

# Pentland Trail Centre



## THE PROJECT

### Why mountain biking?

Cycling in all its forms continues to enjoy a high profile throughout the UK, with increasing participation, high sales, competitive success and extensive media coverage.

The whole of Scotland offers an incredible range and diversity of natural trails. There are extensive tracts of mountainous terrain and forests, all with existing networks of trails and paths. Coupled with enlightened land access laws, Scotland is the perfect location for mountain biking.

Based on a catchment located within 30 minutes drive time of the Pentland Trail Centre and looking at the general trends in cycling:

- There is a potential total base of 173,248 existing cyclists with a mountain bike (in the loosest definition) and 234,723 non-cyclists who might be prepared to try biking
- Safe, traffic-free venues are the best way of developing cycling skills that can be transferred to riding on roads
- There is a shortage of trail centres within 30 minutes of Edinburgh
- The demand for mountain biking trail centres is high

In 2023 Scotland will host the World Championships in every single cycling discipline.

There is a national imperative, led by the Scottish Government, to encourage greater participation in cycling, for the wide range of benefits that cycling delivers.

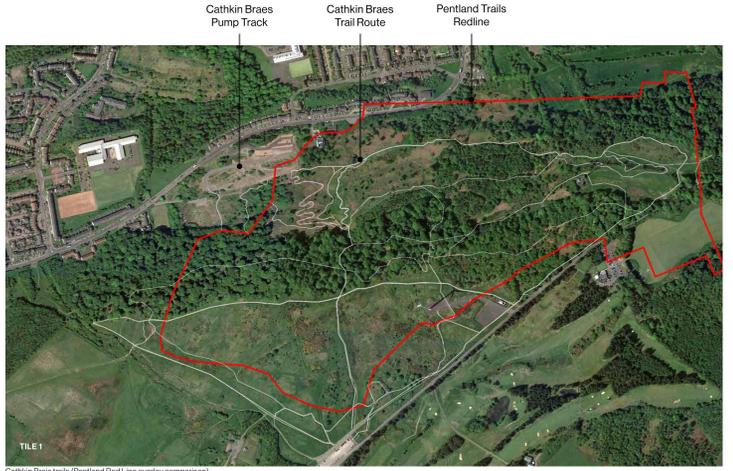
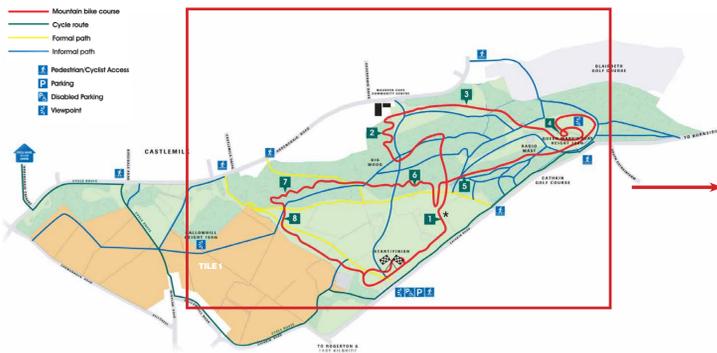
- Health
- Transport
- Recreation

The City of Edinburgh Council and other local authorities are all including cycling as part of both their transport and physical activity strategies, whilst Scottish Cycling (the sport's governing body) has a National Facilities Strategy, which highlights the need for more dedicated mountain bike facilities.



### Precedent site trail infrastructure

#### Cathkin Braes, Glasgow Trail Map



# PENTLAND TRAIL CENTRE

BOARD 4

PUBLIC CONSULTATION - EVENT 1

