

Nevis Hillwalking Club

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*Our aim is to be out
hillwalking every weekend*



3rd Quarter PROGRAMME 2026

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Send walk reports, comments and photos to:-

walkposts@nevishillwalking.club

Meeting Places and Departure Times

UHI College, Fort William – 0800 departure.

Alternatively, join at the following places when going:-

Beyond Spean Bridge – Spean Bridge Woollen Mill, 0820.

Over the Corran Ferry – Corran Ferry slip, 0825.

To Glencoe or the A82 south – Ballachulish Co-op car Park, 0830.

To Kinlochleven or the Oban Road (A828) – St Brides School, North Ballachulish, 0825.

To join a walk, it is important to contact the coordinator. Non-members contact info@nevishillwalking.club

Programme Layout

Pages 1 & 2 contain important information about safety and organisation. Page 3 is a list of the events planned for the Quarter. Pages 4 and those that follow contain the route plans for each event:-

The area we are going to is indicated opposite the date of the walk. The relevant OS Landranger (1:50K scale) and Explorer (1:25K scale) map sheet numbers are given. Other maps are available. The grid reference of the starting point of the walk appears in bold in the first line of the route description. Walk distances and ascents are estimated using map data, so changes in altitude of less than 10m are not aggregated. GPS devices may record more. *Gaelic/Norse translations are in italics.* Each route plan is contained within a single page that can be printed and taken on the walk. However, the programmed walks and routes are flexible. Some or all of the members who attend may do other walks or routes in the same area. It is club policy that each walk will include an experienced member.

Route plans are designed to be read in conjunction with the map. Headings, bearings, aspects etc. are given simply as cardinal or inter-cardinal compass points unless greater precision is necessary for clarity. Features mentioned and place names used are those represented on the map. Some of these appear only on the larger scale maps. Positions are defined with six-figure grid references (XX000000) accurate to 100m. Positions derived digitally or intended as a Waypoint using a GPS device, are given a more accurate ten-figure reference (XX000⁰⁰000⁰⁰). Bearings derived from the map are measured from the grid (000⁰G).

Coordinators

For each outing, we have a **walk coordinator**. Her/his name appears in the schedule and at the foot of each route plan. The coordinator is an organiser, not a leader or a navigator, and members should not expect to be led on a club walk. All members attending should have a map and compass and aim to practice their navigation skills. **We aim to encourage self-confidence and self-reliance on the hills, with experienced members helping those less experienced, if required.** To aid organization and safety on the hill, the onus is on members to provide relevant information to the coordinator. It is essential that all members maintain good communication before, during and after the event and report to the coordinator when they are safely off the hill. Please behave responsibly and exercise your duty of care and awareness of others. Information about weather and avalanche conditions will be found on the web. See our website for links. Members doing through routes must ensure they make arrangements for transport at the end of the day.

If you are unable to contact the coordinator or if no coordinator is listed for an event, please call, text or email the Programme Convenor. See contact details above.

Safety and Equipment

Remember that safety is your responsibility. Read the Code of Practice, found in the Club Handbook on our website. It contains a list of appropriate clothing and equipment that all members should have on the hill. Attention is drawn to the need for crampons and ice axe in winter. Please ensure you are fit enough on the day to complete the route you want to do, under the prevailing weather conditions.

After the Walk

We aim to meet and socialise in a convenient inn or cafe in the area. If your day's schedule is time-constrained, please tell the coordinator, and be prepared to use your own transport.

Please **email** your comments about the walk, and any photos you wish to see on our website or public-facing social media to walkposts@nevishillwalking.club as soon as possible

Suggestions for walks in future programmes are welcome and original routes are much appreciated. However, routes gleaned from sources such as guide books and websites are perfectly acceptable and members should not hesitate to let the programme convenor know which walks they would like to see included.

Abbreviations used in route plans

alt - altitude	
arr – arrive/arrival	NNR- National Nature Reserve
ATV – all terrain vehicle	NP – National Park
bh - bank holiday weekend	NTL – Normal tidal limit
CG – cattle grid	NTS – National Trust for Scotland
Ch - Church	OS- Ordnance Survey
CP – car park CP ^{CH} - known to charge	PO – Post Office
dep – depart(s)/departure	RoW - Right of way
FB - footbridge	SC – Ski Centre
Fm/fm - Farm	Sch - School
FC – Forestry Commission	Sta – Station
FP – Forest Park	TBA – To be announced / arranged
GGW – Great Glen Way	TIC – Tourist Information Centre
GPS – Global Positioning System	VH – Village Hall
Ho – House	VP – Viewpoint
HW – High Water (Tide)	WHW – West Highland Way
LW – Low Water (Tide)	WP – Waypoint
mi - mile(s)	YH – Youth Hostel
MTB - Mountain Bike	

LR - Ordnance Survey Landranger Map (1:50,000 scale)

EX - Ordnance Survey Explorer Map (1:25,000 scale)

OL – Ordnance Survey Outdoor Leisure Map (an EX sub-series covering NPs etc.)

Place^{lr} - Feature, name or value represented on LR maps but not on EX maps

Place^{ex} - Feature, name or value represented on EX maps but not on LR maps.

Car-sharing Advice

Car-sharing is crucial to pursuing Club activities in an efficient and environmentally-friendly manner. People who do not live together are at risk from any airborne infection if confined to such a small space for an extended period, unless sensible precautions are taken. These include the use of face coverings, hand hygiene and good ventilation whenever necessary.

Offering a lift to others remains at the discretion of driver. All car sharing arrangements should be made in advance via the coordinator who will put people in touch with other members who are attending and willing to offer lifts.

3rd Quarter 2026 Programme - Events at a Glance

This schedule lists the major peaks in the area we are walking in for each event. Walkers are not expected to climb all of them in a day (unless they want to), and in some cases that would be impracticable. Please read the detailed route plan(s) suggested for each event you wish to attend.

