

Lance Armstrong tweets invite for Dornoch bike ride



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Hundreds of people have taken part in cycling legend Lance Armstrong's open invitation on twitter for a bike ride in Dornoch, Sutherland.

The 30-mile (48km) round route started at The Eagle Pub in the town at about 1700 BST.

The seven-times Tour de France winner has held twitter rides before in Los Angeles, Dublin, Paisley and Adelaide - where about 4,000 riders turned out.

After the event he thanked Scotland and the "1,000 plus" who came to Dornoch.

About 2200 BST on Saturday he had tweeted: "I feel a twitter ride coming on."

Lance Armstrong invited his twitter followers on a bike ride around Sutherland

A few minutes later he said: "Alright Scotland - it's on. Twitter ride! Meet 5pm tomorrow (Sunday) in Dornoch (Sutherland County) at The Eagle Pub. 30-mile loop."

Earlier in the day he had described a 35-mile ride in and around Sutherland.

He said: "Small roads, no cars, and beautiful terrain."

At 1840 BST he tweeted: "Thanks Scotland for coming out for a little ride. To the 1000+ who came over Dornoch - you rock! Keep ridin'..."

He also thanked the local police for their help.

In 2009, the American former professional road-racing cyclist organised a twitter ride around Paisley in Renfrewshire. About 300 people turned out for the event - including Scottish former cycling champion, Graeme Obree.