

Spectator information

Tour Map and Guide

The North-East will come alive as the UK's most prestigious cycling event will see the world's top cyclists race through the majestic region. Starting in Stonehaven the elite athletes will tackle 173km as they ride through the epic hills of Aberdeenshire taking on the famous Cairn o'Mount climb, a legendary three-kilometre climb with an average gradient of 10%, before battling it to the finishing line in the granite city, Aberdeen.

The challenging combination of mountain landscapes of Aberdeenshire and the tight turns of the historic city ensures it will be an entertaining final stage. You can see the route for the Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen stage here (stage 8) which includes timings [here](#).

Stay safe

If you plan to watch the race along any part of these routes, there are things you will need to remember:

- **Have a plan B** – if you arrive to any point on the routes and find it busy, please be prepared to move on to another location.
- **Personal responsibility** – only stay at a location if you have space. Consider wearing a mask if it makes you feel safer.
- **Give people space** – avoid crowded areas and remember face coverings are advised as they often help others to feel safe too.
- **Parking is limited** – particularly on rural stretches, parking will be limited. Please only park where parking is available, stick to local parking restrictions and never park on the route. Can you cycle or walk safely to the location where you want to watch the cyclists pass? Consider public transport where possible.
- **Respect the safety of the riders** – please give them space as they pass along the routes. Please note that you will not be able to access the team parking areas at the start and finishes.

It is possible to watch the race anywhere on its route but the places below offer some of the best places.

- If you are driving to spectate, please do not park on the course.
- Do not stand on the road when the race passes by and ensure other spectators around you are not on the course. Cyclists will use the full width of the road and travel at high speed.
- Please ensure children and dogs are supervised and away from the road.
- A map showing the location of public toilets in Aberdeenshire can be viewed [here](#).
- A list of car parks in Aberdeenshire can be viewed [here](#).
- For Aberdeen City parking and toilet information, see FAQs below.

Places to watch

Stonehaven

The start area is situated at Stonehaven Leisure Centre so arrive early to see the sign on and teams. Hospitality is available <https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/hospitality/>

The race starts at 10.30am. Stonehaven train station is a 17-minute walk from the start.

Parking available at Market Square car park and around Baird Park. Stonehaven has a range of shops, and toilets are available.

The town is famous for its picturesque harbour and the iconic Dunnottar Castle, dramatically perched on a craggy cliff edge. For more information about Stonehaven, what to do and suggestions of where to stay, take a look at [VisitAberdeenshire](#)'s guide to the town.

Fettercairn

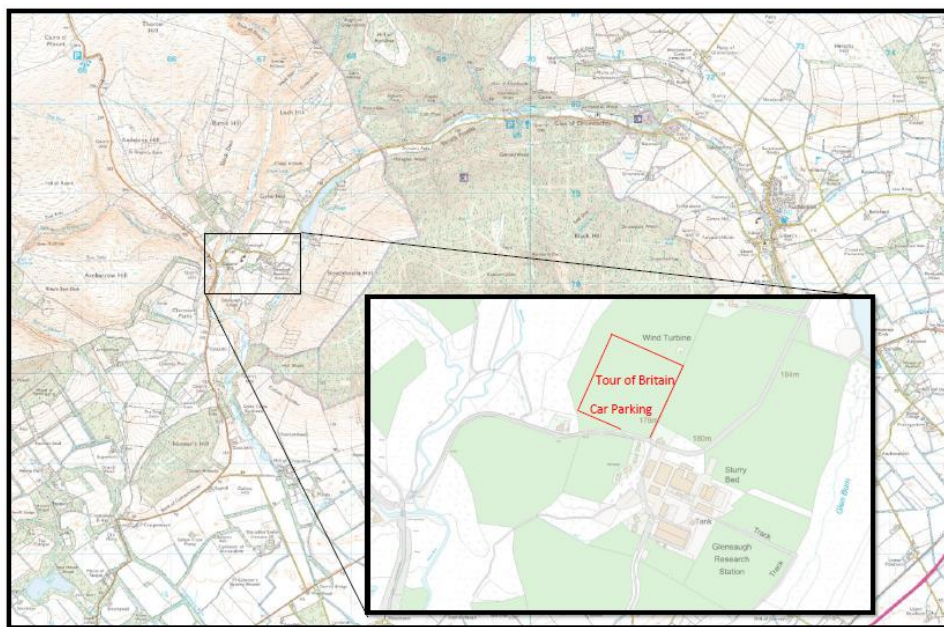
Please park away from the course. Parking is available in the village, and you can also use parking at the Primary School at your own risk on the day. There are limited facilities in Fettercairn.