M - Munro C - Corbett G - Graham S - Simm T - Top *Bike-in option **Camping option ^{bh}Bank Holiday w/e *Early start

Date	Event	Tick List	Area	Map ^{lr}	Coordinator
Sat 4 Jul ^{*/**}	Sgorr Ruadh Beinn Liath Mhor	M M	Achnashellach	25	David Hester
Sun 12 Jul	Aonach Dubh a' Ghlinne Stob an Fhuarain Sgurr na h-Ulaidh	CT MT M	Glen Coe	41	Toril Frantzen
Sat 18 Jul	[A' Ghlas-bheinn] Beinn Fhada Meall an Fhuarain Mhoir	M M MT	Morvich	33	Pamela Binny
Sun 26 Jul	Carn Dearg (S) by Surgeon's Rib Ben Nevis Carn Mor Dearg	MT M M	Glen Nevis	41	Jasmine Morrison
Sat 1 Aug ^{bh}	Binnein Mor Binnein Beag	M M	Kinlochleven	41	Iain Hall
Sun 9 Aug [*]	Beinn Bhuidhe	M	Loch Fyne	50	John Sattaur
Sat 15 Aug [*]	Beinn a' Ghlo	3M	Blair Atholl	43	John Sattaur
Sat 22 Aug ^{**}	Am Faochagach	M	Inchnadamph Hostel Weekend Away	20	Jasmine Morrison
Sun 23 Aug	Conival Ben More Assynt	M M		15	
Sat 29 Aug ^{bh}	<u>Dalmally Horseshoes:-</u> Drochaid Ghlas Sron an Isean Stob Daimh Stob Garbh Beinn a' Bhuiridh	MT MT M MT C	Dalmally	50	Christina Tracey
Sun 6 Sept	Beinn Maol Chaluim	C	Glen Etive	41 + 50	Barry Haynes
Sat 12 Sept	<u>Five Sisters of Kintail:-</u> Sgurr na Ciste Duibhe Sgurr na Carnach Sgurr Fhuaran	M M M	Glen Shiel	33	Michelle Baron
Sun 20 Sept	Buachaille Etive Mor by Creag a' Bhancair	2M 2MT	Glen Coe	41	David Hester
Sat 26 Sept ^{**}	Ben Hope	M	Altnaharra Weekend Away	9	Victoria Logan
Sun 27 Sept	Ben Klibreck	M		16	
Sun 4 Oct	Carn Dearg Carn Sgulain A' Chailleach	M M M	Newtonmore	35	Wesley Weld-Moore

Events Programme - Route Plans - July to September 2026

LR and EX maps covering the area of each route plan are available to members on request. They are sent at full A4 size and HD quality by email as a pdf file. Suitable for printing and use in place of folded paper sheet maps for primary navigation, or as a back-up for maps held on your electronic device. GPX track files are available for some routes. Ask the Programme Convenor.

Saturday 4th July

Maps LR25 and EX429

Achnashellach

Sgorr Ruadh (962m, Munro) - *red peak*

Beinn Liath Mhor (926m, Munro) - *big grey hill*

Given the length of this walk, the coordinator may well advise an early start. As Achnashellach is just over 2 hours drive from Fort William, an exceptional earlier departure may be required. Alternatively, an overnight stay in the area on Friday would avoid this, and, extended to Sunday, could make a pleasant weekend away in a very interesting hillwalking area. Book your campsite, hostel or B&B ASAP.

Start from the A890 at its junction with the track leading up to Achnashellach Sta. There is a small CP^{ex} opposite at **NH005⁰⁵483⁶⁹**. Cross the railway at the station and head NE for 100m, turning sharp left at a junction onto a forest track. Follow this W for 0.6km and turn left onto a footpath leading to Coire Lair. Follow this, climbing N on the E side of the River Lair to a junction at NG990⁵¹501⁵¹. Turn W and follow the path to cross the River Lair at the ford^{ex} (!). The path continues WSW, climbing to the Bealach Mor^{ex}, a wide col between Fuar Tholl and Sgorr Ruadh, dotted with lochans. The scenery is spectacular with close up views of the cliffs on the N side of Fuar Tholl and its famous Mainreachan Buttress. Head N at the junction at NG967³³494⁰⁹, passing close to the E shore of Loch a' Bhealaich Mhoir, then climb steeply up the S flank of Sgorr Ruadh. When the gradient eases, curve NW then W for the summit.

Descend NW to a shallow col at 768m^{ex}, turning E down to the loch on the col between Coire Lair and Coire Grannda.

Pass round the E end of the lochan and climb NE on a path, steeply at first, which by-passes the S Top, 769m summit. Pass E of another lochan, zig-zag steeply N between crags. The gradient eases and the path continues NE to the summit of Beinn Liath Mhor. Traverse E over some more Tops. At the last Top, 876m, descend SE above cliffs on a path, which turns S abruptly down a steep escarpment. Keep heading S to re-join the main Coire Lair path near the ford over the River Lair. Return to the start.

(!) *If it is not possible to ford the River Lair, follow the main path up to the col between Coire Lair and Coire Grannda. and gain the summit of Sgorr Ruadh by reversing its descent route described above.*

22km, 1373m ascent

Suggested by Jacqui Hainey
Coordinated by David Hester

Aonach Dubh a' Ghlinne (845m, Corbett Top) – *dark ridge of the glen*

Stob an Fhuarain (968m, Munro Top) – *peak of the spring*

Sgor na h-Ulaidh – (994m, Munro) – *peak of the treasure*

From the start in Glen Coe, Sgor na h-Ulaidh is hidden behind its two neighbours. The most interesting approach is to climb these first.

