Scottish 6-day 2017, Ballater Deeside

The 21st Scottish 6-day event is being held in Royal Deeside between the 30th July and 5th August 2017.

This will be the 4th time the 6-Days has come to Deeside (1983, 1993, 2005) and the event will use some of our best areas with a variety of terrain, superb arenas and car parking and stunning views to the hills and mountains around Deeside.

The 2017 event will be based round an event cente in the Victoria and Albert Halls in Ballater with registration, prize giving and socials all contained in the 4 hall complex. There will be a large well appointed campsite (toilets, showers, recycling etc) within 400-500m of the event centre, shops and other facilities in the centre of Ballater.

The planned schedule is:

Sunday 30th July - Glen Tanar, Aboyne

Monday 31st July - Balfour Woods, Aboyne

Tuesday 1st August - Birsemore Hill, Aboyne

Wednesday 2nd August - “rest” day with a sprint race in Ballater

Thursday 3rd August - Creag Choinnich, Braemar

Friday 4th August - Glen Feardar, Braemar

Saturday 5th August - Glen Feardar, Braemar

There will be training set up in several forests in Deeside for the days before the event.

A full social programme will be laid on.

With all races being within 30km of Ballater travel times along the A93 will be short and there will be plenty of time for post race activities – visiting some of the famous castles of Aberdeenshire (including Balmoral which is open on the 30/31st July), doing a distillery tour, exploring the Vat Burn at Muir of Dinnet, climbing famous local hills such as Morven or Lochnagar. Rock climbing in the Pass of Ballater involves little walking or else there are bigger crags on Lochnagar or further west in the main Cairngorm massif. Mountain biking is fantastic in Deeside with plenty of good forest tracks and also some more exciting downhill tracks for those craving adrenaline.

For those seeking more gentle recovery there are options for less strenuous activities – fishing, go kart driving or 4WD/quad bike tours. In addition there are plenty of good quality tea-shops in the area.

Accommodation can be found using the local tourism office – http://www.visitscotland.com/destinations-maps/aberdeen-city-shire/

Travel to Deeside is straightforward – from the central belt of Scotland either on the A9 or the M90 to Perth, then the A90 towards Aberdeen and over the Cairn O’Mount road (B976). Aberdeen Airport has extensive connections to much of northern Europe - http://www.aberdeenairport.com