

Tour of the Trossachs 2022

Sunday 2nd October

Individual and Tandem Classic Hilly TT

Vanelli Project GO

All proceeds to Return to Life and Project GO Charities



TOUR OF THE TROSSACHS 2022 incorporating the SVTTA Bill Lennon Trophy

Start time/ First rider off 10:00am – Sunday, 2nd October 2022

EVENT HEADQUARTERS

Aberfoyle Memorial Hall

Trossachs Road, Aberfoyle, FK8 3SW (red circle)

There is plenty of parking in Aberfoyle and we would prefer you mainly to use the large area behind the Scottish wool centre (green circle) as this is used less and there is always plenty of room there. Please don't park near the hall especially after the event start, it annoys the locals and will impede your fellow competitors.

There are toilets at the Hall but there are also public toilets beside the Visit Scotland building.

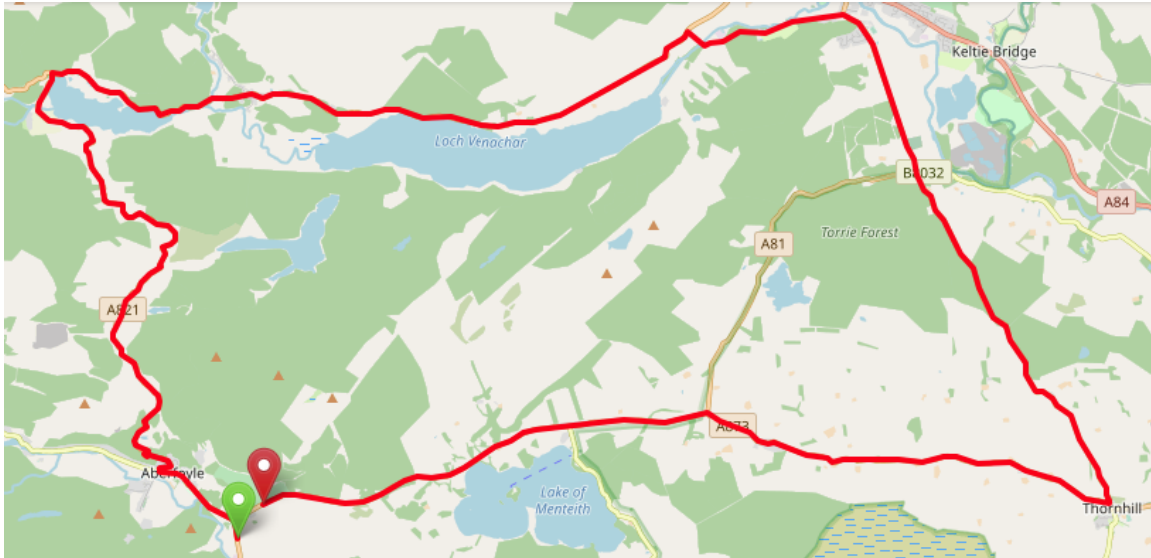
We will have tea/coffee and cake courtesy of Maggie's Aberfoyle Kitchen (BIG SHOUT OUT- well worth calling at her shop for more later) and Soup thanks to Lucie and Lewis. Please give some donations (hint hint!)

Donations from the tea bar and most of the entry money will be going to **Return to Life (Charity for Renal diseases) and Project GO (a charity for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy)**



The Course

PLEASE ALL FAMILIARISE YOURSELVES, IF POSSIBLE CHECK THE COURSE OUT PRIOR TO THE EVENT. THERE ARE **2 NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS IN ABERFOYLE NOW** WHICH WILL BE MARSHALLED BUT BE CAUTIOUS. ROAD SURFACES ARE MIXED, PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE SECTION BETWEEN BRIG O TURK AND LOCH VENACHER, SOME BAD POT HOLES TO AVOID- SORRY IN ADVANCE. WATCH FOR SHARP LEFT HANDER OVER BRIDGE ON INVERTROSSACHS ROAD.



START On A81 at Shannochill Road end 1.5km south of the Roy Roy Hotel. (NOTE GIVE YOURSELF 10 minutes to get out to start- you can warm up beyond the start heading South or preferably up the climb to Gartmore)

Turn left onto A821 at the Rob Roy roundabout, proceed through Aberfoyle village to turn right at Bank of Scotland building and proceed over the Dukes pass. Keep right at the Loch Katrine road end (7.5ml), onto Invertrossachs Road junction (14.1ml). Turn right onto Invertrossachs Road and continue to junction of Callander to Glasgow A81.