Start from the CP on the bend of the A82, 350m SE of Achnacon at **NN119565**. Cross the stile opposite and head S across the fairly flat and usually boggy ground to a bridge hidden in the trees at WP NN119⁰⁹557⁹¹. Continue S to reach the foot of the steep N ridge of Aonach Dubh a' Ghlinne to the E of the rocky crags forming its spine, at WP NN121⁶⁰548²⁴. Climb the grassy slope, trending right towards the crest of the ridge until the way is barred by a rocky slab-sided rib. Pass below this and continue climbing up the steep grass on its W side to reach a prominent ledge at WP NN119⁷⁷547³³. Follow the ledge rightwards a short distance to reach more grassy slopes leading up to the crest of the ridge. Follow the ridge, zig-zagging as necessary to avoid rocky outcrops, to the summit of Aonach Dubh a' Ghlinne, 845m. Still going S, descend a short drop and climb the slope to the summit of Stob an Fhuarain, 968m. *From here, a ridge leads SW to the summit of Sgurr na h-Ulaidh**. Return to Stob an Fhuarain and descend its E ridge. Two almost vertical rocky cliffs can be negotiated on the S sides. At a spot height 665m^{ex} overlooking Bealach Fhionnghaill, turn N and follow a ridge down to Fionn Ghleann. Follow the W bank of the river back to the bridge and return to the start.

***For a shorter route with less ascent:-** Omit the Munro and descend from the summit of Stob an Fhuarain by its E ridge as above

****An alternative descent avoids returning to the summit of Stob an Fhuarain:-** From the summit of Sgurr na h-Ulaidh, descend W onto the level spur of Corr na Beinne, and continue to its end at WP NN105³¹516²⁰. Turn NW down rocky slopes until the gradient eases at about 700m alt, NN103⁰⁰518⁷⁹. Head N, making for the Bealach Easan^{ex} between Sgurr na h-Ulaidh and Meall Lighiche. Descend NE to pick up the path by the Allt na Muidhe and return to the start.

12km, 1244m ascent

***10km, 1012m ascent**

****12km, 1150m ascent**

Suggested by Jasmine Morrison
Coordinated by Toril Frantzen

[A' Ghlas-bheinn] - (918m, Munro) - *greenish-grey hill*

Beinn Fhada (1032m, Munro) - *long Mountain*

Meall an Fhuarain Mhoir (954m, Munro Top) - *rounded hill of the great spring*

Beinn Fhada is a huge mountain, 9km long, stretching E to W from the head of Glen Affric to the Head of Loch Duich, affording views of Kintail and far beyond. The main aim of the day is to complete the traverse of the entire hill including the scramble known as Hunter's Pass. However, the proximity of A' Ghlas-bheinn will be difficult for committed baggers to ignore, so its ascent has been included in this route plan.

Start from the car park opposite the entrance to Morvich campsite, **NG960210**. Head E to the end of the road and cross the bridge over the River Croe. Take the footpath into Gleann Choinneachain and follow it for 4.5km up to a junction at NH007214. * Turn S and follow the stalkers' path into Coire an Sgairne and continue up to reach its rim at altitude 800m. Head up SE, following the rim of Coire Thuill Sgailceich to the summit of ** Beinn Fhada.*** Descend gradually W to a broad col, Plaide Mhor^{ex}, 889m^{ex}, then up to summit of Meall an Fhuarain Mhor. A narrow ridge snakes NW to the Bealach an t-Sealgaire (The Hunters' Pass), beyond which a short scramble leads to the summit of Sgurr a' Choire Ghairbh, 864m. The ridge continues NE, curving N then W down over Beinn Bhuidhe, 502m. Continue W down to the bridge over the River Croe and return to Morvich.

****To add A' Ghlas-bheinn to the route, the fleet- and sure-footed should continue E at this junction: Climb up to the Bealach an Sgairne, Turn N and climb up the uneven SE ridge of A' Ghlas-bheinn, passing E of Loch a' Chleirich, to reach the summit. Retrace steps to the Bealach and climb up S on steepening rocky ground, keeping to the E of a prominent couloir. When the gradient eases, curve SW and make for the summit of Meall a' Bhealaich, 782m. Head S along a wide undulating ridge to rejoin the principle route above on the rim of Coire Thuill Sgailceich, and continue to the summit of Beinn Fhada.***

****From the summit of Beinn Fhada** there is an option to continue S, curving E around the rim of Coire Toll a' Mhadaidh, descending gradually to a col at 914m^{ex}. The Munro Top of Sgurr a' Dubh Doire, 962m lies 425m E of here, at the head of Glen Affric. Return to Beinn Fhada and continue on the principle route back to Morvich.

***** For those wishing to avoid the scramble but interested in bagging Munros, A' Ghlas-bheinn is within reach from the summit of Beinn Fhada:-**

Retrace steps around the rim of Coire Thuill Sgailceich, then head N along an undulating ridge to Meall a' Bhealaich, 782m. Descend steep and rocky ground NE, curving N to reach the Bealach an Sgairne, NH014⁷³214⁴¹. (This point may also be reached using the stalkers' path back to the junction and turning E up to the bealach). Climb up the uneven SE ridge of A' Ghlas-bheinn, passing E of Loch a' Chleirich, to reach the summit, 918m. Descend WNW aiming to pass over the shoulder of A'Mhuc to reach the Falls of Glomach path where it emerges from the forest at NG985238. Head S on the path to re-join the outward route in Gleann Choinneachain at NG981222.

18km, 1300m ascent

*** 23km, 2256m ascent**

****22km, 1540m ascent**

*****19km, 1380m ascent**

Suggested and coordinated by Pamela Binny

Sunday 26th July**Maps LR41 and EX392****Glen Nevis****Carn Dearg (S)** (1020m, Munro Top) - *red peak***Ben Nevis** (1344m, Munro) - *venomous hill or cloudy hill***Carn Mor Dearg** (1220m, Munro) - *big red hill*

This event comprises two routes, back-to-back. Transport needs to be organised between the start in Glen Nevis and the finish at the North Face Car Park, Torlundy.

