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WELCOME TO FORT WILLIAM

Welcome to the WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series Fort William, where it's all eyes on the slopes of Aonach Mòr for the opening round of the UCI Mountain Bike Downhill World Cup.

Renowned as the outdoor capital of the UK, Fort William and its breathtaking scenery is a haven for mountain biking enthusiasts, and the downhill track at the Nevis Range is revered as one of the most legendary venues in the sports history.

Set against the backdrop of the towering Ben Nevis, the highest peak in the UK, Fort William is as a 'classic' amongst riders and fans, with a track that is one of the longest and toughest in the world, standing as testament to one of the sport's most daring challenges.

Proudly supported by EventScotland to make Scotland the perfect stage for events, Fort William takes centre stage once more following the success of last year's UCI Cycling World Championships.

'IT'S WHERE SOME OF THE BIGGEST NAMES IN MOUNTAIN BIKING HAVE WON, AND THE 2024 EDITION IS SET TO BE ONE OF THE BIGGEST EVENTS IN THE SPORT'S HISTORY.'

With its cinematic landscape and illustrious track, we know the Fort William crowd are the heartbeat of the event, and whether you're a seasoned pro or are new to the mountain biking community, there's something here for everyone to enjoy.

As the fastest riders in the world converge on this iconic track, get ready to cheer your lungs out and join with us to witness history in the making!

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MESSAGE FROM THE UCI PRESIDENT

2024 UCI MOUNTAIN BIKE DOWNHILL WORLD CUP FORT WILLIAM

I am delighted that the 2024 UCI Mountain Bike Downhill World Cup will begin in Fort William.

This event is part of the wider WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series, which features UCI World Cups for mountain bike's different formats.

After two rounds in Brazil featuring cross-country Olympic and cross-country short track racing, the third round of this year's WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series returns to Fort William for the first round dedicated to the world's best downhill specialists.

This Scottish resort has been a faithful host of UCI downhill events for some 20 years, most recently during the 2023 UCI Cycling World Championships held across Scotland last August.

Downhill racing at the foot of Ben Nevis never fails to produce adrenalin-packed racing, and this Scottish stopover is a firm favourite among both athletes and fans.

The local organising team at Fort William has huge experience delivering top-class events, and I take this opportunity to thank them and their sponsors, partners and volunteers for their commitment to the spectacular downhill mountain bike format.

The UCI's partnership with Warner Bros. Discovery has taken the UCI World Cup series to another level, and this year the WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series comprises 14 rounds, including seven rounds of the UCI Downhill World Cup, which will draw to a close in five months' time in Mont-Sainte-Anne, Canada, in October.

We are at the start of a long and intense season of racing, and it only remains for me to wish the very best of luck to everyone participating in Fort William from 3 to 5 May.

David Lappartient

UCI President



GETTING HERE



PARK & RIDE

There are two dedicated park & ride spots at Blar Mhor and Glen Spean Brewery. You can check them out on the travel map.

If you're coming from the south, use the park & ride at Blar Mhor. If you're heading from the North or East, Glen Spean Brewery park & ride is your best option.

Services from Blar Mhor will operate from 07:30am on Friday 3 – Sunday 5 May.
Glen Spean Brewery operates from 08:30am Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 May only.

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

Shuttle Bus Route	Park & Ride	Shuttle Bus Pick Up
Event Village	Bike Parking	

Getting to the WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series Fort William

There are two dedicated Park & Ride sites at Blar Mhor and Glen Spean Brewery. From here, you'll be able to hop on the free park and ride services, straight to the venue.

Coming from the south? Please use the Park & Ride at Blar Mhor. If you're coming from the north or east, Glen Spean Brewery Park & Ride is the best option.

Blar Mhor will be open from 0730 Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th May. Glen Spean Brewery will be open from 0800 Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th May.

Come by Bike

There is a dedicated bike park on-site at the event and a great cycle path from Fort William.

Shuttle Bus

A shuttle bus service will also be in operation from Middle Street car park in Fort William town centre from Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th May. **Please note - this is not a park & ride service.** No shuttle service from West End Car Park, closed 2 - 13 May. Illegally parked vehicles will be removed from West End Car Park.

