MAY 10:00 - 18:00

Please be sure to bring your QR code with you to pick up your event pack – without this we cannot assign you a pack. Each rider must pick up their own pack.

IN YOUR PACK YOU WILL RECEIVE



RIDER BIB NUMBER

Please attach this to the back of your jersey.
(85 Mile bib shown above, 55 Mile bib will be light blue
40 Mile bib will be red)

NB: Safety pins will NOT be sent out in posted packs, if you have safety pins at home, please bring these with you. We will have safety pins available to collect from the Helpdesk in the Event Village.

Exclusive Participant offer

SUPER EARLY BIRD ENTRIES FOR 2025



Entries will open at 10:00am on Saturday 11 May
and close at 11:59pm on Tuesday 14 May.



ENTER AT [ETAPECALEDONIA.COM](https://etapecaledonia.com)

LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE, MAKE SURE
YOU ACT FAST TO SECURE THE LOWEST
PRICED ENTRY!

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BIKE NUMBER & 2 X CABLE TIES

Please attach this to the front handlebars. Please note, your bike number contains your timing chip so ensure this is attached as per the instructions.

If any items are missing from your pack, please come to the information tent on Saturday (located in the event village).

BIB NUMBER & BIKE NUMBER

- Please ensure your bike number is securely fastened to the front of your bike. This number also includes your timing chip so we will only be able to record your time if it is on your bike.
- Your bib number also has space for emergency contact details. Please ensure you complete this as it will be the primary source of emergency contact details should they be needed.
- Please place the bib number you receive in the middle of your back over the pockets (make sure not to pin them shut) and not higher up your back, as it will be harder to see when you are riding.



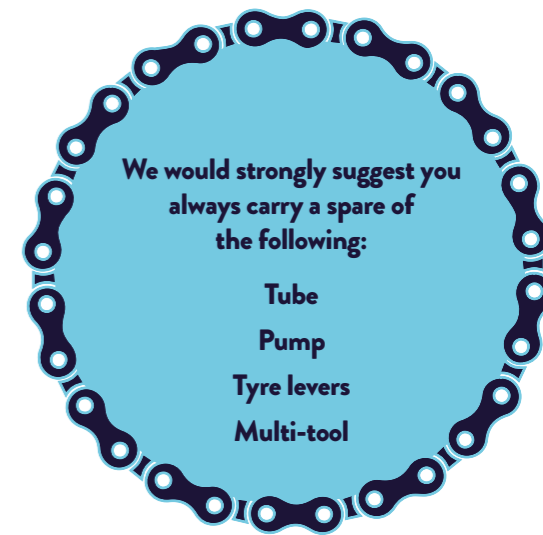
RIDING ETIQUETTE

- Etappe Caledonia is held on fully-closed roads. This is a unique experience and makes the challenge of completing the course or going for a personal best all the more pleasurable and exciting. Riders should however always exercise a level of caution while on the route, as there could be incidents that have taken place further along the route that require you to slow down or stop. There could be a rider with a puncture or an official motorbike dealing with an incident around any blind corner, so please ride accordingly with this in mind.
- When riding in a group, please work with your fellow riders to highlight any obstacles on the route. This could include pointing out potholes or a dropped water bottle to those riders behind you.
- Route signage will be positioned around the circuit. We would ask though that if you are in a group it is always advisable to communicate to those around you that the course is going left or right, just in case someone has missed the sign. It is a simple and effective way of avoiding minor bumps when riding in a group.
- Please be aware of those around you as you approach the finish line, and once you have crossed the finish line make your way along the route. Avoid stopping and waiting for friends as this can cause congestion and can be a hazard for those finishing behind you.
- There will be mechanical support at the four feed stations around the route.

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KIT AND CLOTHING

- Please ensure your bike is in full working order. Etappe Caledonia staff will be doing spot checks at the start and at feed stations. We reserve the right to disqualify riders if it is deemed that the condition of their bike could pose a risk to themselves or others.
- There are a limited number of cycling shops within the local area so please be aware that a shop may not be able to fit you in due to high demand around the event weekend. We have Cycle Hire Scotland who will be based in the event village and at all feed stations completing bike checks and selling some items if you need.
- If you have the space we would strongly recommend you come prepared with clothes for all weather. There is still the potential for snow in the Highlands in May! The more options you pack and bring the more prepared you will be.
- Please ensure your helmet is in good condition (no bashes, scrapes or dents) and that it is correctly fitted. Your helmet should not move around on your head if you were to shake your head about. If it does, you need to get the straps adjusted. It could save your life so it is important to fit it correctly.
- There will be energy products and fresh food available at the feed stations.
- There will be water points at feed stations and in the village, so please bring water bottles with you to fill up. There will be no plastic cups at the feed stations.
- Maurten energy gels and solids will be available for collection in the event village on Saturday.
- If you are unable to collect your energy product on Saturday, there will be further gels and drink mix available at the final feed station, plus the first feed station for those completing the 55 and 85-mile routes.



