

## MTB Route 01 – Below Meall Mor

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### **Route Overview**

A circular route, starting from Gask House and climbing above the tree line on the other side of Strathnairn. Great views across the valley to Ben Wyvis and hills in the far west.

### **Route Distance**

17 Km

### **Route Rating**

Medium.

B Roads, Single track roads and very good forest tracks (be aware forest tracks are used by windfarm and logging traffic, although you don't encounter lorries very often).

Suitable for all MTBs and Gravel Bikes.

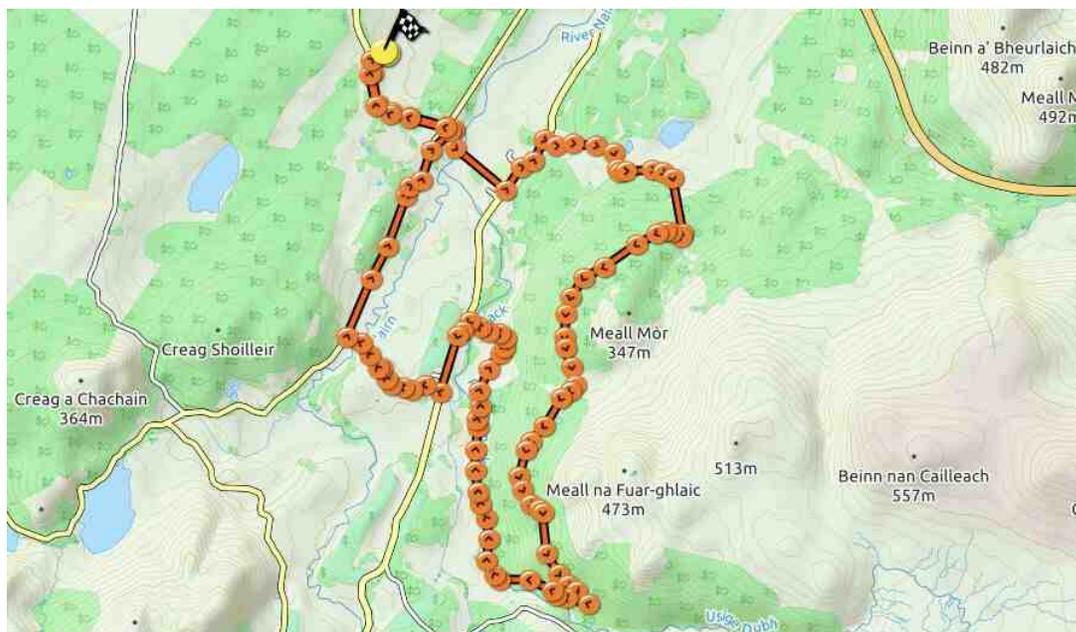
### **Map**

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

### **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 into Inverarnie.
- 2) Turn left at the shop and proceed along B851 for approx. 500 metres.
- 3) Turn right onto wide track and continue up hill for approx. 1KM until you come to farm cottages.
- 4) At the cottage, bear right and proceed through a gate.
- 5) Follow track up hill for approx. 500 metres until you reach the main forest track.
- 6) Turn right onto main track and continue on this undulating track for approx. 5km. This takes you along the tree line with some fine open views across Strathnairn and then mountains beyond. Above you on the left are hills of Meall Mor (347m) and Meall na Fuar-ghlaic (473m).
- 7) You'll see a track running off the right, below your current track. Take this route and descend down, through trees and eventually along the river Farnack. Pass through a forest fence and continue on the path which narrows to a walking track in places and is occasionally overgrown.
- 8) Eventually you will come past some houses on your left and a gate. Pass through the gate and continue left along the farm track, across the river and eventually out onto the B851.
- 9) Turn left onto B851 and proceed for approx. 600 metres into Farr.
- 10) Turn right and head up the hill to Tordarroch, and then down over a bridge to a T Junction.
- 11) Turn right onto single track road and head for Balnafoich.
- 12) At the Balnafoich junction, turn left and re-trace your steps back to Gask House.
- 13) Have a beer, you will have earned it!

### **Images**

