



Turra Coo 300 Permanent Ride

To be ridden on a date agreed with organiser

Start from Nairn or any location as agreed with organiser

The Turra Coo Permanent 300 is a cycle ride run under the rules of Audax UK, Britain's premier long distance cycling club. [Home | Audax UK - The Long Distance Cyclists' Association](#)
Thank you for entering and please spend a few minutes reading these notes.

Nice to Know

Event Overview

This is a permanent ride that can be ridden at a time & date to suit the rider. It can be started at any of the control locations but it is a permanent version of the calendar event and accordingly it has been designed to start in Nairn. There are 3 ways to validate this event

1. Conventional brevet card to get a stamp or receipt at the control locations
2. E-brevet (download code AU11)
3. GPS - upload & email the organiser the GPX track within a week of completing the ride.

Note: when validating by options 2 or 3 there is no need to get receipts as suggested in these notes.

Route Overview

From Nairn the route heads eastwards along the coast on more or less flat terrain to Portsoy, stopping in the coop at Lossiemouth for a receipt & re-fuel. It then turns inland and onward over more challenging terrain through Turriff (of Turra Coo fame), Keith, Tomintoul and Aviemore before turning back over Slochd Summit towards Nairn. Mostly on country lanes & B roads and a bit of cycle path near Forres, into Banff and alongside the A9 around Slochd Summit & after Tomatin.

What's in a name?

Find out more at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Turra_Coo

Need to Know

- This is a 300k event that can be ridden at any time of year although I urge caution if riding in the colder months as the route will take you over some high ground that will undoubtedly spend much of this time under snow & ice.
- Some riders will ride the whole event in daylight but please put lights on your bike just in case.
- It is a permanent event which means there are no controllers and no control facilities along the route, you will have to fend for yourself.
- Take care after dark as deer & other livestock come to the roadside to forage and can pose a late sighted obstacle.

- Route sheet attached to the email and RWGPS link below.

[The Turra Coo Perm 2024 \(last update 09/07/2024\) · Ride with GPS](#)

The Controls

1. **Nairn**. Start from anywhere in the town just remember to get a receipt if necessary. If you are validating by e-brevet or GPS I recommend that you start the same place as the calendar ride starts at Nairn County Football Ground which is next to Nairn Railway Station on the south side of the railway at 57.579715,-3.872241. Convenient for arrival by train or car as the station car park is lightly used.
2. **Lossiemouth**. The control is at the coop on the RHS just off the main road. It's a small supermarket as you might expect with an ATM. A little further into the town where you can visit a café but a receipt from anywhere in Lossiemouth is acceptable if you have chosen conventional validation.
3. **Portsoy**. There are several cafes on the high street or coop and other shops. Get a receipt if you have chosen conventional validation.
4. **Turriff**. The control is at Tesco but as with previous controls a slight detour into town for a café and get a receipt anywhere is acceptable if you have chosen conventional validation.
5. **Keith**. Receipt if you have chosen conventional validation from Boogie Woogie café or anywhere in town.
6. **Tomintoul**. The control is at The Old Fire Station Café but it closes at 3pm but you can also get a receipt from the local shop (stays open until 7 on some days) or 2 pubs may also be open. For conventional validation a photograph, taken with you and the village sign in view, can be emailed to the organiser if the shop, café and pubs are closed.
7. **Aviemore**. The control is at Tesco but as with previous controls a receipt from a café is acceptable if you have chosen conventional validation.
8. **Croy**. There are no facilities at this control, the shop has been a victim of the coronavirus pandemic. Therefore for conventional validation a photograph, taken with you and the village sign in view, can be emailed to the organiser
9. **Nairn**. Arrivée (back where you started!) Well done. Don't forget the receipt if you have chosen conventional validation.