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Central bikers celebrate trails success story
CARRON VALLEY BIKEFEST – 12th MAY 2007 – all day event

The Carron Valley BikeFest, an exciting all-day event at Carron Valley Forest, near Kilsyth on Saturday 12th May will mark the opening of three new sections of mountain bike trail as well as showcasing future plans for the venue. (***The media are invited to cover the launch event – see Notes to Editors for details***)

The 1.2km blue-graded ascents are part of a 6km cycle trail and are just one element of a proposed £1.5 million project to upgrade recreational facilities in the Carron Valley Forest for mountain bikers, walkers and other forest users.

Riders of all ages and abilities are invited to come along and try the exciting new additions to the popular mountain bike trail network, see the future plans for the centre and enjoy a host of fun activities throughout the day.

David Russell, Carron Valley Development Group Secretary said,

“We are very excited to be launching our new trail sections and showcasing our plans with this unique event and hope it will make mountain bikers in Central Scotland and beyond aware of what Carron Valley has to offer. “

“In addition to enjoying some of the most popular trails in Scotland riders can see the plans for the venue and have their say on the future of the development whilst enjoying great food, drink and entertainment in a relaxed, informal atmosphere.”

“We hope everyone from families with small children to hard-core mountain bikers will take their pick of the cycle trails and become regular visitors to this beautiful forest located in the heart of Central Scotland. “

The forest lies in the heart of Central Scotland between Kilsyth, Stirling and Denny. With most major cities in Scotland within 1 hours drive and nearby public transport links in Kilsyth and Stirling, the Carron Valley mountain bike trails offer big country biking in a convenient location.

Since the launch in spring 2006, Central Scotland's first purpose built mountain bike centre is proving extremely popular with riders of all ages and abilities. Almost 11km of trails have been created by volunteers from the Carron Valley Development Group (CVDG) working with the Carron Valley Partnership comprising Central Scotland Forest Trust, North Lanarkshire Council, Stirling Council and Forestry Commission Scotland.

For more information on the Carron Valley mountain bike trails, including trail maps, visit www.carronvalley.org.uk.

NOTES TO EDITOR:

Cyclists wishing to ride the Carron Valley mountain bike trails should park in the Eastern car park near the Dam head, which is signed off the B818 five miles west of Denny.

You are invited to send a photographer to the opening of the Carron Valley cycle trail, at 1pm on Saturday, 12th May 2007. Please report on site to David Russell, who can be contacted in advance by telephone on [REDACTED]