BIKE RACKING

There will be plenty of bike racking located in the village for riders to use post event. Please note bikes are left at owners own risk. All bikes must be removed from the racking by village closing time at 16:00.



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SWEEP VEHICLE

It is essential that we are able to reopen the roads on time in order to minimise inconvenience to local residents. For this reason, we will be running a sweep bus which will follow the route at a speed of 13mph. Any riders who are not able to maintain this average speed across the course will be requested to board the sweep vehicle and return to the village, as the roads will be reopening directly behind the sweep chain.

Any riders who decide to continue to ride beyond this point will no longer be a part of the event, and will be riding on open roads at their own risk.

FEED STATIONS

There will be feed stations at multiple points along both routes where you will be able to refuel and refill your water bottles.

A mechanic will also be stationed at each feed station on the route. If you develop problems with your bike whilst on the ride, they will do their best to help you with fixing your bike and to keep you going. If this support requires replacement parts or spares, the mechanic will provide you with a price for the work.

IMPORTANT ROUTE INFORMATION

The Etape Caledonia route is not to be undertaken light-heartedly.

Challenges include:

- Sharp downhill hairpin bend at mile 4.2 on all routes.
- The descent at Trinafour after mile 26.2 is fast and twisting.
- The descent after feed station 3 is fast and ALL riders should be aware of the route split at the bottom of the descent. You will see signs saying "get in lane" and all riders are asked to respect this.
- At mile 79.35 there is a left hand turn onto an extremely steep climb. Please get in the right gear before the climb!

85-mile route cut off times:

- Riders must pass the 40-mile split by 08:17. After this time all riders will be diverted onto the 40-mile route
- Riders must leave Feed station 1 by 09:00 or they will be diverted onto the 55-mile route
- Riders must leave Feed station 3 by 11:46 to be on time for the Fortingal loop closing at 11:56. After this time all riders will be diverted straight onto the 40 & 55 mile route

RIDER
PACK
COLLECTION

All general signage directing you to the start and rider pack collection will be navy and gold.



All road traffic signage directing you around the road closures and to the parking is yellow and black.



For the 40 mile route, all event signage is PINK, and for the 85 mile route all event signage is YELLOW.



55 miles will be included in either pink or yellow where there is a route split or route merge.



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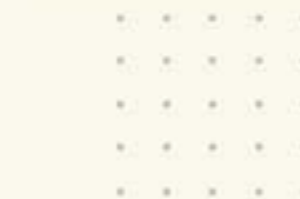


