

## 6 CYCLE ROUTES around BANCHORY

Banchory Pedallers have produced this leaflet to show quiet cycle routes in and around Banchory. One map shows routes outwith Banchory which are between 5 and 13 miles long. All are off road as much as possible but some include quiet roads. The start and finishes vary and may include short stretches of busier roads near to the village. The other map suggests good routes for travelling around the village avoiding traffic as much as possible. These maps are intended as a guide and an inspiration for exploring the areas both within and without Banchory.

### Red Route: Deeside Way to Crathes

[6 miles on cycle paths and estate road]

Join the Deeside Way heading east from Dee Street and continue to Milton of Crathes craft centre. Continue along the Deeside Way for a further 200m and turn left, pass under the main road and join the access road to Crathes Castle. Bear left around the castle building and continue along the west drive past Caroline's Garden. Follow the west drive out to West Lodge. Continue alongside the road, with Tesco on your right, and cross the Burn o' Bennie. Take the path on the right beside the burn and follow this through to Hill of Banchory School and then on to Tillybrake and central Banchory.

### Blue Route: Deeside Way to Mill of Hirn.

[13 miles on cycle path and quiet roads]

Follow the Deeside Way to Crathes Castle [as Red Route]. At the castle head north past the cafe and follow the north drive through woodland and out to a crossroads on the public road. Straight over crossroads at the Neuk, then turn right, left and right. Pass Crathes School, then turn left at Mill of Hirn. Pass through woodland and farmland before descending hill to reach Banchory by the Woodend Barn. Proceed on cycle paths into Banchory.

### Pink Route: Blackhall and the river Dee.

[8 miles on quiet road and estate road]

Cross the river Dee and turn right through Auchattie. Turn right again (straight on) and follow the private road through Blackhall on the edge of the forest. Continue along the unpaved estate track along the river bank. The track continues beside the river as far as a quarry. Return by same route.

### Green Route: Tilquhillie circular.

[9 miles on quiet roads]

Cross the river Dee and turn left over the Bridge of Feugh. Turn immediately right and continue up quiet road winding through trees and farmland. At first T-junction, turn left. Continue gently uphill with fine views. Turn left at T-junction and again at the Standing Stones cross roads. Descend through Tilquhillie, with only one short uphill, to reach the Bridge of Feugh again.

### Brown Route: South Deeside to Crathes.

[8 miles on quiet roads and path]

Cross the river Dee and turn left over the Bridge of Feugh. Continue on the South Deeside road through farmland and woodland. Option to turn right at the former Knappach Toll house, straight over cross roads, and turn left at T on Slug road to descend to Durris bridge [rejoin route]. Cross river Dee and turn left in Crathes on Deeside Way. Return to Banchory on path.

### Orange Route: Lochton and Brathens.

[5.5 miles on quiet roads]

Cycle up the Raemoir road [this may be busy at times, but there are alternative side roads]. Pass Raemoir Garden Centre, Lochton, Raemoir Trout Fishery. Turn left at Lochhead of Leys. Cycle through woodland, turn left at Brathens Business Park. Turn left again to descend past Inchmarlo golf course and Burnett Park to Banchory. Option 2: turn left through new housing at East Mains Inchmarlo, between houses, follow path past Glen o'Dee hospital to Upper Arbeadie road.

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