

The Metzeler British Enduro Championship Returns to Elgin, Scotland

The Metzeler British Enduro Championship is returning to Elgin in Scotland, during the Easter weekend on the 22nd and 23rd March. The inclusion of this Scottish round transforms this championship into a truly British championship. The dates enable competitors to travel to and from Elgin over the holiday weekend. The route to Elgin includes a beautiful drive through the Scottish highlands including the whisky trail passing many of Scotland's finest distilleries.

Following on from the tremendously successful event in 2006 the Grampian Motor Cycle Club, including ex Scotland ISDE team manager Johnny Little, have extended the course to include three venues and a new parking facility. The parking generated the most complaints in 2006 and this has been resolved with a hard standing car park on loan from the ministry of defence.



The course will include timed stages through two forests and a motocross special test at Woodside Motocross track on the outskirts of Elgin. The special test in Lossie forest that included a blast along the edge of the dunes, beside the beach, will return by popular demand. The routes through the woods were established for the two very enjoyable Scottish Enduro Championships, held in the same forests, endorsed by British Enduro regulars Derek Little and Richard Hay. Johnny Little has always run the event on the basis that if a rider has taken the trouble to travel all the way to the north east of Scotland he would like them to enjoy themselves. The Lossie forest is similar to the Diss John Banks Enduro and Monaughty forest is similar again with hard rock underneath that provides good grip regardless of the weather. On one occasion the bikes did not require cleaning as the sand did not stick to the bikes. There are several reports and photographs from previous events available to view on Scottish Enduros Website.



In 2006 overall winner David Knight described this event as one of the best Enduros he had ever ridden. The atmosphere at the final motocross was electric and video footage of David and Euan McConnell clashing, knocking each other off in the motocross test can still be viewed at the GMCC website. Ricky Mair was on outstanding form in 2006 and he is hoping his motocross calendar will have a gap that will allow him to participate.

Regulations are available from www.scottishenduros.co.uk and www.enduronews.com entries have been filling up fast with 140 received in the first five days. The entry limit has been raised to 350 allowing for a large sportsman class, do not delay, send away your entry now, you will not be disappointed. Your bike will have to be road legal as the forests are only connected by public roads. There are several excellent Hotels and bed and breakfast facilities in the area, a list is provided with the regulations.