Cairn O' Mount (KOM)

Parking is available at Glensaugh Research Station 0.4 miles from the bottom of the Cairn O Mount climb on the Drumtochty road (see map below). Auchenblae Scouts will be marshalling so please bring cash and give generously to support their fund raising.

The car park will open at 9am. Please note that car parking at the Clatterin Brig café is for customers only.

The Cairn O' Mount road will be closed to motorised traffic from 6pm on Saturday 11th to 1pm on Sunday 12th September. Access by foot and by bicycle is permitted. Do not stand on the road when the race passes.



Strachan

Please park away from the course. There are limited facilities in Strachan.

Finzean (Sprint)

Parking is available opposite Finzean Village Hall. There are limited facilities in Finzean. There will be a sprint close to the Village Hall.

Corsedardar Hill (KOM)

There is limited parking at the top of this hill. We recommend travelling by bicycle to view the race at this hill.

Aboyne (Sprint)

Toilets and shops are available in Aboyne. Parking is available in the centre of Aboyne and in Station Square. The sprint will take place on Charleston Road adjacent to the Green. For more information about Aboyne, and nearby attractions, see [here](#)

Ballater (Sprint)

There is a cycling festival happening all weekend in Ballater, further details can be found [here](#).

Toilets and shops are available in Ballater. Parking is available in Church Square car park and Ballater Primary School can be used at your own risk for parking on the day.

[Ballater](#) is a popular tourist destination, synonymous with majestic Royal Deeside. Take a look at nearby businesses located within a short distance of the Royal Warrant town.

Tarland

There are public toilets available in the Commercial Hotel. There is a café in the Square. You'll find more information about Tarland [here](#). Parking is available in The Square car park.

Queen's View (KOM)

There is limited parking at the summit of the Queen's view climb.

Westhill

There are various places to watch the race from Elrick to the finish at the Beach Esplanade. Please see the route map.

KOM = King of the Mountain. There are points available to the first riders at these summits.

Sprint = a sprint within the race. Points are available to the first riders at these points.

Accessibility

Wheelchair Access

The Aberdeen City route is at street level therefore wheelchair access will be available. The majority of the Getabout Activity Village is on a grass area.

Site Facilities

First aid

First aiders will be on hand to assist as and when required. If you require first aid support, please contact any steward or staff member wearing high visibility clothing.

Toilets

Existing public toilets are available. Additional toilets will be placed along the lower prom and in the Getabout Activity Village.

Travel

Once you've arrived, you'll find that the transport links in Aberdeen & Aberdeenshire are just as efficient as the ones which brought you here. Situated in the Northeast of Scotland, Aberdeen is only a short distance from Edinburgh and Glasgow and is located at the gateway to The Highlands. Aberdeen can be reached easily by air, sea, rail and road.

Referred to as a 'mini-Scotland', Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire boast rich culture, heritage and history and the region even has its own whisky and castle trail. With an abundance of activities and attractions for all the family, the north-east is quickly becoming Scotland's weekend city.

For more information about Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire please visit www.visitabdn.com.

Parking

Please note road closures will be in place at the beach therefore parking at the beach is not advisable as this will be extremely limited. It is advised that you park in the city centre and walk to the finish line/ Getabout Activity Village or use public transport.

For more information please visit; [Aberdeen City Parking](#) and for a full list of road closures please visit:

Train & Bus

To plan your journey, call 0871 200 22 33 or visit travelinescotland.com for the most up-to-date information on public transport in Scotland.

The main train company is Scotrail (scotrail.co.uk), and the main bus companies are Stagecoach (stagecoachbus.com) and Megabus (megabus.com).

Hop on First Aberdeen and Stagecoach services with the multi-operator scheme Grasshopper, with full details at grasshopperpass.co.uk. Details of train Park and Ride routes and timetables are available from scotrail.co.uk.

Air

Aberdeen International Airport operates flights from around Europe and many key destinations in the UK and Europe. Stagecoach provides a regular bus service to and from the airport, and there are also dedicated taxis.

Race Day

Getabout Activity Village

10:30am-4:00pm

Join the Getabout team on race day at the Beach Boulevard! There will be a variety of displays and activities for all to enjoy!

Activities include:

- Transition Extreme: High Ropes Course
- Clan Stunt Show (Shows at 11am, 12 noon, 2pm and 3pm)
- Wheelie Fun: Electric Segways and Ninebot Go Karts
- Movement Evolution Scotland: Parkour and Obstacle Course
- Adventure Aberdeen: Bicycle Roadshow and Climbing wall
- Live Life Aberdeenshire: Bike Dr, Bike Track and Obstacle Course
- Live Life Aberdeenshire: Climbing Wall
- Tour of Britain Promo Village
- Face painting
- Techfest
- Aberdeen Sports Village: Sporting fun for all to enjoy!
- Aberdeen Science Centre
- Sustrans Pedal Cinema
- Getabout Stalls

Also on the move will be a Unicycle Act and The Balloon Manies and a performance from the Grampian District Pipe and Drums.

