



Firetower Mountain Bike Trails

West Argyll

Facilities



Parking



Accessible facilities



Stay the night



Walking trails



Picnic area



Ancient monument

There is a charge to park at some of our sites, please refer to our website for details.

You'll find public toilets and plenty of places to eat, drink and shop at nearby Lochgilphead.

Location

Nearest postcode: PA31 8RE

How to get here

Achnabreac is about 2½ miles (4km) north of Lochgilphead on the A816. Look for a turning onto a forest road, with a green sign to 'Achnabreac'. Follow this for about ¼ mile (500 metres) to reach the turning into the car park.

Off-road cycling is a hazardous activity carrying some inherent risks. Please consider your skills, abilities and fitness carefully, and always make sure your bike and helmet are safe to use.



Follow all signage, cycle safely, enjoy yourself and come back soon.

Cycle route grading - Is this for you? Find the right grade for your abilities

Green: Easy ●

Expect: Relatively flat, wide and smooth trails. Gentle climbs, descents, rollers and berms, with easy to avoid features such as rocks and potholes. Surface might be loose, uneven or muddy at times.

Blue: Moderate ■

Expect: A mixture of climbs and descents with moderate gradients, technical features like tree roots and rock steps; jumps and berms. Rollable features at controlled speed. Variable surfaces.

Red: Difficult ▲

Expect: A mixture of steep climbs, descents and/or avoidable features. Larger jumps, berms and rollable features at controlled speed. Technical features such as tree roots, drop-offs and large rocks. Very variable surfaces.

Black: Severe ◆

Expect: Long and steep climbs, descents and jumps. Numerous hazards including drop-offs and severe features. Rapid rate of surface change. Commitment required.

Double-black: Extreme ◆◆

Expect: Very fast and steep descents. Large drop-offs, jumps and unavoidable obstacles that require high levels of skill and commitment. Extreme level of exposure or risk. Rapid rate of surface change.

Forest road & tracks

Expect: Gradients can be steep or variable. Surfaces may be uneven, loose or potholed. Navigation skills are useful (routes not always waymarked). Look out for other users, vehicles and forestry work.




Firetower Red Trail —

 **Red: Difficult | 8.7 miles | 12.5km**
Allow 1-2 hours

From the site of an old fire tower, this trail has it all: flowing single track, technical features, stunning views and all within minutes of Lochgilphead.

Five sections of single track, linked by forest road. Jink through the trees, burn rubber on the Twisted Fire Starter, bust a lung on Berm Burner, cool off in the Water Splash, then Rock and Roll back to the car park.

Optional black sections —

 There are two short optional black sections off the main twisted firestarter section.



Warning: The Water Splash feature can be difficult to navigate when water levels are high. Check water levels before you commit to this section of trail.

