

## GRAVEL BIKE: LONG

At just over 100k with almost 1800m of climbing, this is a challenging but hugely rewarding gravel ride. Our route starts by taking the road to Millhouse and then north on the B8000 but feel free to jump right into the off road riding by taking the Cowal Way to get there. Either way, turn right into Archarossan Forest. This is an active logging forest and whilst you obviously need to be mindful of workers and vehicles, the well used track is a joy on the gravel bikes. The descent into Ormidale needs attention. Take the Cowal Way signs onto the back road at Glendaruel and continue on the Cowal Way to recommence the gravel once again all the way to Glenbranter. From here take the back road to Strachur and in all likelihood have a well earned fuel stop! From here, it's the splendid coastal road all the way to Otter Ferry, more off road riding round the coast and through the estate to join the B8000 and a decent section of quality back road tarmac. Take the right turn into the forest just past where you entered Archarossan Forest at the start for a perfect gravel end to an epic day's riding.

### SEAN'S TOP TIP

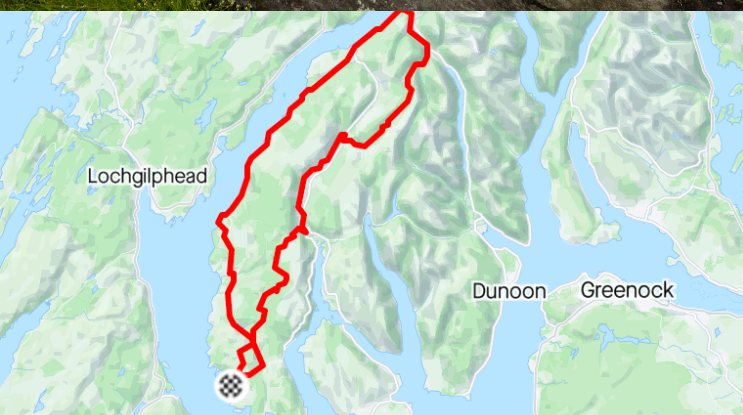
Just in case you fancy a wee bit more – and there's always one or two of you who do – add on the 9k run route. You'll probably have to get off a few times for short bits on the outward leg to Stillaig but it's still great off road riding.

### BEST DIRECTION

Either – most of the gravel is in the first half as described so it really depends on what order you like things in

### FOOD OPTIONS

Not a lot to be honest for a long day in the saddle. Strachur or Otter Ferry are the best bet.



 Advanced route, 100km, for advanced cyclists



Look out for lorries, ticks, traffic & single track roads