Please note this is a free, non-ticketed event however members of the public will be asked to provide their details or to scan the Check In Scotland Test and Protect QR Code. Data is kept securely and in line with the Scottish Government's Test & Protect Guidance.

For more information visit: www.visitabdn.com/tour-of-britain

Additional Activities

Getabout Gotcha Competition

Getabout is delighted to celebrate the Tour of Britain finishing at the Beach Esplanade and to show their support they are giving two lucky winners a bike shop voucher for £250! Getabout branded items will be hidden in participating shop windows in the Beach area. For more information on how to participate and to download the activity form please visit: www.visitabdn.com/tour-of-britain

Cycle along with the Tour of Britain, wherever you are!

Take part in the ToBABDN Activity challenge, completing each stage in your local park, or near where you live. Could you be the Tour of Britain ABDN champion? Share your results time with us by tagging #ToBABDN in your posts!

For more information visit: <https://www.visitabdn.com/cp/tour-of-britain#cycle-along-with-the-tour-of-britain-whenever-you-are>

Design a flag or jersey

Design your own jersey using the template provided, make it as bright and fun as possible as the lucky winner could be in with the chance of winning a cycling jersey. Share your designs with us on social media using #ToBABDN.

Or why not create your own flag to decorate your house on the lead up to the event on Sunday 12 September.

For more information visit: <https://www.visitabdn.com/cp/tour-of-britain#design-a-flag-or-jersey>

Shop, Stay and Play

In-between cheering on the elite cyclists you can venture round some of Scotland's most celebrated towns and villages – film famous, of historic importance, regal and the inspiration to many storytellers across the centuries – before exploring the vibrant and cosmopolitan city.

Aberdeen is one of the few Scottish cities boasting a pristine golden sandy beach and promenade which hugs the coastline only a mere mile from the hustle and bustle of the city centre, resulting in the perfect location for visitors of any age. From paddle boarding and surfing to watching the urban dolphins dance on the North Sea, the beach is a centre of activity.

Have a break from all things cycling as the multi-award-winning Art Gallery is home to the prestigious British Art Show 9, the major touring exhibition will showcase the best recent art from the UK. With a mix of shopping centres in the city, the West End and Rosemount, locales are lined with chic boutiques and charming independent retailers, the city is a great shopping district just waiting to be explored. Boasting an extensive selection of branded eateries as well as a host of independent restaurants and the city's night scene can be enjoyed at one of the many traditional pubs, craft beer taverns or boutique bars.

The region is a magnificent place to live, invest and visit. For further information visit

www.visitabdn.com

FAQs

1. What time does the race start?

The Tour of Britain gets underway at 10.30am and the expected lead cyclists to finish at the esplanade at 2:50pm.

There will be live commentary throughout the races to keep spectators up to speed with all the action. There will also be big screens placed near the finish line and at the Getabout Activity Village.

2. Do I need to pay to watch?

The Tour of Britain is free!

3. What is the best way to get to the Tour of Britain?

Both Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire can be easily explored by most modes of transport, for more information visit: [VisitAberdeenshire](#).

4. Is there parking provided?

There is no event parking for The Tour of Britain. For information on regional parking visit [Aberdeenshire Parking](#) or [Aberdeen City Parking](#).

5. Is the site accessible?

The Aberdeen route is at street level therefore wheelchair access will be available.

6. Where are the nearest toilets?

7. Existing public toilets are available. Additional toilets will be placed along the lower prom and in the Getabout Activity Village.

8. Can I bring my own food and drink?

Yes, you can bring your own food, but no alcohol.

9. Is photography allowed?

Yes! We encourage you to share with us your experience of The Tour of Britain, but we need to ask you to do so with consideration for our other visitors and to ensure the site stays safe.

10. Where can I get information on the cyclists and teams?

Keep checking www.tourofbritain.co.uk for updates or follow on social media:

Facebook: @ToBcycling & @ToBABDN

Twitter: @TourofBritain & @ToBABDN

11. What should I do if my child gets lost?

If you become separated from your child, then please notify the nearest steward who will notify event control and assist in the search.

If you find a missing child you, and another adult, should bring them to the nearest steward who will care for them until they are repatriated with their parent / guardian.

12. Is there a lost or found items?

All lost property should be handed to stewards. Likewise, if you have lost property, please contact a steward.