Surgeon's Rib: *In an area awash with tourists and holiday hillwalkers, it is rare to do a hill that one doesn't have to share with anyone other than your own party. It comes at a cost but Nevis Hillwalkers have a reputation for doing hills the hard way. Carn Dearg (S) has several harder options but the easiest one is described here. It stands there stubbornly, as if to say "climb me if you dare", even forcing Glen Nevis itself to deviate through 90° to get past it. **This ascent is described in Noel Williams's book "Scrambles in Lochaber", route number 3.***

Park as near as possible to the YH at **NN128718**. Cross river Nevis on the FB and walk upstream to the old grave yard at NN136702. Alternatively, the river can be waded fairly easily by the grave yard itself to save 2 or 3km of walking. From the grave yard head upstream along the river Nevis until a wall^{ex} is reached at NN139699. Head uphill following the wall and then the N bank of the Allt an Aon Doruis. Continue to an altitude of about 400m to the point at which a rock band blocks the way. Either scramble up this (grade 3) or contour left until a gully branches back right to give a way up above the crags (grade 1). Continue up the hill with Surgeon's Gully^{ex} to the right. Stay to the left of some rock outcrops. Continue until the N ridge of Carn Dearg is reached at a shallow col. A short walk S leads to the summit. Return to the col * and climb NE up rough ground to reach the tourist path. From here on, one has to share the hill. Turn E and follow the path up to the summit of Ben Nevis. ** Join the queue for your 10secs at the trig point if you need to bag it. Otherwise, leave the summit plateau on the path going SE. This becomes ill-defined as it descends among boulders until it curves NE onto the Carn Mor Dearg Arête. Follow this splendid ridge curving N up to the Munro summit of Carn Mor Dearg. Continue NNW to the Munro Top of Carn Dearg Meadhonach. From here a substantial path leaves the ridge and slants down to converge with the path alongside the Allt a' Mhuilinn. Follow this NNW to the stile at the Guides' CP. Continue generally N, steadily downhill to reach the public North Face CP. **Transport required:** 8mi, 16mins from start

For a shorter day, omitting the two Munros:** *From the col, head down E into Coire Eoghainn. Cross streams high up then, curving S continue the descent on the E side, and well clear of the Allt Coire Eoghainn to avoid steep, wet and slabby rocks. Make for the CP at the end of the public road in Glen Nevis. **Transport required, 10 mins from start.

****For a circular walk omitting the CMD Arête and the 2nd Munro:** Leave Ben Nevis summit heading W down the tourist path. Follow this down to a junction at 620m alt., above Lochan Meall an t-Suidhe, turn sharp left and continue down to the next junction just above a small plantation at 170m alt. turn SW directly down to the YH and back to the start.

17km, 1536m ascent***7km, 1000m ascent******11km, 1359m ascent**

Suggested and coordinated by Jasmine Morrison

Saturday 1st August**Maps LR41 and EX392****Kinlochleven****Sgor Eilde Beag** (956m, Munro Top) - *little peak of the hind***Binnein Mor** (1130m, Munro) - *large peak***Binnein Beag** (943m, Munro) - *small peak*

Binnein Mor is the highest peak in the Mamores, surrounded by fine ridges and deep corries. Binnein Beag is an outlier, jutting out over upper Glen Nevis, whence it may also be climbed but less pleasantly than the route below.

Start at the Grey Mare's Tail CP^{CH}, NN187⁸²622⁶². Follow the path that leads to the Waterfall for approximately 200m. At the first junction, keep right, cross the burn at NN189⁷⁸624²⁹, and climb the path heading NE through trees on a ridge. Emerging from the trees, follow the path across the slopes of Meall an Doire Dharaich to reach a track at NN208634. Cross the track and continue up the path towards Coire an Lochain. The path curves N and levels out at 760m alt., at the lip of the Coire. Locate the start of a narrow path^{ex} on the left at NN222³⁹649⁸⁵ and follow it up, SW at first, soon turning NNE and zig-zagging up the spur of Sgor Eilde Beag to its summit. Descend W a little, then climb NW to the unnamed S Top of Binnein Mor, 1062m. The Munro summit of Binnein Mor lies 700m N of here along a fine ridge. The easiest descent is by the N ridge (****the NE ridge demands some scrambling***). Descend to the 800m contour, then turn E and make a descending traverse to reach the large lochan on the prominent col between the two Munros. Pass along the E bank of the lochan and climb the ridge ahead to the summit of Binnein Beag. Return to the lochan and locate the stalkers' path leading SE. Follow this, curving S and eventually climbing about 100m up to Coire an Lochan. Ignore junctions and maintain a S course to rejoin the outward route at the lip of the Coire. Follow the outward route back to Kinlochleven.

****For those who wish a more adventurous route with some scrambling, reverse the upper circuit:-*** *At the lip of Coire an Lochan, stay on the stalkers' path and head N to climb Binnein Beag first. Return to the col and climb to the toe of the NE Ridge of Binnein Mor. The ridge is named Sron a' Gharbh-Choire^{ex}. It is narrow and steep but the rock is sound. It tops out on the main ridge about 200m N of Binnein Mor's summit. From there, descend S then up to the S Top. Descend SE then up to Sgor Eilde Beag. Locate the head of the zig-zag path and descend the spur to rejoin the outward route back to Kinlochleven.*

Both options:

18km, 1543m ascent

Suggested by Andrew Gilbert

Coordinated by Iain Hall

Beinn Bhuidhe (948m^{ex}, Munro) - yellow hill

This isolated and remote Munro is best approached from the head of Loch Fyne. Two routes are described below. Access up to a point on each route is possible by bicycle, which saves time and effort. The route following the River Fyne is surfaced with tarmac for most of the way. The hydro track is rough, with some steep sections and a mountain bike is advisable.

