



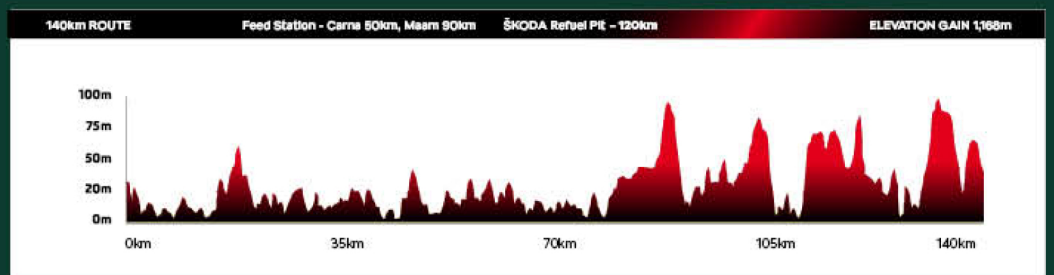
SKODA
TOUR DE
CONAMARA

RIDER PACK 2026



SKODA
We Love Cycling

ROUTES



The 140km cycle starts at 9.30am

The 80km cycle starts at 10.30am

Both cycles start from the courtyard of the Clifden Station House Hotel.

If you are cycling in the 80km event please do not enter the start area with your bike until the 140km cyclists depart at 9.30am.

Please leave plenty of time to get to the event sign on as there will be a lot of traffic on the access roads to Clifden

Please **DO NOT** start before the official start times. You will **NOT** be insured and there will **NOT** be marshals/mechanics/medics on the course. Feed stations will **NOT** be ready, and you will not receive any provisions if you arrive early.



Bring your event registration details on your phone or printed out to be scanned in and receive your event ID.

This is your ID for registration and will be scanned to allow you collect your event pack and event wristband / bike tag.

Only participants registered online in their own name are eligible to participate.

Distance changes. It is possible to drop distance. Please reach out to us in advance at cycling@bearraces.ie so we can amend your booking.

We will be taking on-the-day Sign-Ups. Please arrive early to allow the team time to assist you.

Please note: Proof of valid Cycling Ireland membership will be required, otherwise you will need to purchase the one-day license, in addition to your entry ticket.

Parking: There is no official event parking. As many participants are staying locally, we recommend cycling to the start from your accommodation. There is strictly **NO** parking on church grounds in Clifden, or in Lidl/Aldi car parks. Please respect local commercial and resident parking.

2026 EVENT INFO

EVENT SIGN ON:

There are three options for participants to sign on for the event.

- 1** Clifden - FRIDAY MAY 22ND
Between 4pm and 9.00pm at the event office directly beside the Clifden Station House Hotel
- 2** Galway City - FRIDAY MAY 22ND
Between 4.00pm and 7.00pm
Monaghan's SKODA garage
Tuam Road, Galway City
- 3** The Day of the Event - SATURDAY MAY 23RD
From 7:00am Race Start Help Desk

WHAT YOU GET:

- 1** You will receive your event identification that you must wear in order to access the Feed Stations and gain access to the event start area. 
- 2** Bike Tag and event information 
- 3** Skoda Cycling Gift 
- 4** If you purchased an event jersey with your registration you will receive it at sign on (the jersey size you ordered will be the jersey size you will receive). 

Jerseys are still available to order online here: www.bearraces.ie/shop/ whilst stocks last. Please note they are for collection at Event Sign On only!

If stocks remain after Event Sign on closes, jerseys will be available to purchase in person.

EVENT SAFETY

NB: The Škoda Tour de Conamara is not a closed road event and you must adhere to the normal rules of the road.

Cycling on the route is maximum of two abreast. Please respect other road users and local residents during the event.

The event is a sportive and not a race and you are responsible for your own safety and the safety of others on the road.

The routes selected for the Tour de Conamara are generally quiet roads but you will encounter some main road junctions. Be please aware of traffic on all roads.

ŠKODA marked directional signs will be placed throughout the route and marshals will be evident throughout the route. Please remember marshals are only there to assist. **You must check for oncoming traffic at all junctions.**

All participants will be provided with an emergency contact number in the case of an emergency on the route.

You are responsible for taking part in the event on a safe and suitable bike. Participants are responsible for their own bike maintenance.

Limited mechanical support will be in place and will sweep throughout the route. Bike Mechanics will be located at all feed stops and track pumps will be located at a number of points throughout the route.

Please ensure you have spare tubes in the event of a puncture and do not rely on the emergency number for help with changing punctures etc.

Please pump your tyres before you start to avoid early issues with your bike on the route.

No earphones permitted.

No tri bars permitted.

No helmet - no participation.

EVENT IDENTIFICATION

When you sign on for the Škoda Tour de Conamara you will receive two forms of event identification.



1 Bike Event ID – to be attached to the front handlebars of your bike – without this bike ID you will not be able to enter the start area or avail of on route services / supports and food stops. This will be your bike number to access event pictures online after the event.



2 Cycling ID – You will receive an event wristband with your event. This also has the event emergency number. These are colour coded for the 80km and 140km cycles. If you are on the 140km cycle you will receive a different colour ID to the 80km cyclists. Access to the feed stations will be based on the colour of the wristband you are wearing so it is important you collect the correct ID at event sign on.

You will need to present this wristband at the finish for the event BBQ. The hotel will collect the wristband when you go to the BBQ area and this becomes your token for the BBQ. No wristband No BBQ.





