

Biking Heaven Drumlanrig Challenge May 20th 2006

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The route is Drumlanrig to Sanquar on back roads on opp bank of river from A76(i.e. the west bank). Cross River Nith at the third bridge (11 miles). **Turn right** onto A76 at north end of Sanquhar.south on A76 to B797, **turn left** (14 miles) to Wanlockhead. In Leadhills **turn right** (22 miles) to Elvanfoot,(27 miles) **turn right** onto A702 Dalveen pass to almost Carronbridge, **turn right** (42 miles) onto short minor road, cross A76 to Drumlanrig. 43 miles done and time for refreshment.

Second loop:- Leave castle , at end of private road **turn left** to Penpont where **straight on** (47 miles) through Keir Mill (home of the pedal cycle) proceed for several miles to top of long drag of a climb where **right turn** (53 miles) down steep hill to Glenmidge then **sharp right** at bottom of hill onto minor road to near Dunscore, **straight across** main road at end (56 miles "main" is relative) onto short minor road, **turn right** at end, go over bridge and at the next hamlet **turn right** (58 miles) towards Corsock, this road continues for sevral miles climbing and decending over moorland and is very badly potholed , at the end T junction **turn right** (65 miles) towards Moniaive, **turn right** at end (70 miles) onto the ,relatively, main road to Moniaive. In Moniaive **turn right** at the cross through narrow main street and over bridge, immediately **turn left** (73 miles) up very steep hill and down the other side to Tynron, **left** at war memorial (75 miles) and over bridge and at the end of this road (77 miles) **bear left** to Penpont where **left** at crossroads(78 miles) onto c125 retracing the first few miles of this loop back to Drumlanrig via back entrance(81 miles, don't miss it) along private road to the finish and a nice cup of tea in the tea rooms. (82 miles or thereby)

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