



What is the Etape Caledonia?

Etape Caledonia will be the UK's only closed road cycle event open to the public.

The event will provide a true test for experienced cyclists and those who enjoy new challenges, it will also prove an attraction to those not currently cycling to get on their bike and rise to the newest fitness challenge in the UK.

Key Dates	Registration Day: Saturday 17 th May 2008 Event Day: Sunday 18 th May 2008
Distance	Challenge Course 130 km / 81 miles Total Ascent 1,949m
Event Capacity	Limited to 3,000 participants
Who can enter?	The event is open to individuals between the ages of 18 and 80 on 18 th May 2008 All participants will be required to maintain a minimum average speed around the course. This is to ensure that roads are reopened to the schedule agreed by the authorities. See Cut Off Times below for more information.
Entry Process	Entries are available online at www.action.org.uk/etape With payment by credit/debit card. Entry forms will be available on request or entries can be taken over the phone with a credit/debit card, tel: 01403 327 420
Is this an official event?	The event will be sanctioned by and run under the regulations of British Cycling. The event has permission from the Perth & Kinross Council and Tayside Police to close the roads

Changes of Entry Once an entry is accepted the place is non refundable and non transferable. Full terms and conditions are available on the website.

Teams There is no relay format i.e. several people completing sections of the course to create one finish time.

Cut Off Times This has been set at an average speed of 12 mph for the challenge. Slower participants may be allowed to continue on the route, having relinquished their timing chip, but will be required to adhere to all traffic regulations on roads open to vehicles. A sweep vehicle will collect those who want to withdraw for whatever reason.

Seeding Participants Participants will be seeded to ensure that the best cyclists start first and have a clear course. The process for seeding will be confirmed at a later date but will be based on previous participation in selected cycle events.

What type of bikes can be used?

BCF regulations for Cyclo Sportive events will apply. The organisers will give due consideration to any unusual types of bike but clearance to use such a bike must be obtained before the event and participants will only be allowed to start if their bike is, in the opinion of the organiser, suitable for the event. Mountain bikes can be used but recommend speaking to your local bike retailer about the best tyres and setup for road cycling.

Registration Registration is required of all entrants; this must be completed on Saturday 17th May 2008.

Results & Prizes Results will be provided using electronic timings chips, offering split times and a complete ranking of competitors. There will be no monetary prizes for the event but every finisher will receive an official medal and further awards may be introduced at the discretion of the organiser.