Original Route via Inverchorachan: Start from the CP off the A83 at the head of Loch Fyne, **NN193127**. Head SE on the old road over the bridge across the River Fyne. Turn NE and follow a private road past the Brewery. After 3km, it re-crosses the river to a T-junction. Turn NE and continue on the road alongside the river to a gate at NN230165 where bikes should be left. Continue N to Inverchorachan. 50m beyond the building at NN228⁶⁵180²⁴ locate a narrow footpath that heads W uphill on the S side of the Allt na Faing. Follow this into a large and complex corrie. The path is badly eroded in places and some scrambling is required on steep rocky sections, some of which is difficult, especially when wet. If a detour is necessary to avoid these, re-join the path as soon as possible. *At 590m alt, WP NN215⁰⁵184⁵⁸, the path crosses the hydro track and continues NW as the gradient eases somewhat. The path then crosses a wide boggy shelf before climbing abruptly up a steep rocky escarpment. Again, this is badly eroded and some scrambling is required as it curves N to reach a broad ridge some 300m NE Beinn Bhuidhe. Head SW along the edge of the escarpment and up to the summit. **To return** via Inverchorachan avoiding the difficulties on the ascent, head NE along the broad ridge, curving ESE as the ground rises towards the 901m subsidiary summit. Descend SE on mainly pathless slopes, aiming to keep well N of the steep ground in the vicinity of the Allt na Faing as the gradient steepens. Lower down, a path develops and follows the fence down to the riverside track. Head S back to the bikes and return to the start.

Alternative approach using the hydro track: From the CP, head N on the private road to Clachan^{ex} Power Stn. Turn NE and follow the track, keeping W of the gravel Pit^{lr}, about 200m beyond which the track bifurcates. Fork left and head N uphill and soon enter a forest. The track continues uphill through the forest, emerging onto the open hillside at about 200m alt. Continue NW uphill, ignoring junctions, until the track curves around the E side of a fenced^{ex} reservoir. Hereafter, the track descends slightly before heading N uphill again, then turning W and curving around the corrie enclosing the Allt na Faing, with a couple of steep sections. *At 590m alt, WP NN215⁰⁵184⁵⁸, the hydro track crosses the path rising from Inverchorachan. If still riding a bike, leave it here. Turn NW and follow the route to the summit of Beinn Bhuidhe, as described above.

Return via Inverchorachan as above, or by the outward route on the hydro track. This latter may be varied by forking left just S of the fenced^{ex} reservoir and forking left again at the next bend, after 200m. This branch leads SSW to a corner of the forest, then turns abruptly SE and zig-zags down to the main track beside the River Fyne. Turn E for 300m, then S across the bridge, following the road back to the CP.

Original Route: 24km, 1191m ascent

Alternative Route: 19km, 1276m ascent

Suggested by Andrew Gilbert

Coordinated by John Sattaur

Saturday 15th August**Maps LR43 and OL51+49****Blair Atholl****Beinn a'Ghlo:-** - *hill of the veil or mist***Carn Liath** (975m, Munro) - *grey hill***Braigh Coire Chruinn-bhagain** (1070m, Munro) - *upland of the corrie of the round blisters***Carn nan Gabhar** (1121m, Munro) - *hill of the goats*

*This enormous hill bristles with ridges, corries and summits, three of which are Munros. The highest of these is the most remote and the easiest route to it is to do the other two first. It's worth the effort. That's why there's no shorter alternative for this event. **Early departure from Fort William recommended.***

Start from the end of the public road on the N side of Loch Moraig, 5km drive from Bridge of Tilt in Blair Atholl. Parking^{ex} is available at **NN906671**. Head NE on a track for 1.9km to a junction, turn N for 100m to a bend and continue N on a footpath. Follow this uphill, curving NE and steepening, to reach the summit of Carn Liath. Descend gently NW on a path that follows the crest of a fine ridge, soon curving NE over Beinn Mhaol and N down to a col. Climb the slope ahead, the path soon turning E for 0.5km, then N up the ridge to the summit of Braigh Coire Chruinn-bhagain, on the edge of the steep headwall of a S-facing corrie. There is also a fine view N into the deep and straight Glen Tilt. Descend E around the rim of the corrie, curving NE to WP NN952⁰⁸727⁰⁸, on the 1000m contour where the ridge levels out after about 1km of walking. Turn E down a grassy slope to reach the Bealach an Fhiodha^{ex}, 847m^{ex}. Continue E up the slope ahead, aiming for the wide col between Airgiod Bheinn and Carn nan Gabhar and head NE for the summit of the latter. This is situated at a cairn, **136m NE of the trig point.**

The easiest way back is to return to the Bealach an Fhiodha^{ex} and descend S into the corrie. A distinct, unmapped path will be found that traverses the base of Beinn Bheag and joins a track heading W for 4.5km back to the CP at Loch Moraig.

22km, 1350m ascent

Suggested by Pamela Binny
Coordinated by John Sattaur

Saturday 22nd August
Weekend Away

LR20 and EX436+437

Loch Glascarnoch

Am Faochagach (953m^{ex}, Munro) - the heathery place

*In dry weather, this Munro may be bagged quickly from the A835. The start of the route is very boggy and includes a river crossing, so wet feet are inevitable. In wet weather this approach is impossible. *An alternative route below is much longer, but the first 4.5km may be cycled.*

Start from the A835 just N of the Torrandhu Bridge^{ex}, where parking^{ex} is available at **NH278743**. Head N across rough boggy ground to ford the Abhainn a' Gharbhrain. Turn NE and follow the Allt na h-Uidhe uphill to reach the crest of the broad main ridge at about 800m alt. Follow the crest of the high ground N for 2km to the summit of Am Faochagach. Return by the outward route.

***For a much longer, but dry approach:** Start from Black Bridge on the A835 where parking is available at **NH373708**. Head NNE on the track to reach the estate buildings 0.8km S of the Loch Vaich Dam. Turn W on the track past Strathvaich Lodge and follow it up through deciduous woodland to emerge on the open hillside. The track continues NW or N, climbing steadily on the crest of the high ground and fades away at about 800m alt. Follow the crest of the high ground N for 2km to the summit of Am Faochagach. Return by the outward route.

