



ARRAN BIKE CLUB

Isle of Arran End to Enduro

**A 50km Mountain biking
route from Lochranza in
the North to Kildonan in
the south.**

**Graded - moderate/hard due
to length and technicality
Hilly forest roads, tracks,, rough
trails and technical single track
achievable by most
experienced mountain bikers
with good fitness.**

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Route Description

A tough 50km mountain bike route on the Isle of Arran, from Lochranza in the north to Kildonan in the south.

Start from Lochranza Castle on the sea loch shore in the middle of the village. Head south on the A841 approx 0.5km to take the first left turn onto a minor road through the golf course.

Where this road turns left, take the track going right up the hill.

Towards the top end of this track, take a left fork on single track towards Laggan Cottage. This trail quickly turns into a long challenging technical rocky climb, eventually topping out before the start of a steep descent, with stunning views across the Firth of Clyde to Bute, Cumbrae and the mainland.

Head down this fantastic, very long technical descent on the obvious single track to Laggan Cottage. The trail turns sharp left on a grassy surface which can be very slippery at any time of year, take care here as you drop into the back of Laggan Cottage onto the shore.

Head SE along this very entertaining single track which hugs the back of the beach, after about 3.5km you'll reach the aptly named 'Fallen Rocks'. The trail negotiates its way through the rocks eventually meeting the end of a forest road. Continue on this to its end at a gate into North Sannox Picnic Site.

Follow the road to go over a bridge then immediately turn left down a trail back to the beach. This trail then swings right between the sea and huge cliffs, along a sandy beach path and eventually crosses the river on stepping stones to the car park in Sannox adjacent to the A841.

Follow this road south for approx 5km through the next village of Corrie. On leaving the village look for a right turn onto a forest road sign posted 'Moal Don'.

Follow this for approx 6km as it twists and turns, climbs and descends, eventually bringing you to a forest road T-junction, turn right to climb a short way looking for a small left turn before the track dead ends.

Drop down left onto another track, turn right and climb up this track to cross a ford by the footbridge. The track now becomes rougher in dense forest. Continue through another shallow ford to the top of the hill, and to a track cross roads junction.

Turn left down the rough track, descending quite steeply to the next junction.

Go right and continue down the track which is rough in places and care should be taken descending through steep bends to meet the Goat Fell path at the next junction. Also be aware of walkers and forestry vehicles.

Go left and descend for a few metres before turning right at a small junction onto a more overgrown, grassy track which bears left and descends to the another small junction. Turn right then immediately bear left on a muddy trail contouring around a steep sided gully, crossing a large wooden bridge over the river and continuing to the picnic bench at the top where the track forks.

Bear right down this rough track into Glen Rosa, extra care should be taken over the loose rocks and logs. This track eventually meets a boundary wall with the forest. Take the narrow muddy path down the left of the wall, again taking care of hidden rocks, etc, to meet a path at the bottom.

Turn left along this trail as it gradually climbs along the Glen Rosa field boundary to meet a forest road at the top. Turn right and descend the forest road to meet the Tarmaced Castle drive.

Turn right down the Castle Drive continuing along this to the A841 road, look out for the standing stones in the fields over the beech hedges.

Turn right onto the road which then hair pins left into Brodick. In the centre of the village turn right between the Post Office and Brodick Bar. Towards the top of a short climb turn right up Mayish at the Glenartney Hotel, where the road becomes a track.

Climb this rough track, continuing straight up the hill, around a locked gate onto more technical single track. This winds its way down then back up, over a couple of wooden bridges, eventually emerging in a small car park/view point. Take the single track on the right heading south to Cnoc Na Dial Forest car park/picnic area, adjacent to the main Brodick to Lamlash A841 road.

Go right, up the Forest Road, through the FC gate then bear left at the fork. Continue for approx 1km looking for a faint left turn opposite a steep ramp on the right. Turn left down a steep, muddy and rutted technical descent, following the edge of the forest to eventually meet a narrow tarmac road. Go left down the road - take care on sharp bends - to T-junction at the bottom.

Turn right along farm track to eventually ride through Glenkiln farm. Then turn right again at the next T-junction to turn off left after a few 100m into FC Dyemill car park.

Follow Forest Road up out of the Dyemill for approx 6km as it twists and turns, climbs and descends, eventually bringing you to a junction for Whiting Bay and Glenashdale falls.

Turn left towards Whiting Bay looking for a right turn down a path after a few 100m.

Follow the technical single track steeply down hill then steeply up hill to eventually cross a wooden bridge across the top of Glenashdale Falls. Keep following the very technical single track as it descends past the Falls 'viewing platform', avoid the wooden steps here by bearing right at the top of them. Take GREAT CARE all the way down this very steep and technical trail, with big exposed drops to the left hand side of the track. The Trail levels out just before the village, look for a right turn - before barrier across track - up single track to the 'Giant's Graves'.

If provisions are required in Whiting Bay, continue through barrier to the village, turning left at the road junction, then retrace steps back to Giant's Graves' single track. This is a classic 'Alpine Style' switchback climb with classic Arran views as your reward at the top, *enjoy!* Ride past the Graves and join the main forest road beyond.

Head up left - south - on this forest road, steadily climbing then descending, where at it's end it turns to single track and descends to meet the main coast road above Kildonan.

Turn right for 200m then left down a farm track sign posted Drumla Farm. Descend past the farm, swinging left through one gate then right and through another gate, to emerge on the coast in Kildonan village. Flow the minor road left for 200m and turn right into the Kildonan Hotel to end the ride with a celebratory drink.