

## HIT FOREST RUNNING

Entries have opened for the annual Devilva Forest 15 and 5 trail running events.

There are two races, a 15km and a 5km, on February 18, 2018, within the grounds of the Scottish Police College at Tulliallan, Kincardine.

The circular routes are described as relatively flat on a mix of fire roads, paths and single track.

The 15km course skirts three lochs and heads through a variety of sheltered woodland.

The Devilva Forest 5 is a 5km trail race following a loop around Moor Loch within forest.

■ See [www.carnegie-harriers.co.uk](http://www.carnegie-harriers.co.uk) for entry



## NEW ROOMS WITH A VIEW

SYHA Hostelling Scotland (SYHA) have announced a major redevelopment project at Glen Nevis Youth Hostel.

The project will transform the current hostel into a more modern accommodation facility, with private en-suite and shared rooms.

Guests will also benefit from a new self-catering kitchen and open-plan living spaces with panoramic views over the Nevis mountain range.

The youth hostel will reopen for the peak season in 2018.

SYHA chief executive Margo Paterson said: "I'm delighted the project is underway. We look forward to see the new youth hostel take shape."

## GEAR OF THE WEEK

### OMM Rosa

Mountain marathon brand OMM have launched a new woman-specific trail running jacket, the OMM Rosa.

It features PrimaLoft Gold Insulation Eco, made from 55 per cent recycled plastic bottles. The jacket is light at just 135g yet very warm and water resistant.

An OMM spokesperson said: "The Rosa makes the perfect jacket for mountain marathons and trail runs when you need to stay warm and dry, but also want lightweight and unrestricted freedom of movement."

■ The OMM costs £160, [www.theomm.com](http://www.theomm.com)



**Thrilling new sporting event combines skiing/boarding and mountain biking**

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## SKI-AN-DURO

**A new event launches in Scotland this winter combining two exciting mountain sports.**

The Ski-An-Duro on March 17, 2018, has been created by Lochaber-based No Fuss Events to include skiing and mountain biking.

It will take place on Britain's eighth tallest mountain, Aonach Mor, located in the so-called Outdoor Capital of the UK.

Ski-An-Duro takes its format from events such as the Ski To Sea races at Mt Baker in the US.

Frazer Coupland, of No Fuss Events, said: "The aim is to race from the summit of Aonach Mor – or wherever there is snow – to the base station over three enduro-style stages."

The first stage is a timed race on skis or snowboards.

Frazer said: "There will be a set course that makes the most of the terrain and where there is snow.

"In an ideal world this will be from the top of Aonach Mor to the base station but this is Scotland and we are being realistic.

"We will make the most of the snow that is there and offer a brilliant course."

The competitors will head back up the mountain on the resort's gondola from the base station at 100m to the top

**ALL DOWNHILL FROM HERE** Ski-An-Duro involves two tricky disciplines from the summit of Aonach Mor



we came up with the name, which we really love, and looked around for a location.

"Nevis Range is good for this style of race."

Frazer is realistic about the Scottish winter skiing season.

He said: "We know that Scotland may or may not have good snow in March but we think we will be able to make the most of what is there at the time.

"This will be a fast and fun event for anyone who likes the fun of a challenge and combining two fast and technical sports."

Chris O'Brien, destination manager for the Outdoor Capital of the UK, is delighted by the idea.

He said: "Just when you're settling down for a some gentle 2018 planning No Fuss Events come along with something totally off the wall."

"The whole team here is excited about a stunning new race for the Outdoor Capital calendar."

Peter MacFarlane, managing director of Nevis Range, said: "It's great that our mountain resort will be hosting another new and exciting No Fuss event."

■ To enter or find out more see [www.nofussevents.co.uk](http://www.nofussevents.co.uk) or keep an eye on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/nofussevents](https://www.facebook.com/nofussevents) or Twitter at [twitter.com/nofussevents](https://twitter.com/nofussevents)