

Leadhills [The Gold Run]

158miles/254km



Trip Summary

Open roads – fast and slow

Some motorway riding

Few towns or villages

Hills and rivers

Gold mine



- 1 Take the A82 from Balloch towards Glasgow, cross the Clyde by the Erskine Bridge., then ride east along the M8 past Glasgow Airport.
- 2 Pass quickly through Glasgow to Junction 8 of the M8 motorway, then join the M73 and the M74 to ride south towards Carlisle.
- 3 Leave the M74 at Junction 7 and take the Clyde Valley Tourist route to Lanark and the world heritage village of New Lanark.
- 4 Ride along the A70 towards Cumnock, pass under the M74 motorway before turning left to go along the B7078 to Abington.
- 5 Travel into the Southern Uplands via the A702 and B797 to Wanlockhead, Scotland's highest village. Visit the gold mine and pan for gold.
- 6 At Mennock join the A76 and ride through New Cumnock and Cumnock before taking the A719 to Galston and on to Moscow!
- 7 Join the A77 briefly before taking the M77, M8 and A82 back to Balloch.