

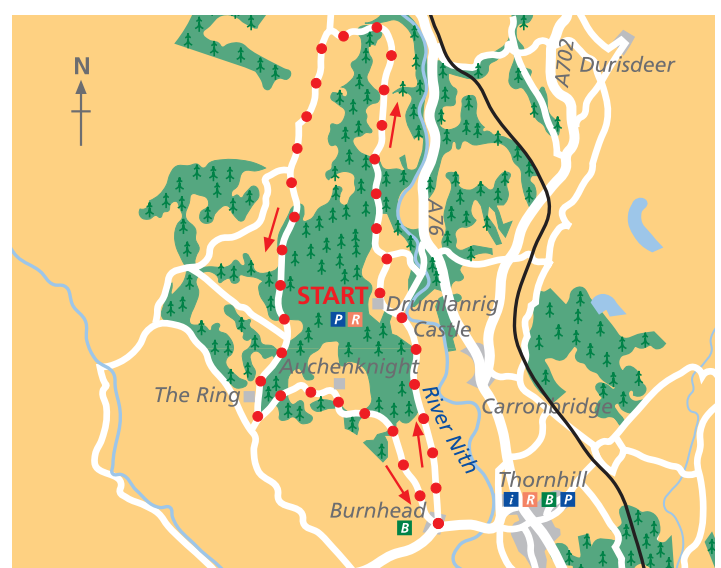
DRUMLANRIG

- START** Drumlanrig Castle Car Park
- 22km/14 miles**
- Allow 2 hours**
- Undulating route with some strenuous climbs**

Views You are in for unrivalled views from these quiet public roads. As you climb away from the castle enjoy the opening vista to the Lowther Hills, dominated by Lowther with its golf ball shaped crown that encloses a Civil Aviation Authority radar station. From Auchenknight, Mid Nithsdale spreads out before you. This route has plenty of variety to keep your interest, and is definitely worth re-visiting to see the seasonal changes, particularly the fine autumn colours.

Drumlanrig This land was originally granted by Robert the Bruce and is part of one of the largest private estates in Britain. William, 1st Duke of Queensberry, built the castle in 1690, but he only spent one night in it. The present Duke is the 9th of Buccleuch and 11th of Queensberry. The castle is open in summer, along with the Scottish Cycling Museum that includes a replica of the first rear wheel driven bicycle, invented by Kirkpatrick McMillan in a nearby smithy. There are lots of other attractions, including fine woodlands that you can explore on the network of walking and mountain bike routes.

Miles	Route
0.0	From the car park follow the main drive away from the castle and take the second left on the Byway and follow Byway signs.
5.3	At the junction by the bridge and cottage continue straight on, leaving the Byway.
7.7	Pass Holmbank and The Ring.
8.2	Turn sharp left at the corner of a wood (no signpost). Climb past Auchenknight and descend to the hamlet of Burnhead.
11.2	Turn left at the T-junction and left at the next junction to follow Byway signs back to the castle.
13.9	Drumlanrig Castle.



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ON SHARED USE PATHS • Please be courteous and be prepared to slow down or stop if necessary • Give way to pedestrians, horse-riders and wheelchair users, leaving them plenty of room • Carry a bell and use it - not all pedestrians can see you • Always follow the Highway Code • Be seen - most accidents to cyclists happen at junctions • Fit lights, wear a helmet and light and reflective clothing • Respect land management activities such as farming and forestry and take litter home • Be self-sufficient - in remote areas carry food, repair kit, map and waterproofs.

Bikes on Buses – the 500/X75 carries bikes along the A75 www.dumgal.gov.uk/timetables