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Bruce Ryan at Cruize Bar
May 28 at 8:35pm · Brodick · 🌐

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So we're pretty sure we'll circumnavigate Arran tomorrow. Something like

- Brodick to Lochranza (the well-tarmaced way up the Boguille) 14 miles
- Lochranza to Machrie 13 miles
- Machrie to Sliderry 10 miles
- Sliderry to Whiting Bay 11 miles
- Whiting Bay to Brodick 8 miles

(Total 56 miles)

Then even more stupid amounts of food at the Brodick Bar.

For Friday, I'm vaguely considering a figure-of-eight around Arran:

- Brodick to Lochranza 14 miles
- Lochranza to Blackwaterfoot 18 miles
- Blackwaterfoot to Brodick 11 miles
- Brodick to Whiting Bay 8 miles
- Whiting Bay to Blackwaterfoot 16 miles
- Blackwaterfoot to Brodick 11 miles

78 miles, but that involves doing the String the same way twice 😊

Thoughts from Arranistas appreciated!

But I'm also contemplating cycling from Ardrossan back to Edinburg on Saturday, and this would be with luggage. The A71 would take me directly there but it's 78 miles of rat-run dual carriageway with few drop-out opportunities. The A736 would take me to Glasgow (32 miles) and then there's the route I know from Glasgow via Coatbridge, Airdrie, Caldercruix, Blackridge, Armadale, Bathgate, Uphall - all of which have stations and trains to Edinburgh. That would be 44 miles along mostly reasonable tarmac with tolerable traffic and not too many knob-ends in my experience. Route decision made.

Decision as to whether to actually do it - er, not so much! Thoughts from roadies also appreciated.

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