



**THE GRALLOCH**



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## **The Gralloch Expands with Launch of 330km Ultra Distance Challenge**

**A bold new addition to Scotland's premier gravel cycling festival**

GATEHOUSE OF FLEET, SCOTLAND - Organisers of **The Gralloch**, Britain's leading gravel cycling event, have announced the launch of a major new addition for 2026: **The Gralloch Ultra**.

Set to take place on **Saturday, 16 May 2026**, The Gralloch Ultra is a **330km ultra-distance gravel adventure** through the wild heart of the Galloway Forest Park and the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere. With over **5,000 metres of climbing**, the route will take riders from the forests of Galloway to the ridgelines of the Ayrshire Alps and back — a journey through some of Scotland's most spectacular landscapes.

The Gralloch Ultra invites riders to take on the ultimate test of endurance, resilience and self-sufficiency. Designed for those seeking a true off-road

adventure, it's an experience defined by **personal challenge, discovery and the wild beauty of Galloway**.

*"The Gralloch Ultra represents the next evolution of The Gralloch," said **Malcolm Smith**, Co-Founder of **Red On Sports**. "It's not about racing — it's about endurance, mindset and the willingness to keep going when the terrain, the distance and the night all test you. It's a pure expression of what gravel riding can be."*

While the event is **semi-supported**, riders will still be backed by Red On Sports' proven event infrastructure and safety systems. Along the route, there will be **Feed Zones stocked with nutrition and hydration, on-course emergency and medical assistance, and Event Control oversight** throughout. Riders must complete the challenge under their own power, but with the reassurance of a professionally managed environment. This balance makes the Ultra both **accessible to first-time ultra-distance riders** and demanding enough to satisfy the most seasoned endurance cyclists.

Starting and finishing in the town of **Gatehouse of Fleet**, the Ultra will be the centrepiece of a weekend-long celebration of gravel cycling that also includes the **UCI Gravel World Series race** and the **Gralloch Sportive**. The event's growing reputation for world-class riding and a community festival continues to draw riders, families and fans from around the globe.

*"The Ultra is a natural extension of what The Gralloch stands for," said **Maximilian Wussler**, Co-Founder of **Red On Sports**. "It's a chance for riders to push their limits, ride self-supported, and experience Galloway in its rawest, most beautiful form."*

Early-bird entries for **The Gralloch Ultra** are now open, with limited places available. The full route will be unveiled in due course.

The Gralloch 2026 takes place from **15–17 May 2026** in Gatehouse of Fleet, Galloway, Scotland.

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## FURTHER INFORMATION, IMAGES & VIDEOS

Full details about The Gralloch Ultra are available at: [grallochgravel.com/ultra](https://grallochgravel.com/ultra)

The Launch Film for the event is available here: <https://youtu.be/Vdj0wtuEbHc>

General event images are available at the link below and should be credited to

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<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1o92MQPkJypoZZ3hNzGJUUALNQ1cewVX7?usp=sharing>

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### About The Gralloch

The Gralloch is the United Kingdom's premier gravel cycling event and the first to be included in the UCI Gravel World Series. Held annually in Gatehouse of Fleet, Scotland, The Gralloch has rapidly grown into the largest and most prestigious gravel events in the UK. The event offers a true festival atmosphere with a world-class race, a standalone women's start, a non-competitive sportive, an Ultra distance challenge, live music, food and drink, and a vibrant expo village. The Gralloch has become a must-attend for elite riders, amateurs, and cycling fans alike, serving as a key qualifier for the UCI Gravel World Championships.

### About Red On Sports

Red On Sports is a leading sports event management and marketing company based in the UK. Specialising in gravel cycling and endurance events, Red On Sports owns and operates a growing portfolio of international experiences including The Gralloch, the British Gravel Championships, the Merciless Gravel Challenge Series, and the Unchained Touring Club. With a commitment to excellence, sustainability, and community, Red On Sports is shaping the future of off-road and adventure cycling across Europe. **For more information visit:** [www.redonsports.com](http://www.redonsports.com)