

## **Pedal the Park 2019**

### **Open for Online Entry NOW!**

The fifth and 2019 edition of the amazing cycling sportive Pedal the Park is now open for entries! The event is taking place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May and has over the years attracted over 300 riders each time. The event is once again in support of CLIC Sargent in Scotland who help families in our local area in dealing with their children being affected by cancer. The entry fee is just £20 and over a third of this goes to the charity.

The Sportive itself is 100km and tours through Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park. The route departs from the Park's Castle Semple Visitor Centre in Lochwinnoch. Cycle through the rolling countryside of Renfrewshire; enjoy Clyde Valley views as you drop into Inverclyde and up to the hill surrounding Loch Thom, descending the Brisbane Glen in to popular seaside town of Largs.

The most challenging part of the sportive comes just slightly further on... the climb of the Fairlie Moor Road. Hate or love the challenge - it gets our cyclists talking (once they have their breath back!) and keeps them coming back year after year.

The event is hosted in collaboration with Ride63 Community Cycling Club whose members not only take part but volunteer as marshals and at the feed station... sometimes stocking it with home baking! Volunteers and spectators are most welcome to cheer on and support our cyclists, contact [routes@clydemuirshiel.co.uk](mailto:routes@clydemuirshiel.co.uk) with your availability on the day.

Entry is through British Cycling as a registered Sportive. Just search Pedal the Park 2019. For more information see the Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park website or visit the event Facebook page.

Last year participants were very complementary of the event with lots of 5 star comments such as:

*"Thanks so much for a great day (weather not withstanding!); everything ran very slickly and the support from staff and volunteers along the route was fantastic - those individuals standing in the rain directing cyclists along the route were absolute heroes! Well done, it was magic."*

*"Well done to all who played a part in PTP18, a great event as always, despite the rain this time. Thanks to all the organisers and marshals and the providers of the tray bakes at the feed station... much appreciated."*

Organisers are hoping 2019 will continue this positive feeling and reputation, attracting even more cyclists and increasing the donation made towards the valuable work carried out by CLIC Sargent.

- Image 1 Pedal the Park 2018 The start line at Castle Semple Visitor Centre, Lochwinnoch
- Image 2 Pedal the Park 2018 Climbing in cloud on the Fairlie Moor, N Ayrshire
- Image 3 Pedal the Park 2018 Girl power at the finish line at Castle Semple



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