LAST MINUTE MECHANICALS

Škoda will have a bike mechanic on hand in Monaghan's Garage on Friday night May 22nd and in the Škoda event Dome at the event start in Clifden. If you need a last minute tweak for your bike a qualified mechanic is on hand to help you.



FIRST AID

We recommend you also bring your own supply of cycling gels, bars and drinks.

Ambulances and roving paramedics will be available all day, should anyone require medical assistance it will be administered in the fastest possible timeframe. Please call the emergency contact number provided on the day for medical emergencies.



FEED STATIONS

140km FEED STATIONS:

The feed stations for the 140km route are located at :

1. Carna Community Centre (at 50km)
2. Maam Valley Community Centre (at 90km)
3. Water Stop at Kylemore (at 120km)

80km FEED STATIONS:

The feed stations for the 80km route are located at :

1. Cashel Community Centre (38km)
2. Water Stop at Kylemore (60km).

Toilets

Toilets are located at the start/finish line, feed stations and water stations. Please only use facilities provided.



ON ROUTE TECHNICAL SUPPORT

There will be a number of roving bike mechanics. All the feed stations (except the Kylemore Water Stop) will have a bike mechanic on hand to fix any problems you encounter on route.



COURSE CUT- OFF TIME

Course cut-off time – 17.30hrs.



WHAT TO BRING



- Your bike must be in good working order to cycle either the 140km or 80km routes
- **Helmet No Helmet - No Participation**
- Sunblock – we hope you will need plenty of this.
- Spare tubes and / or Puncture repair kit
- Mobile phone
- Emergency money & ID
- Energy snacks
- Wind / Rainproof top – Participants must be aware that weather conditions in this area can change and you should bring appropriate clothing to keep warm in any adverse weather.
- Water bottle (s)

AFTER THE EVENT



After you cross the finish line you will receive your well earned 2026 Škoda Tour de Conamara medal. Please note the following supports and services provided to make your day even more enjoyable.

ŠKODA MASSEUSE



Škoda will provide a team of masseuses from the Institute of Sport Massage Therapy for complementary post event rub downs.

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POST EVENT BBQ



When you finish the Škoda Tour de Conamara medal. BBQ pit will be there with a burger for you. You need to present your wristband and the hotel will collect the wristband - this becomes your token for the BBQ. No wristband No BBQ. All other food must be paid for by participants. A full range of food will also be available to buy in the hotel courtyard.

SHOWERS



Showers will be provided at Clifden Community College, in Clifden and at the Clifden Station House Hotel.

Please be aware that these facilities have a maximum capacity and you may be directed to one or other.



Clifden and the wider Connemara area is ready and waiting for the cyclists and their friends and family.

We encourage participants to enjoy the local hospitality and soak up the pre and post race atmosphere.

EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY

This year your front bike tag contains a code that will enable you look at your own pictures from the event. In the days after the event you will be sent a link to view your pictures. You must have your bike id attached to the front handlebars as per the conditions of the event. You will need to enter your bike tag number to view your pictures online.



CAMPERVAN PARKING

DEDICATED CAMPERVAN FACILITIES AT CONNEMARA RUGBY CLUB

HOW TO BOOK YOUR SPOT

Connemara Rugby Club will operate a campervan parking site at the clubsgrounds located 1km from the event venue. (postcode H71 TW67)

Pre-booking is advised – to book please visit www.tourdeconamara.ie for the link to the booking page

ENQUIRIES

The site is being run by Connemara Rugby Club so please direct enquiries or queries to connemararugbyclub@gmail.com





We Love Cycling

[WeLoveCycling.ie](https://www.welovecycling.ie) is an online platform that uncovers original stories, content and special reports from the wide world of cycling.

Not just for the professional cyclist, [WeLoveCycling.ie](https://www.welovecycling.ie) also includes helpful tips for the amateur and recreational cyclist on buying bicycles, nutritional recommendations and cycle routes. For the commuter cyclist there will be content on the latest e-bike trends and technology.



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NEW ŠKODA CYCLING RANGE



Visit our cycling retail stand at the registration centre at the Clifden Station House Hotel on Friday and Saturday of the event.

MERCHANDISE



Men's Cycling Long Sleeve



Men's Cycling Jersey



Men's Cycling Bib shorts



Women's Cycling Long Sleeve



Women's Cycling Long Sleeve



Women's Cycling Bib shorts



Men's Windproof Jacket



Women's Windproof Jacket



Cycling Socks



Cycling Sunglasses



Cycling Helmet



Pump

Please respect the Connemara community – Bring home your litter.

- Be Considerate and respect the host community.
- Cycle Responsibly and do not throw your waste on the roads.
- Dispose of Waste Properly using the bins at the feed stations.
- Don't be the one to give cyclists a bad name by throwing litter on the roads.



LEAVE NO TRACE

REMEMBER!

NO HELMET NO CYCLE

this will be strictly enforced

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The event operates under a Leave No Trace litter policy.

Please respect the Connemara countryside and its residents and bring home your litter.

Please do not litter the area with gel sachets, empty bottles or food wrappings etc.

PUNCTURES

Please ensure you can change a puncture and bring spare tubes.

It may be some time before support can arrive to a spot where a cyclist may have picked up a puncture so please ensure you can change your own wheel or cycle with someone that will assist you to avoid long delays that will impact on your enjoyment of the day.

RESPECT OTHER ROAD USERS

FINALLY

We hope you have a great day on what we believe is among the finest cycling routes around set against the backdrop of spectacular Connemara and the Wild Atlantic Way.

CONNEMARA IS READY

