

Mountain bike ride - Tuesday 21st May 2024

Leaving from the main entrance of the Conference Centre at 7.00pm

There will be a bike ride on a route which is 90% off-road, to a pub in the southwest of Edinburgh. Food is available there. The route is on reasonable-quality paths alongside a river, so is largely flat, but you *will* get muddy and probably wet as well. Wear sports kit or old clothes. The distance is 3.7 miles (6.0 km) each way.

I have arranged options to rent bikes for a 24h period between 1200h noon on Tuesday 21st May and 1200h noon on Wednesday 22nd May, which will give any ABN delegates who want to come on the bicycle tour the option to collect a bike, pay for it, come on the evening ride, and then return it the following morning. The rental price will be £30 for a basic mountain bike, or more if you want to rent a more flashy model. For this route a mountain bike, a hybrid, or a gravel bike would all work fine.

To set up your rental, go to Biketrax.co.uk/hire and book on-line for that 24h period. If there are any issues, then call them on 0131 228 6633. The boss there is Luke Austin, and he knows about us. Some bikes are pre-reserved for us, so if you cannot book a bike on-line, it may be because they are already reserved for the ABN group in my name (Colin Mumford), so you'll need to explain that.

Biketrax is just a five-minute walk from the Conference Centre. The address is 2 Fountainbridge Square, Edinburgh, EH3 9QB. You need to set up your own rental, and ensure that you have the bike, are dressed appropriately – with a helmet - and ready to go from the front door of the Conference Centre at 1900h on the Tuesday evening. You will be responsible for getting the bike back to the shop the next day. Note that this is not an “official” ABN activity, so don't blame them (or me) if you fall off the bike and break something. Your safety is your responsibility. Having said that, we won't meet many cars on this route.

Let me know in advance if you're probably going to come on this:

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