There is no parking available for the public at Nevis Range or the nearby Auction Mart. Any cars found to be parked illegally will be removed.

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SHUTTLE BUS

A shuttle bus service will be in full operation from Middle Street Car Park in Fort William town centre, from Friday 3 – Sunday 5 May.

Please note – this is not a park & ride service.

There is no shuttle service operating from An Aird or West End car park. West End car park will be closed from 2-13 May, and illegally parked vehicles will be removed from West End car park.

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EVENT SCHEDULE

**03
MAY**

TIME (BST)	NAME
07:30	Blar Mhor Park and Ride Open
08:30	Venue Open
08:30 - 16:30	Training
09:00	Shimano Test Track
09:00 - 16:00	Schools Day
17:00 - 19:00	DMBinS: Fort William Bike Park Spring Jam

**04
MAY**

TIME (BST)	NAME
07:00	Park and Ride Opens (Blar Mhor & Glen Spean)
08:00 -12:00	Mini DH Event
08:30 - 11:30	Training
09:00 - 12:00	Shimano Test Track
12:00	RACE: UCI Downhill World Cup Women Elite - Qualification
12:30	RACE: UCI Downhill World Cup Men Elite - Qualification
13:30 - 14:00	Autograph signing with Danny MacAskill & Kriss Kyle
14:00	RACE: UCI Downhill World Cup Women Junior - Qualification
14:15	RACE: UCI Downhill World Cup Men Junior - Qualification
15:00	RACE: UCI Downhill World Cup Women Elite - Semi Final
15:30	RACE: UCI Downhill World Cup Men Elite - Semi Final

**05
MAY**

TIME (BST)	NAME
07:00	Park and Ride Opens (Blar Mhor & Glen Spean)
08:30	Venue Open
09:00	Shimano Test Track
09:00 - 11:00	Training
11:30	RACE: UCI Downhill World Cup Women Junior - Finals
12:00	RACE: UCI Downhill World Cup Men Junior - Finals
13:00	RACE: UCI Downhill World Cup Men Junior - Finals
14:00	RACE: UCI Downhill World Cup Men Junior - Finals

WHAT'S ON?



DANNY AND KRISS' ROAD TO FORT WILLIAM

Sunday 5th May

Trials legend Danny MacAskill is joined by BMX sensation Kriss Kyle as they journey to the WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series Fort William in style.

Watch what happens when the Scottish duo, well known for pioneering films such as Don't Look Down and Streets of San Francisco, ride together a little closer to home on their way to one of the most legendary venues in the sports history.