7km, 690m ascent

***26km, 831m ascent**

Suggested and coordinated by Jasmine Morrison

Sunday 23rd August
Weekend Away

LR15 and EX442

Inchnadamph

Conival (987m, Munro) - adjoining hill

Ben More Assynt (998m, Munro) - big hill of Assynt

A pair of Munros linked together in a web of high ridges clad in white quartzite scree and boulders. It may look like a dusting of snow but it's much harder than that to walk upon.

Start from the public CP at **NC251216**. Head N on the A837, over the River Traligill, then immediately right onto a track. Follow the track E, curving SE past Glenbain cottage. The track dwindles to a footpath which bifurcates just S of a small plantation. Fork left and continue up Gleann Dubh, curving NE and climbing, steeply, following the burn Allt a' Choinne' Mhill^{ex}. At 700m alt., the gradient levels at a grassy hollow. Turn E and head up to the col overlooking Coire a' Mhadaidh at 770m alt. Climb a rough path S up the summit of Conival.

On similarly rough terrain, descend E along the ridge. It dips to 880m^{ex} before climbing again to Ben More Assynt. The first summit is at 974m^{ex}. Take another dip then a climb to the Munro summit. *** Return by the outward route.**

***There is a splendid ridge between Ben More Assynt and its S Top, 960m, offering a tempting scramble.** However, returning to Inchnadamph requires one to reach the outlet from Dubh-Loch Mor, at the foot of the crags on the W aspect of this hill. The only safe route off is to continue S to the Corbett Top of Carn na Conbhairean, 868m, descend its SW aspect, curving N across the sloping boggy expanse of Am Plathad^{ex} to reach Dubh-Loch Mor. Then WNW across more bog to the Bealach Trallgil^{ex} (OS spelling!). Descend to, (and explore?) the caves, before rejoining the outward route.

18km, 1196m ascent

***22km, 1256m ascent**

Suggested and coordinated by Jasmine Morrison

Saturday 29th August**Maps LR50 and EX377****Dalmally**

Drochaid Ghlas (1009m^{lr}, Munro Top) - *grey bridge*
Stob Garbh (982m, Munro Top) - *rough peak*
Stob Daimh (999m, Munro) - *hill of the stag*
Sron an Isean (967m, Munro Top) - *jutting peak of the chicken*
Beinn a' Bhuidh (897m, Corbett) - *hill of roaring*

*Of the three routes described here, the first is a new route for the Club, climbing up the remote N side of the Cruachan range to the Munro Top of Drochaid Ghlas. This is the first peak on what could be described as an Outer Horseshoe. It also brings within reach the highest peak in the range, Ben Cruachan. *The second route is a classic anti-clockwise round of the Dalmally Horseshoe. Both routes pass over Stob Daimh, the second Munro of this huge mountain. **Both routes may be extended to include the Corbett, or, for a shorter day, Beinn a' Bhuidh is a fine walk in its own right.*

Start at the junction of the A85 and the B8077, **NN132283**, where limited parking is available. Walk NE along the B road for about ½ km and turn first left after the road bridge over the Allt Mhoilleon onto a good farm track. Fork left before Castles Fm to head NW, climbing steadily. Continue to the head of the glen and nearly to the end of the track. Leave the track and go NW to the col of Lairig Noe. Descend a few metres W and follow the 550m contour WSW along the foot of the steep rocky ground flanking the N aspect of Sron an Isean. Cross the burn issuing from Coire Lochain and climb SW up the couloir about 100m to the W of it. The slope eases at the lip of an unnamed corrie at about 600m alt. Head W across the floor of the corrie to gain the crest of the ridge of its W arm, the Drochaid Ghlas. Climb up this ridge to the summit. Some scrambling may be required. Descend SE onto the ridge, then climb E to the summit of **Stob Daimh**. Descend S and make for the summit of Stob Garbh. Descend S, curving SE around the rim of Coire Chreachainn and follow the ridge down ESE. Approaching its foot, head E to the FB^{ex} over the Allt Coire Ghlais, just S of its confluence with the Allt Coire Chreachainn. Follow the track E, curving S back to the start.

** Start at the junction of the A85 and the B8077, **NN132283**. Head N on a track for 1.5km, aiming for the FB^{ex} over the Allt Coire Chreachainn at NN127⁸⁴297⁰⁸. Cross the river and head NW up the slope to reach the crest of the ridge forming the N arm of Coire Chreachainn. Keeping to the crest, climb to the summit of Sron an Isean. Descend SW on a narrow ridge and climb to the summit of **Stob Daimh**. To complete the route, follow the descent route described above.*

****To extend either of the above routes to Beinn a' Bhuidh:** From the summit of Stob Garbh, descend S, curving SSE for 400m only, to a small summit at 947m^{ex}. Descend SSW curving S to a prominent col at 728m^{ex}, Lairig Torran^{ex}. Climb S up the very steep slope ahead to reach a small plateau. The summit of Beinn a' Bhuidh lies at its W end. Turn E and descend easier slopes to Monadh Driseig, 641m. Continue the descent E curving NE on steeper ground with crags to reach the outward track back to the start. For a much shorter day, the Lairig Torran may be reached by climbing W following Allt Coire Ghlais from the end of the initial outward track.

18km, 1309m ascent

***13km, 1122m ascent**

****Add 3km, 185m ascent**

Suggested by Barry Haynes
 Coordinated by Christina Tracey

Sunday 6th September**LR41 and EX384****Glen Etive****Beinn Maol Chaluim (907m, Corbett) - Malcolm's bare hill**

A high ridge walk in splendid surroundings with close-up views of the of the hidden S and W aspects of Bidean nam Bian and Stob Coire Sgreamhach. There are 3 options for a descent described below. There is also the option of continuing the adventure to the summit of Bidean nam Bian. This is not described below, but you can be sure it will be steep, rough, exposed, arduous and lonely.

Leave the Glen Etive road at **NN148492**. There is limited parking availability in the vicinity. Climb NW until the gradient eases at about 320m alt., then N up the broad spur, which eventually narrows to a more defined ridge. Continue roughly N on its crest, past several small lochans at 750m alt., after which the ridge curves NNW, rising to a plateau with a small summit at 848m. Beyond, a fine narrow ridge rises steadily to the summit of Beinn Maol Chaluim, * distant 1km.

