ANGUS MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS
Balmashanner Hill and Forfar Loch

STARTING POINT
Forfar Loch car park, Craig O’Loch Road, Forfar

SUMMARY
An intermediate (Blue) loop climbing up to the Balmashanner War Memorial followed by a descent to and around Forfar Loch.

LENGTH
11.5km max.

HEIGHT GAINED
170m max.
Starting at the Forfar Loch car park, follow the Dundee Loan Road (A926) turning right onto the Dundee Road (A932). Follow this for 1km and turn left at the footpath up the hill opposite Westfield Loan. Pass the quarry on your left and at the top turn left and follow the main path up to the war memorial at the top of Balmashanner Hill. Continue on this path until you reach the shelter where the path turns left downhill. Keep your eyes out for the singletrack at this point which leads you down onto Lour Road. At this point, turn right up the hill and take the next minor road on your right.

At the bend in the road, go through the gate and onto the track which goes behind the War Memorial. This takes you back to the top of the quarry. Turn left and follow the main footpath until it turns right steeply downhill. At this point take the path straight ahead through the wall and follow the path skirting the perimeter of the fields and finally down to the Dundee Road. Turn right, taking care crossing the road, and then turn immediately left onto the track. At the bridge which crosses the A92, turn right and follow the track adjacent to the motorway which descends down through a copse of trees and finally through a farm. At the roundabout for the A92 turn right, heading back to Forfar. Behind the Angus Council offices at Orchardbank, turn left onto the footpath. Follow this down to Forfar Loch, turning left and making your way round the path and road back to your starting point.

**DO THE RIDE THING**

- Let other path users know you are coming as early as possible.
- Please watch your speed, especially on blind corners and dips.
- Please take extra care near wildlife and leave the environment as you find it.
- Help land managers and others to work safely and effectively. See ‘Route Specifics’.

- The route description and quality of path may change over time so please remain flexible with your plans and be ready to use alternative routes. Correct at time of print March 2017.
- Check the weather forecast and ensure you have all the equipment you need for your route.
- If you are in any doubt please pop into one of our cycle centres for advice!

**Route Specifics**

- Popular route for walkers
- Part of this route borders agricultural land and cropped fields. Please respect and obey all signs and instructions from land managers.

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**ROUTE DESCRIPTION**

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