

## Monday, 26 May

(James) - Moniaive, Dalry (39 miles) - start 9.30am

This route on good roads (!) heads for Dalry, returning by the hill road to Moniaive. Here a big decision must be made. Do we cycle up the challenging hill out of Moniaive (Dunreggan Brae) or keep on the flatter route back to Penpont? Coffee stops Dalry, Moniaive 40 miles

<https://cycle.travel/map/journey/920587>

(David)- Sanquhar (25 miles) - start at 10am Route takes us past Drumlanrig Castle, along a riverside quiet road to Sanquhar. An interesting small town (Oldest working post office in the world. Crawick Multiverse is on the outskirts of the town. The multiverse was designed by Charles Jencks). Cafes in Sanquhar and at Multiverse. 25 miles. 1650ft. [www.plotaroute.com/route/2966870](http://www.plotaroute.com/route/2966870)

## Self - Guided Routes

Additional routes will be made available on plotaroute / GPX files.



Ceilidh & Outdoor BBQ  
@Keir Village Hall, 7pm

SATURDAY  
23 May  
2026

ALL WELCOME



Get ready to pedal through history! KPT Development Trust is thrilled to welcome you back for this year's Kirkpatrick Macmillan (KM) Rally—a high-energy weekend celebrating the very birthplace of the bicycle. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a casual cruiser, we're inviting you to find your rhythm in the stunning mid Nithsdale landscape. Based in the vibrant hub of Penpont, our three-day festival packs in scenic led rides through breathtaking valleys and hills.

Come for the cycling, stay for the heritage. Visit Kirkpatrick MacMillan's original smiddy and his resting place in nearby Keirmill. With on-site camping, local catering, and routes tailored for every ability, it's more than a rally—it's a homecoming for everyone who loves life on two wheels.



## Catering

Breakfast & Packed Lunch Orders from 8:00am  
@ Three Villages Community Café  
Friday & Sunday Evening Meals from 6:00pm  
@ The Gladstone Hall  
Saturday Outdoor BBQ & Ceilidh £20.00/  
per person @Keir Village Hall, 7:00pm

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## KM RALLY 2026

## Ride Outs and Information Leaflet

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## Friday, 22 May

- Start point for led rides—all led rides on Friday, Saturday and Monday leave from The Glebe (the camping field). On Sunday, the rides leave from the 'Cake stop' in Keir.

a) Short (Sally)- Drumlanrig Circuit (20 miles) - start 1pm A good introduction to the area, visiting Thornhill and Drumlanrig Castle. Café stops in Thornhill or the castle [www.plotaroute.com/route/2481699](http://www.plotaroute.com/route/2481699)

b) Medium (Yvonne)- Glenkiln (32 miles) - start 12.30pm Passing Kirkpatrick MacMillan's Smithy, we cycle through Glenmidgie (!) to Dunscore. Our route takes us via Shawhead to Glenkiln reservoir. There will be the opportunity to take a short detour to view a Moore sculpture (replica). From the reservoir, the views as we cycle back towards Dunscore (downhill!) are excellent. 32 miles Ascent 2000ft Café Penpont (take a snack) [www.plotaroute.com/route/2481482](http://www.plotaroute.com/route/2481482)

c) Long (James)- Haugh of Urr, Corsock (53 miles) - start 10 am Route from Penpont passes Kirkpatrick MacMillan's Smithy on the way to Dunscore and Shawhead. Continues on quiet roads through Crocketford to Haugh of Urr. Optional visit to Castle Douglas for lunch (round trip 8 miles) before returning via Corsock by a quiet road over the moors. 53 miles (61miles via Castle Douglas). Ascent 3100ft. Cafés in Castle Douglas. (take a snack?) [www.plotaroute.com/route/2966133](http://www.plotaroute.com/route/2966133)

