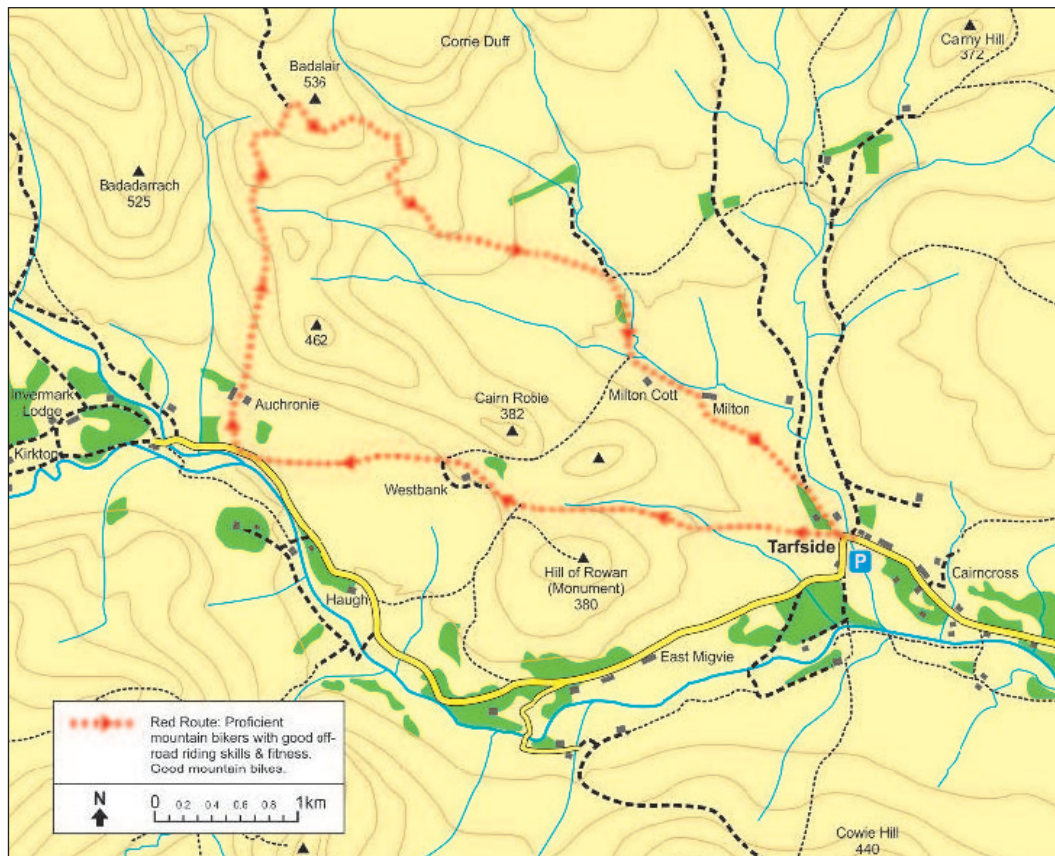


ANGUS BIKING ROUTES

Glen Esk, Tarfside and the Badalair



Mountain Bike



STARTING POINT

Tarfside car park, Glen Esk, DD9 7YU

GRADE

Difficult (Red)

LENGTH

14.7km

HEIGHT

402m

TIME

2 hrs



ROUTE DESCRIPTION

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Park at Tarfside car park where there are toilets and a campsite. Head West out of the car park, over the bridge, straight ahead off the main road and on to a good track. Follow this for just over 2km until you are approaching the farm 'Westbank'. Take the less obvious straight-ahead route keeping to the north of the farm buildings rather than veering left down through the farm. Continue through a gate sign posted 'Invermark' to the road.

The climb uphill past Auchronie farm is fairly steep but has outstanding views of Loch Lee and Glen Mark to enjoy. Halfway up a track goes to left – ignore this and continue straight on.

It's easy to miss the track at the top of the hill in the heather where you need to turn sharp right. Follow a southeast direction for a short distance before contouring round the hill to Badalair. Then it's downhill all the way!

Note: There is an electric fence on the track around 1.5km up from Auchronie and another at the bottom of the steeper downhill section from Badalair.

On the downhill, when you reach some ruins, the track takes a sharp right which isn't obvious (don't go straight ahead). If you miss it, just head towards the cottage as a secondary exit and go through the gate onto the fire road and continue right.

Route specifics

- This is an exposed hillside route and you should be suitably equipped and prepared.
- Please stick to the recommended route.



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