Descend N, following an old fenceline^{ex}, heading for the Bealach Fhaolain^{ex}. Just before it, turn W onto a spur then descend S into Coire Garbh^{ex}. ** At about 600m alt., turn W again and continue down to the floor of Fionn Ghleann, crossing a fenceline^{ex} and the burn. Head N down the Glen to cross the bridge in the woodland at NN119⁰³⁵⁵⁷⁹¹. A path may be found eventually. Continue N over rough boggy land to a stile that give access the A82, opposite which is a parking place, at **NN120563**. **Transport required:** 18mi, 40mins.

**For a short day, free from transport issues (or to pick up the through-route squad): Return by the outward route.*

****For a more interesting circular route:** Follow the principle route down to the 600m contour. Turn S and follow the contour to the Bealach Fhionnghaill. Follow the burn down to the river issuing from Coire Cearcaill and follow it down into Gleann Charnan. Enter the forest and locate the head of a forest track. Follow this S to meet the public road near Invercharnan and follow it NE back to the start, distant 1km.

10km, 935m ascent***8km, 880m ascent******12km, 930m ascent**

Suggested and coordinated by Barry Haynes

Saturday 12th September**Maps LR33 and EX414****Glen Shiel****Five Sisters of Kintail:-****Sgurr nan Spainteach** (Munro Top, 990m) - *Spaniards' peak***Sgurr na Ciste Duibhe** (Munro, 1027m) - *peak of the dark chest***Sgurr na Carnach** (Munro, 1002m) - *rocky peak***Sgurr Fhuaran** (Munro, 1067m) - *peak of springs***Sgurr nan Saighead** (Munro Top, 929m) - *peak of arrows***Beinn Bhuidhe** (Corbett Top, 869m) - *yellow hill***Sgurr na Mòraich** (Corbett Top, 876m) - *mighty peak*

A splendid expedition for an early autumn day. The list above comprises one of Scotland's iconic routes. A descent is possible from any of the three Munros or the first Corbett Top. However, all of these alternatives, although shorter, are very steep and sustained.

Start in Glen Shiel from the CP at **NH008135** below the Bealach an Làpain. Climb steeply N on a zigzag path that rises parallel to the forest boundary, turning E at its top corner. At a cairn, **NH010⁶⁷138⁷⁵**, turn N and follow the path on a rocky rib protruding from the grassy hillside to reach the Bealach an Làpain, 725m^{ex} at **NH010⁰⁸144⁹⁸**. Turn W and follow the ridge up to Sgurr nan Spainteach. Continue W across a high col to Sgurr na Ciste-Duibhe. Here the ridge curves NW as it descends to Bealach na Craoibhe^{ex}. Climb N to Sgurr na Carnach. Descend its N ridge to Bealach na Carnach^{ex} and continue N to zigzag steeply up to Sgurr Fhuaran. Avoid the N Face by descending WNW to **NG976⁹⁴167⁶⁰** on the 1010m contour. The path curves NNE, leading back to the crest of the main ridge N of Sgurr Fhuaran. Follow the ridge, curving round to Bealach Buidhe^{ex} then climb to the summit of Sgurr nan Saighead. Continue NW to Beinn Bhuidhe. Head down NE to the col then turn W down into Coire na Criche and descend on the footpath to finish at Allt a'Chruinn. *Alternatively head for the last summit, Sgurr na Mòraich, 876m, and descend its NW ridge to reach Allt a'Chruinn. **Transport required** at **NG945203**, 10mins from start.

16km, 1512m ascent***16km, 1638m ascent**

Suggested by Andrew Gilbert

Coordinated by Michelle Baron

Buachaille Etive Mor by Creag a' Bhancair:**Stob Dearg** (1022m, Munro) – *red peak***Stob na Doire** (1011m, Munro Top)**Stob Coire Altruim** (941m, Munro Top)**Stob na Broige** (965m, Munro) – *peak of the shoe*

An iconic mountain, famous for its striking and graceful appearance, makes a splendid walk with a fine high-level ridge. Although most members will have done these peaks before, such is the structure of this massif that they can be approached by almost any conceivable route. This event starts with a grade 1 scramble on the crest of the steep NW-facing crags known as Creag a' Bhancair^{ex}. Full scrambling details will be found in the Cicerone Guide to Ben Nevis and Glen Coe, Route 55, on p171. (Other sources and routes are available). The principle route described next achieves both the Munro summits.

Start from the lay-by at Altnafeadh, **NN219563**, where parking is available. Head S over the FB to Lagangarbh, just beyond which the path bifurcates. Fork right and follow it up to 400m alt, where it crosses the Allt Coire na Tulaich. * Leave the path and head W across the foot of a wide grassy couloir situated between two rocky ridges. The foot of the ridge furthest W is the start of the grade 1 scramble. Climb SE up the crest of the ridge to 600m alt. The two ridges converge into one here. Continue the scramble S up the ridge to a small summit at 902m.

Head E up the main ridge of the Buachaille to its prominent summit Stob Dearg, overlooking Rannoch Moor. Return W back to the 902m summit. Turn SW and follow the long main ridge of Buachaille Etive Mòr over Stob na Doire, 1011m, and Stob Coire Altruim, 941m, to reach Stob na Broige. Return over Stob Coire Altruim and, just before the col at WP NN200⁷⁸529⁴⁷, *** descend on the well-built path (!) to the Lairig Gartain. Follow the main path NE to the CP beside the A82 at NN213559. **Transport required**, 2 mins from start.