## Saturday, 23 May

a) Short (Sally)- Durisdeer (24 miles) - start 10am Cycling along the Active Travel Path to Thornhill. We head for the beautiful small village of Durisdeer, nestling in the hills. The church (and marbles) are well worth a visit. Returning by a ford (over a footbridge!), the route takes us through the grounds of Drumlanrig castle, back to Penpont. 24 miles. Ascent 1670 ft. Cafes at Penpont, Thornhill and Drumlanrig [www.plotaroute.com/route/2468230](http://www.plotaroute.com/route/2468230)

b) Medium (David) - Moniaive, Lochinvar, Loch Urr (44 miles)- start 9.45am Cycling from Penpont to Moniaive on a quiet (reasonably!) well surfaced road. Followed by a long gradual climb before turning off the main road and continuing across moor land. Passing Lochinvar, to join the main Dalry to Moniaive road before taking a right turn to Loch Urr. Cycling over the hill from near Dunscore, returning to Penpont.

Involving significant climbing - not steep but frequent and occasionally long! [www.plotaroute.com/route/2468218](http://www.plotaroute.com/route/2468218)

c) Long (Billy/Roy) - Mennock / Crawfordjohn/Ballaggan (56 miles) - start 9.30am This is the most challenging of the routes during the weekend. Cycling along the new off-road Penpont to Thornhill path, we head through the grounds of Drumlanrig Castle along the back road towards Sanquhar. Before reaching there, we turn off over a bridge to Mennock and up the Mennock Pass to Wanlockhead (Scotland's highest village and home to a Lead Mining Museum) [www.plotaroute.com/route/3257263](http://www.plotaroute.com/route/3257263)

## Sunday, 24 May

Cake Raid Run to Keir - mass ride leaves The Glebe at 10:30am.  
Kirkpatrick-Macmillan's Grave (Keir)  
a) (Sally)- Cake Run - start 10.30am

b) (Tom) - Ae, Mitchellslocks (34 miles)- start after cake stop in Keir  
Scenic route on quiet roads. Coffee (and cake?!) stop at an excellent small café at Dalswinton before the climb from Ae to Loch Ettrick. If time (and energy!) allows, the route continues over the hill route, past Mitchellslocks. Great views and of interest to bird spotters. The other option, is a long descent to Park and back to Penpont. 34 miles. Ascent 2150ft (including Mitchellslocks option) Cafes in Dalswinton, Thornhill [www.plotaroute.com/route/2965732](http://www.plotaroute.com/route/2965732)

c) (David)- Moniaive, Dalwat, Striding Arches - (25 miles) -start after cake stop in Keir  
The route goes via Moniaive to Dalwat Glen, providing the opportunity to visit The Striding Arches (a fabulous creation by Andy Goldsworthy). The easiest one to access (built into a byre) is at the top of the glen. The last 1-2 miles is on a rough track, suitable for a gravel, hybrid or mountain bike. The other 3 arches involve climbing hill(s). Café in Moniaive. Coffee machine in local shop. 25 miles 1400ft [www.plotaroute.com/route/2966864](http://www.plotaroute.com/route/2966864)

(James) - Spring Fling Tour - start after cake stop in Keir



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**Welcome  
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**The KM Rally 2026**

KPT Development Trust are delighted to once again be staging this year's Kirkpatrick Macmillan (KM) Rally. The event is a recreational cycling weekend with a wide range of led bike rides held over three days. Fittingly this event was relocated to the Kirkpatrick MacMillan area, where his smiddy and grave are, in adjacent Keirmill, Penpont in mid Nithsdale, will be central to all activities, catering and camping.

The area is surrounded by fantastic valleys and hills, and there's a wide range of scenic led bike rides, with routes for all abilities.

There's three days of great and varied cycling routes planned alongside a social programme for the weekend open. There are also community led activities to welcome all who attend and participate.

Booking has gone live today via Jot Form on the KPT Development Trust website and costings are also provided there.

We are also fortunate to have Keir Village Hall hosting the infamous Keir Cake Raid on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

We are keen to grow this event and encourage wider participation. Please could you support us by sharing this event and possibly forwarding to your cycling network?