

## Tour of Britain – Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen stage

The final stage of the Tour of Britain is coming to Aberdeenshire and Aberdeen City in September.

Some of the worlds best riders will take on the climbs and sprints when the race leaves Stonehaven on 12 Sept and arrives in the city for a spectacular finish at the beach.

You can see the exact route the riders will take here (stage 8):

<https://www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/>

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.

To make sure the route is safe, various Temporary Traffic Orders have been put in place.

The start venue at Stonehaven's Beach Road and The Links along with other listed roads in the Stonehaven area will have temporary waiting restrictions applied from 1800hrs on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup>. To ensure safety there will be a temporary closure of Beach Road and the Leisure Centre car park on the day of the event for use of the TOB organisers.

A rolling road closure for the race itself will be in place along the entire route from Stonehaven, over the Cairn O'Mount, through Aboyne and Ballater before turning eastwards again, past Castle Fraser, on to Westhill and back to the finish line at Aberdeen's Beach Boulevard. This rolling closure will be controlled by Police Scotland and event marshals and will include the temporary closure of any side road junctions.

The B974 Cairn'O Mount Road is a special section. It will be closed to vehicles from 1800hrs on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September until after the event on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

There will also be particular attention paid to Auchenblae, Fettercairn, Aboyne, Ballater, Tarland and Westhill in terms of temporary waiting restrictions. Again, this is to provide a level of safety for the public and the competitors as the event passes through "built up" areas.

For details of timings, extent of waiting restrictions, road closures and alternative diversion routes, please check the Aberdeenshire Council website indicated below:

[Roadworks - closures and restrictions - Aberdeenshire Council](#)

Aberdeenshire Council Leader Cllr Andy Kille said: "The anticipation is really mounting now. It feels like this event will be even more spectacular considering the significant challenges which have been faced to get to this stage.

"I am hopeful that people will pay special attention to this advice, whether a spectator or those who live and work on the route, and that we can all work together to put on this race and show Aberdeenshire off to an international TV audience. The eyes of the world are on Aberdeenshire when stage 8 arrives on our doorstep, let's show them just how wonderful this area is."

The elite cyclists will then race to the finish line at the Esplanade, Aberdeen. To ensure the safe delivery of the event, Aberdeen City Council will implement a number of parking restrictions and other temporary traffic measures.

All parking on Carden Place, Skene Street, Caroline Place, Hutcheon Street, the Esplanade, Accommodation Road and Links Road will be suspended from 1800hrs on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September until 23:59 on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September.

In order to accommodate the finish infrastructure for the event, the Esplanade will be closed from King Street/Ellon Road to Beach Boulevard on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> of September at 18:00 until 23:59 on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Access to the Beach Leisure Centre and Linx Ice Arena will be maintained via Links Road at its junction with Urquhart Road.

Rolling road closures on the route will be implemented for a short period between 14:00 and 16:00 on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September to allow the event to pass through the city safely. For details of timings, extent of waiting restrictions, road closures and alternative diversion routes, please check the Aberdeen City Council website indicated below:

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Aberdeen City Council transport spokesperson Councillor Sandra Macdonald said: "We are delighted to welcome the Tour of Britain with world class cyclists such as Mark Cavendish racing across the North East, however, we want to ensure any impact on Sunday 12 September is kept to a minimum and that those on the route have the necessary information to plan for the day.

“For those that wish to celebrate this magnificent cycling event and additional activities, we encourage people to park in the city centre and walk to the esplanade, as parking at the beach will be extremely limited.

“We advise anyone who needs to travel around Aberdeen on 12 September to check travel routes prior to setting out and plan your journey in advance.”

The Tour of Britain will play a huge part in the region’s post-Covid economic recovery plans. The prestigious cycling race features 120 of the world’s top cyclists, which this year includes Mark Cavendish. Crowds are expected to line the route and the region will experience exposure to international audiences through broadcast coverage in over 170 countries worldwide. The North-east will become a cycling hub with additional activities for all ages, from stunt shows, obstacle courses, climbing walls and much more.

For more information on the Tour of Britain and supporting activities please visit:  
<https://www.visitabdn.com/cp/tour-of-britain>