

Pedal for Scotland 2015



The biggest cycling event takes place on 6 September when thousands of cyclists will cover the 50+ miles from Glasgow to Edinburgh. The more able will then do the return journey rather than having their bike taken back by van or train!

Around 7,000 people on bikes will pass through Edinburgh as part of Scotland's largest mass participation bike event, Pedal for Scotland, which starts at Glasgow Green and finishes at Murrayfield Stadium. Roads in the Edinburgh area will be closed between approximately 8.00am and 4.00pm.

This is the 17th year of Pedal for Scotland, a 50 mile route that takes participants on a scenic journey between Glasgow and Edinburgh, raising hundreds of thousands of pounds for charitable causes along the way.

Organised by Cycling Scotland, Pedal for Scotland is a truly unique event with riders of all ages and abilities taking on the challenge. The Edinburgh Reporter has done it and several Edinburgh councillors have also covered the distance.

Participants also raise money for children and young people in Scotland affected by poverty by supporting the event's official charity partner, the STV Children's Appeal.

Keith Irving, chief executive of event organiser Cycling Scotland, said: "This is the 17th year of Pedal for Scotland, one of the country's biggest mass participation events, worth £3m to the Scottish economy and raising hundreds of thousands of pounds to tackle the impact of child poverty.

"On the advice of Police Scotland to keep the thousands of participants safe, the bike ride largely takes place on closed roads. We work closely with local councils, Police Scotland

and other emergency services to allow people to participate safely and enjoyably and we try to keep disruption to a minimum with diversionary routes in place.

“While we understand this may cause some temporary inconvenience, we appreciate the patience of businesses and residents to allow people from across Scotland to safely participate and barriers will be removed efficiently as soon as possible. We hope people in Edinburgh will come out and cheer on our riders as they take on this challenge. Support on the route is appreciated.

Details of road closures in the area:

Edinburgh – 8am – 4pm approx.

- Eastbound closure of Winchburgh Main Street
- Eastbound closure of Stirling Road (Kirkliston)
- Eastbound closure of Main Street (Kirkliston)
- Eastbound closure of Burnshot Road
- Full closure of A90 slip Road, Cramond Brig Toll and Brae Park Road

Edinburgh – 9am-3pm approx.

- Northbound closure of Whitehouse Road
- Westbound closure on Gamekeepers Road (participants travelling east on west carriageway)
- Eastbound closure on Cramond Road North
- Southbound closure on Cramond Road South
- Southbound closure on Quality Street
- Southeast closure on Craigcrook Road
- Southbound closure on Ravelston Dyke and Murrayfield Road
- Full closure on Riverside Crescent

Residents who have any further queries or require additional information can email support@pedalforscotland.org

Pedal for Scotland is organised by Cycling Scotland with funding from Transport Scotland.

For more information or to register please visit www.pedalforscotland.org