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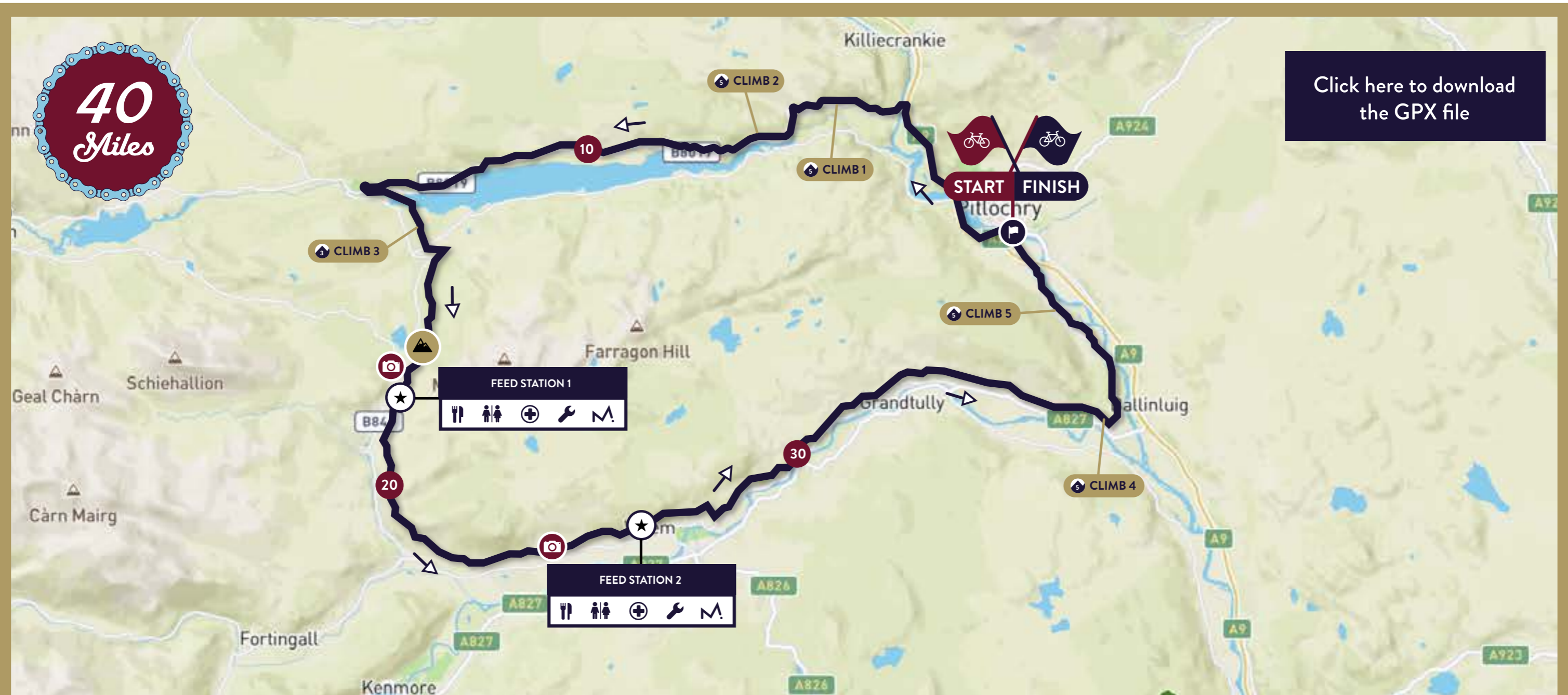


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- MAURTEN ENERGY PRODUCT
- DISTANCE MARKERS
- MOUNTAIN SUMMIT
- START/FINISH
- SNAP A PHOTO!

 START ELEVATION 353 FT	 MAX ELEVATION 1,885 FT	 GAIN 3,028 FT
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- ROUTE CLIMBS:**
- X1 **CATEGORY 3 CLIMB**
From 1.5km at 10% to 10km at 5%
 - X4 **CATEGORY 5 CLIMB**
Greater than 500m at 3%

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From 2km at 5% to 5km at 2/3%
 - X5 **CATEGORY 5 CLIMB**
Greater than 500m at 3%

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85 Miles

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EVENT VILLAGE INFORMATION

EVENT VILLAGE OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 10:00 – 19:00
Sunday 05:30 – 16:00

CAR PARK OPENING TIMES:

Saturday 10:00 – 20:00
Sunday 04:30 – 17:00
*There is no overnight parking allowed.



See a proper Scottish spectacle on route where there will be bag pipes, rallying all the riders together!



Food and Drink will be provided in the village by;

- Coffee bar by Coull Beans

We encourage everyone looking for everything from a snack to a slap up meal to eat at one of the brilliant eateries in Pitlochry, or surrounding areas and support local businesses



There will be water points in the village where cyclists can fill their bottles.



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- Toro Blanco Active Holidays
- Maurten
- Blair Atholl Distillery
- Ekoi



Professional Mechanics from Cycle Hire Scotland will be at the event village throughout the Etape weekend. They can support you with bike checks and help fine tune your bike to ensure it is in tip top condition ready for the ride.

If on inspection it is found that your bike requires replacement parts or specific repair work, the mechanic will provide you guidance on whether they have the parts required, if they have the capacity to carry out the work, and the price of the repair.

Do you need to hire a bike for Etape Caledonia 2024? Cycle Hire Scotland are the place to visit, check our their website to [find out more](#).



Good Luck TO ALL OUR 2024 PARTICIPANTS

We look forward to welcoming you on Sunday 12 May

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