

# EVENT GUIDE

## SLIEVE BLOOM



Friday 24th & Sunday 26th April 2026

The Slieve Bloom Bike Festival is a two-day off-road cycling event in the spectacular Slieve Bloom Mountains, nestled in Ireland's Hidden Heartlands and kindly supported by Fáilte Ireland.

Spanning the County Offaly and Laois border in Ireland's Hidden Heartlands, the trails offer over 100km of exciting biking on fast and flowing single track trails. The festival is Ireland's premier off-road cycling endurance event which features the 'Gravel Ride Series' on Saturday and the 'Coillte Biking Blitz' competition Sunday, plus the Big Bike Movie Night and Live Music on Saturday night.

The 'Gravel Ride Series' or GRS is a collective of epic one-day gravel rides in Ireland, designed with adventure in mind and guaranteed to leave lasting memories. This is not just another race.

The 'Coillte Biking Blitz' is a mass start cross-country mountain bike event, aimed primarily at beginners but with something for everyone. There are three categories for adults to choose from: Novice, E-Bike or Expert, plus youth events for 6-year-olds and up. All events in the Biking Blitz must be entered for online in advance, it is pre-entry only. In addition to the opportunities to experience these mountain bike trails, there will be great social events on offer.

### **Discover the magic of Ireland's Hidden Heartlands**

Experience Ireland's Hidden Heartlands, a beautifully unspoilt part of Ireland where life moves at its own pace. Listen to the ebb and flow of trickling streams, kayak across wonderful waterways and explore magical forest treks and trails.

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## KINNITTY CASTLE FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Registration | 7pm  
Live Music | 8.30pm

## KINNITTY CASTLE SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Gravel Ride Series | 9am to 4pm | pre entry only  
Adaptive Mountain Bike Racing | 10am  
The Big Bike Film Night | 7pm  
Live Music | 8.30pm

## KINNITTY CASTLE SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Coillte Biking Blitz | 9am to 4pm | pre entry only  
Kids events | 10am  
Senior races | 12.30pm  
Awards Presentation | 4pm

Spectator access is free

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