(!) *The path does not avoid the wet slabs about halfway down, which must be negotiated with care, especially in wet or icy conditions.*

***To avoid the scramble:** *Continue on the path SSW up in to Coire na Tulaich. Climb up to the col at the head of the Coire, turn E and climb to the summit of Stob Dearg. Return to the col ** and continue up to the 902m summit. Continue on the principle route as described above.*

****For a really short day:** Turn N on the col, descend into Coire na Tulaich and return on the path back to the start.

*****If a shorter day is required:** *Omit Stob Coire Altruim and Stob na Broige and descend directly to the Lairig Gartain following the route described above.*

15km, 1160m ascent***15km, 1160m ascent******6km, 750m ascent*******13km, 899m ascent**

Suggested by Craig Francis
Coordinated by David Hester

Saturday 26th September
Weekend Away

Maps LR9 and EX447

Altnaharra

Ben Hope (927m, Munro) - hill of the bay

The most Northerly Munro, Ben Hope sits in splendid isolation, prominent from both land and sea. Its summit trig point sits atop a tiny plateau surrounded by plunging slopes. To the N on its meridian lies 20 km of the A' Mhoine wilderness bisected only by the ribbon of the A838. Beyond, only the Norwegian Sea and the Arctic Ocean. Feast your eyes on this lonely place, before the Spaceport is built.

Start from the CP^{ex} at Muiseal^{ex} at NC462⁰¹476⁷⁴. Head NE then NNE up the path on the **S side** of the Allt a' Mhuiseil. It crosses a tributary at a small patch of deciduous trees and crosses another tributary 200m further along. Just after this, at WP NC466⁰⁰481⁸⁹, the path turns ENE and climbs directly up the fall-line, through a band of crags after which the gradient eases somewhat. The path winds its way uphill avoiding crags to emerge above the cliffs on the W aspect of the hill, at about 430m alt. It continues mainly N, on or near the crest of the escarpment, and with an occasional diversion to avoid minor crags or boulder fields, leads to the summit trig point. Return by the outward route.

7km, 920m ascent

Suggested and coordinated by Victoria Logan

Sunday 27th September
Weekend Away

Maps LR16 and EX443

Altnaharra

Ben Klibreck (962m, Munro) - hill of the speckled cliff

Ben Klibreck is an isolated massif with several tops, the highest - and sole Munro of which is named Meall nan Con. Its NW aspect is steep and rocky.

ENE of the summit trig point, distant 170m, at NC586⁷⁴299⁷⁵ lies the Scheduled Monument of an Ordnance Survey Camp. Read all about it at:

<https://portal.historicenvironment.scot/apex/f?p=1505:300:::VIEWTYPE,VIEWREF:designation,SM10795>

Worth a visit. Take some photos!

Park at or near the Wind Farm entrance on the W side of the A836, S of its bridge over the Allt a' Chraisg at NC532⁴⁴271³⁴. On the opposite side of the road, locate an ATV track heading E and follow it across boggy land. When the track disappears, continue E up steeper drier ground, past two cairns^{ex} to the summit of Cnoc Sgriodain, 544m. Descend NE to a broad col at 487m^{ex}, then E up to a third cairn^{ex}. The ground ahead steepens and the path turns abruptly NNE at 680m. It traverses the steep slope for 1.6km, converging with and eventually crossing a fenceline^{ex} to reach the col at 688m, on the main ridge of the massif. Continue N up the crest of A' Chioch to reach a small summit at 747m above the crags on the steep NW aspect. Turn E and climb up the path to the summit of Meall nan Con, on a small ring contour just E of the trig point.

Return by the outward route. If it's a nice day, make a small diversion and climb Creag an Lochain's two summits, 808m and 795m^{ex}.

18km, 1014m ascent

Suggested and coordinated by Victoria Logan

Sunday 4th October**Maps LR35 and OL56 or EX402****Newtonmore****Carn Dearg** (945m, Munro) – *red hill***Carn Sgulain** (920m, Munro) – *Hill of the basket***A' Chailleach** (930m, Munro) – *The old Woman*

The Monadhliath is a large desolate area of high-altitude moorland that contains four Munros. The route below includes three of them.

Start from the CP before the bridge over the Allt a' Chaorainn at the end of the public road 2km WNW from Newtonmore, **NN692997**. * Cross the bridge and follow the track W for 1km. Turn NW up the track on the E side of the Allt Fionndrigh and cross it on a FB^{ex} after 3½km. Follow a path SW through a defile into Glen Ballach, curving NW alongside the burn. Turn SW across the Allt Ballach near a line of grouse butts^{ex} at about NH647020 and climb W directly up the fall-line to the crest of a ridge. Follow this ridge NNW, over the 923m summit of an unnamed Munro Top, and up to the summit of Carn Dearg. Descend NW to a shallow col, head N over Carn Ban and curving NE over Carn Ballach. Continue NE curving E over several vague summits to reach Carn Sgulain. The entire route from Carn Ban to Carn Sgulain is blessed with a fence-line^{ex} that should assist navigation in poor visibility.

Retrace steps for 380m then fork left, heading SE, curving S around the headwaters of the Allt Cuil na Caillich, aiming to cross its main stream at about NH676047. Climb the easy slope SE to the summit of A' Chailleach. Descend S. A baggers' path may be found that leads to a stalkers' hut and a path leading SE down to the Allt a' Chaorainn. Cross the burn and follow the track S back to the CP.

*** A shorter route to A' Chailleach follows the track N on the E side the Allt a' Chaorainn for about 2km.** Cross the burn at NH692018 and head NW uphill on a path to the stalkers' hut. Continue on the stalkers' path up a steeper section. When the angle eases, a baggers' path diverges, heading N directly for the summit of A' Chailleach. Descend SW to Geal Charn, 889m, then S to Creag na h-Iolare. Descend ESE, traversing across the hillside above the gorge bearing the Allt Glac a' Chaise. Once E of the gorge, curve down SSE to cross a fence and the burn at NH68326014³⁸. Continue SSE, traversing across the hillside down to the Fort, 397m^{ex}. Head S on a path to reach the bridge over the Allt Chaorainn and return to the CP.

24km, 1036m ascent***13km, 760m ascent**

Suggested by Jasmine Morrison

Coordinated by Wesley Weld-Moore