MTB Route 02 – Loch Duntelchaig Circuit

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Route Overview

A circular route, starting from Gask House, following a local single-track road to the Loch, and then a forest track climbing above Loch Duntelchaig. Fine panoramic views at the top. A steep off-road climb. Return via the quiet B851.

Route Distance

26 Km

Route Rating

Medium-Hard.

B Road, Single track roads and very good forest track. Some sections a bit rocky. Suitable for all MTBs.

Map

Number 416: OS Explorer 1:25000 Inverness, Loch Ness & Culloden

Number 417: OS Explorer 1:25000 Monadhliath Mountains North & Strathdearn

Elevation Profile



Route Map



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GPX File available (please ask and I will email as an attachment).

Route Description

- 1) From Gask House, turn left onto B861 and cycle downhill to the Balnafoich junction (750m).
- 2) Turn right at Balnafoich and proceed along single-track road sign-posted to Dunlichity.
- 3) Continue on road for about 6km, passing a church, Dunlichity fishing, a small loch until you reach Duntelchaig. The entrance to the track is through a gate on the left before you descend down to the loch side. There is a water treatment works.
- 4) You are now on the hill track which follows the south side of the loch and climbs steadily towards the end of the loch with great, open views to the North and West.
- 5) After about 2.5km the track will begin to climb steeply away from the loch on a worsening rocky track. Ignore a track to the right and continue steeply up for about 1 km until you come to your high point. The views open up to the south and you can give yourself a pat on the back that the worst climbing is over.
- 6) Continue on the track which will descend 2km down to a deer fence and gate and then continue directly down, round the hidden Loch a' Choire until you finally come to a minor single track road. Pass through the gate, turn left and cycle down, past Loch Ruthven (RSPB reserve) and keep going until you come to the B851 junction at Croachy.
- 7) Turn left and cycle back to Inverarnie along the B851, passing under Brin Rock on your left, and the hamlets of Brinmore and Farr.
- Look out for the "The Steadings" (soon after Croachy) on the left they might be open for a drink! 8) Turn left onto the B861 at Inverarnie and climb the short, steep hill back to Gask House.

Images



