

		Miles	Kilometres
Bits Park – next to Carlisle Castle	From Dacre Road, turn left onto the A7 signposted North and M6	0	0
M6 roundabout	Head straight over the roundabout above the M6, 3 rd exit, staying on the A7	2.5	4.0
Longtown	Through the village, over the River Esk, then left on the A6071 signposted to Gretna about 200m after the bridge. Pass through Gretna, over the roundabout, past the Outlet Village, and past the train station	8.7	14.0
Gretna Green	Turn right immediately after the train station signposted for the B7076, towards the Old Smithy in Gretna Green, then left onto the B7076	12.	20.5
	Stay on the B7076, heading north and passing through Fleming Kirkpatrick, Kirtlebridge, Ecclefechan, and the outskirts of Lockerbie until the junction with the A701 at Beattock N.B. There's a right turn onto the B723 just to the south of Lockerbie but you're only on this for 200m or so, and at the next roundabout follow the B7076 instead of taking the B723 into the centre of Lockerbie		
Beattock	Turn right for Moffat on the A701, passing under the M74	41.0	66.0
Moffat	The Moffat Best Pizza and Kebab House is at the far end of the High Street, on the right hand side	44.2	71.1
	Leave Moffat staying on the A701, straight up the Devil's Beef Tub climb (7 miles / 11km), then descend down into the Tweed Valley		
Tweedsmuir, Crook Inn	There will be a van parked here with bananas and water for a couple of hours	60.9	98.0
	Passing through Broughton (67.9 miles / 109.3 km) and Blyth Bridge (74.3 miles / 119.5 km), still on the A701		
Leadburn	At the crossroads where the Leadburn Inn will be on the opposite side of the road, turn left signposted for Penicuik	82.9	133.5
	Through Penicuik, then Milton Bridge, and straight over the Gowkley Moss roundabout, still on the A701		
	Take the left turn 300m after Gowkley Moss roundabout, at the traffic lights onto the A702 / A703	89.2	143.6
Hillend	After 2 miles / 3km on this road, there's a right turn towards Edinburgh on the A702. Go over the bypass and up the hill to the traffic lights at Fairmilehead. Pretty much all downhill from here!	91.2	146.9
Central Edinburgh	Keep on this same road (A702) all the way to Princes Street – Edinburgh Castle will be on your right. Dismount opposite the House of Fraser, cross Princes Street and the tram lines, then head down Queensferry Street to the left of Ryan's Bar.	95.8	154.2
Davidson Mains	Continue on the A90 / Queensferry Road until the traffic lights where the right turn is signposted Davidson Mains, Cramond and Lauriston Castle. Over the mini-roundabout, past Lauriston Castle on the right and you'll see Cramond Island ahead as you head down the hill. Not far now!	98.6	158.7
Cramond	Over a mini roundabout, and right at the traffic lights onto Cramond Road North.	99.8	160.7
	Turn right at the sign for 'Cramond Village & Kirk' and head down the hill. We'll put a wee arrow for the right turn to the kirk hall, but otherwise head straight down the	100.1	161.1

	hill past the Cramond Inn, and that's you completed the Ride to the Sun when you see the harbour		
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The gpx for the route can be downloaded from <https://www.strava.com/activities/309884391> and via the website <http://www.ridetothet.sun.co.uk/routes.html>

Facilities

Carlisle – the usual shops, garages and supermarkets, though nothing immediately adjacent to Bitts Park. There's an Asda supermarket on the left just before the M6, but it closes at 10pm on a Saturday.

You pass the Annandale Services immediately after Johnstonbridge at Junction 16 of the M74 (35.5 miles / 57.1 km).

Moffat – there's an Esso garage as you reach the town centre, on the right side of the road, and open 24hrs

There is quite a gap (46 miles!) of absolutely no facilities. Everything will be closed up until you reach the outskirts of Edinburgh (an Esso garage at Hillend just before the bypass). Please be self-sufficient and pack everything that you might need – clothes, food, lights / batteries, and spares for the bike.

Taxi numbers

Carlisle	Lockerbie	Biggar	Penicuik
Radio Taxis 01228 527575	M Y Taxis 01576 202491	Biggar Private Hire 01899 220015	Peni Cabs 07711 301198
Carlisle Taxi Hire 01228 424242	Station Taxis 01576 205968	Peebles	Penicuik Taxis 01968 679600
Carlisle taxis 01228 247365	Moffat	Tweedline Taxis 01721 723234	Simons Taxis 01968 672229
City Taxis 01228 520000	Moffat Taxis 01683 221666	B A R C Travel 01721 721212	Edinburgh City Cabs 0131 228 1211

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