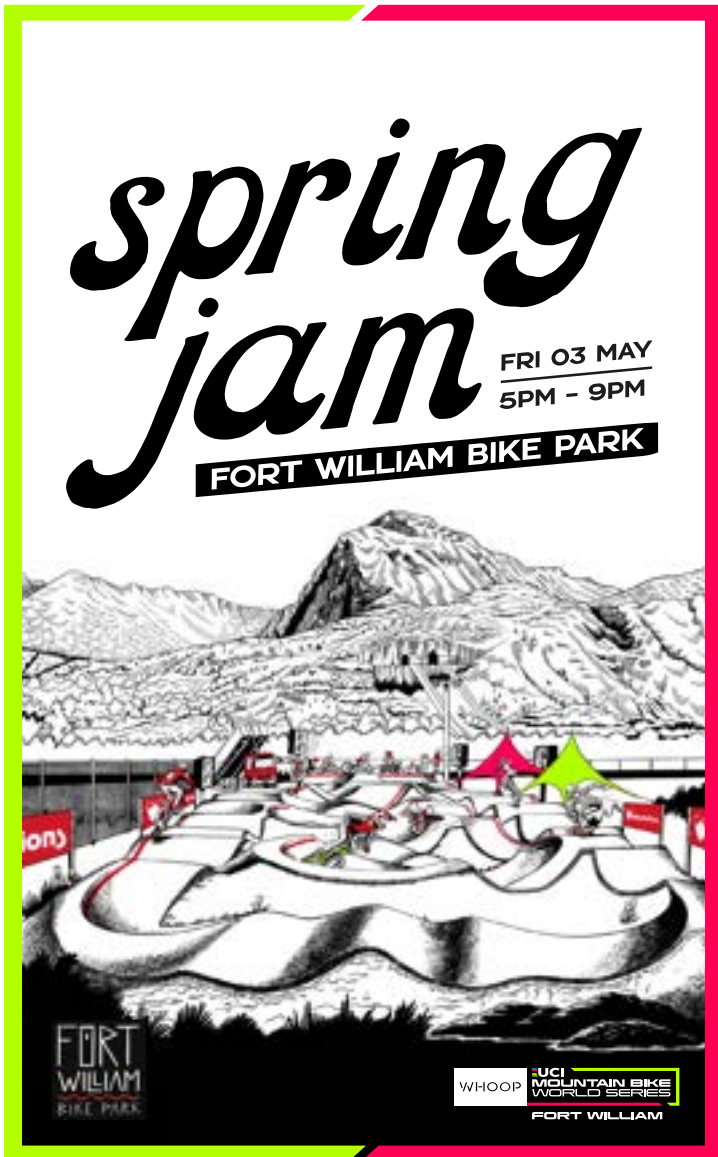
AUTOGRAPH SESSION WITH DANNY MACASKILL & KRISS KYLE

Saturday 4th May 1:30PM - 2PM
Central Stage

Come and meet Scotland's iconic professional street trials rider Danny MacAskill and BMX legend Kriss Kyle for an autograph signing session!



WHAT'S ON?



FORT WILLIAM BIKE PARK SPRING JAM

supported by Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland and WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series.

Friday 3rd May 5-9pm

Fort William Bike Park - Pumptrack, adaptive pumptrack, BMX/skate bowl, open to all.

An informal cycling event for community and visitors to Fort William ahead of the WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series Fort William. The event will be non-competitive, and include sessions on the pumptrack, adaptive track and BMX/skate park for experienced and beginner riders.

Bringing a fun atmosphere for the entire bike community, for all levels of rider.

The event is developed with the support of Fort William Wheeled Sports Society (FWWSS) who are the charity responsible for the management, maintenance, lighting and upkeep of the Fort William Bike Park.

MINI DOWNHILL

Saturday 4th May 8am - 12pm

Mini Downhill is back! Get ready to welcome young riders to the big stage with the return of the Mini Downhill Final to the slopes of Aonach Mor, as part of an action-packed event weekend in Fort William from 3-5 May.

Imagine the thrill for any young rider, rubbing shoulders with the very best in the world and sampling the electric atmosphere of a roaring home crowd, before taking in the best of the action at the opening round of the UCI Downhill World Cup!

WHAT'S ON?



SHIMANO TEST TRACK

Friday 03 - Sunday 05 May

Come test out the latest Shimano components on a dedicated course at the Nevis Range on site at the WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series Fort William event across 03-05 May.

The Shimano Test Track will offer insights into the latest technological developments, with a chance to experience more than you're usually able to at your local dealer or in store. It's a great opportunity to give the latest components a try for yourself at the WHOOP UCI Mountain Bike World Series event and is completely free once you have accessed the event.

New for 2024, visitors will be able to ride E-MTB's with the latest FREE SHIFT and AUTO SHIFT technology at the Shimano test track on site, with a team of experts on hand to answer any questions about the technology.