Turn right onto A81 and continue to bottom of Braes of Greenock (17.2m).

Bear left onto B822 and proceed to junction at Thornhill A873 (21ml).

Turn right onto A873 and proceed through Ruskie to join the A81 on the other side of the Braes (25ml). Proceed on A81 through Port of Menteith to Finish at layby (28ml). approx 1mile east of Rob Roy Hotel/ roundabout.

CARE MUST BE TAKEN BY RIDERS WHEN CROSSING FROM A811 onto Invertrossachs road you will be crossing over oncoming traffic and be vigilant on the Invertrossachs road, it is narrow and has driveways which people may be coming out of.

DON'T be an idiot on the Dukes decent, it is easy to overshoot the first 2 corners especially into oncoming traffic- you won't save much time and it's just not worth it

REMEMBER – MARSHALLS ARE THERE TO DIRECT RIDERS NOT STOP TRAFFIC FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE!!! The Future of the event relies on you all obeying this!!!!

Hill Climb – there is also a time taken on the hill-climb – you will see the 200m to go before prime flag (green with white border) before the timekeeper at the top of the hill (beside a white flag) – remember and smile.

Big Thanks time ...

Talking about marshalls – the delivery of the Tour de Trossachs is once again a massive team effort. We are a small club still so this event would not have been possible without the help of many others including lots of local clubs (especially Glasgow Nightingale and Ivy), friends and family. I would also like to thank Janette Hazlett, Bill Macmillan and CTT Scotland for their help and guidance throughout.

Thanks also to the Aberfoyle community for use of the memorial hall and their car park as well as being very cycling friendly in general – please support them by browsing round the shop and buying some early Christmas presents or having lunch at the café's and or Forth Inn, and please try to use the bike shop for any last minute repairs not to forget their amazing bacon rolls.

Here is the list of those who are helping – and I'm sure it will be added to on the day
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HELPERS LIST

Signing on table – Stephen Blom/ Jason Roberts

Commissaire / Observer – Stevie Blom

Start Timekeeper – John Dargie/ Martin Knox

Hill climb timekeeper – Catriona Stirling

Finish Timekeeper – Mhairi Laffoley

Course signage – Jason, David Griffiths and Richard McDonald

First Aid – Donna & Jason

Kitchen- Kirsty

Marshalls

Rob Roy Roundabout – Geoff and Linda Smith

Aberfoyle Pedestrian Crossings- Kerry Macfee, Beth Legg

Right turn up hill – Marion Wilson, Ella Hamilton

90 degree corner turn to Loch Katrine- Allison Graham, Callie Graham

Right turn into Invertrossachs Road – Neil McNamarra, Donna Clayton

Roundabout Callander –Silas Goldsworthy/ Prasad Passad

Fork at Braes of Greenock start including road on left – Mark McGhee

Bottom of Braes of Greenock/ Thornhill- Janette and Stevie Hazlett

Thank you all so much..

The Riders List ...

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Good time to mention that there will be bin bags at the start for the collection on jackets etc – these will be brought back to the HQ afterwards for collection – anything left will be added to my cycling kit if it fits and I like the colour.

Please remember to shout your number as you cross the line, if you are able, it really does help the timekeepers.

A bit about the

BILL LENNON TROPHY HILLY TIME TRIAL

Awarded to the best vet on standard on this hilly course

Bill Lennon had the distinction of being the oldest Glasgow Centre novice 25mile winner. Coming late to time trialing Bill won the novice trophy when he was 37 years old. Bill like all the rest of the club folk then was a mile eater and a hard one at that, the name half--wheeler rings a bell with me. If Bill Met up with you and any conversation took place it was with Bill speaking to you over his left or right shoulder. A window cleaner by trade Bill cycled everywhere in Glasgow during his working day and if you happened to see a bike hanging from scaffolding around some buildings he knew that Bill was'nt far away cleaning windows. Bill left a legacy to the vets, hence the event and trophy to his memory and like John Cusker everyone has a story regards Bill and meeting him out on the road. He was a hard rider.

(Words courtesy of Jim Harris, long time organiser and supporter of the Tour of the Trossachs)