To check and reserve a bike for the STA: <https://testtrack.madison.co.uk/>



COURSE MAP

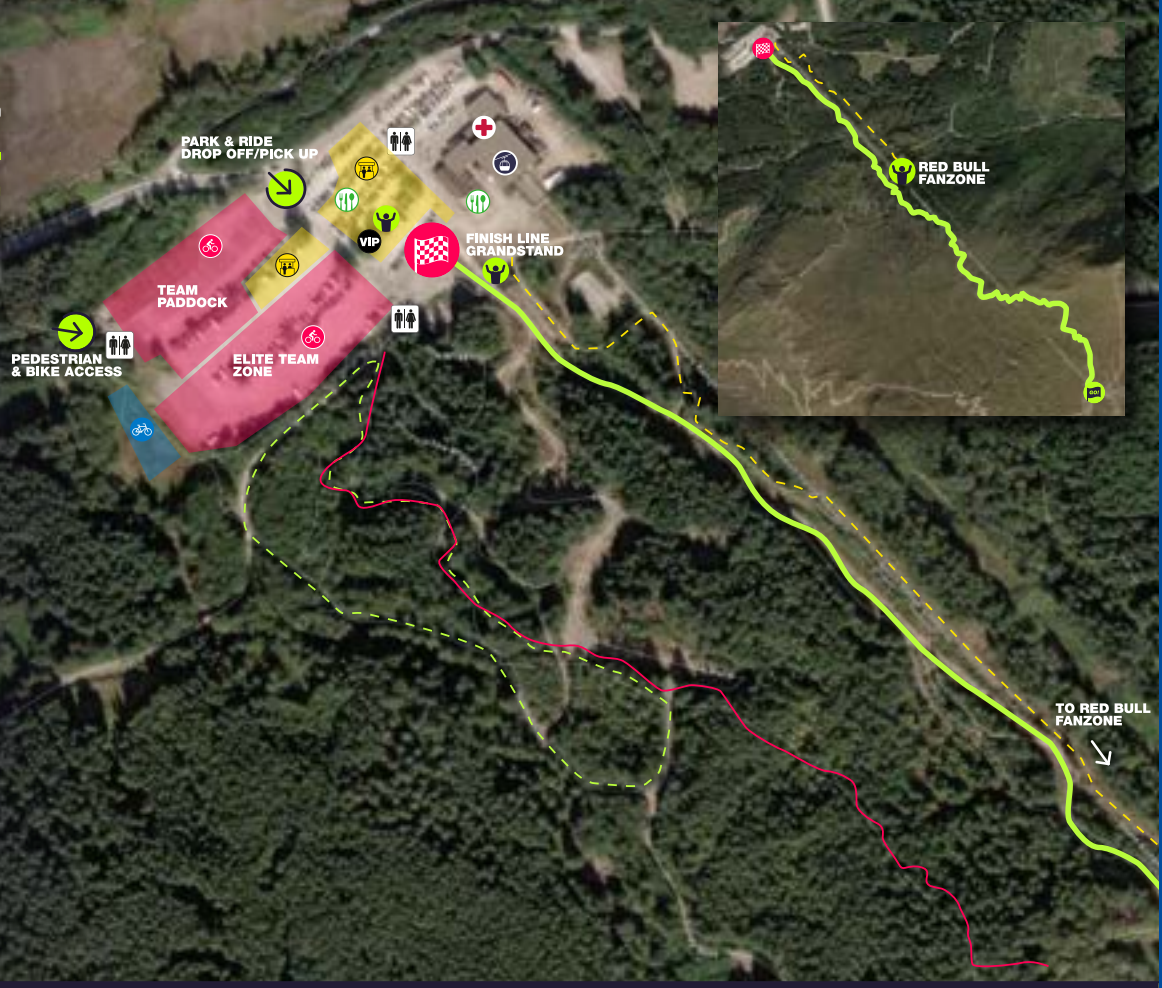
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COURSE STATS

Length: 2.86km Elevation: -550m

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| DHI Course | Grandstand |
| Finish Bowl | Route to fan zone |
| Expo | Team Area |
| Toilets | Food & Drink |
| Gondola Station | Public Entrance |
| Bike Park | Medical Centre |
| Scottish Cycling Mini-DH | Shimano Test Track |
| VIP Hospitality | |
| VIP | |



THE COURSE

The track in Fort William has been feared and respected in equal measure since its UCI World Cup debut back in 2002. This seasons iteration is the fastest yet with a tweaked lower half promising even more bike breaking speed than before!



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