

Nevis Hillwalking Club

Affiliated to Mountaineering Scotland

*Our aim is to be out
hillwalking every weekend*



4th 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.

4th 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
Sun 4 Oct	Carn Dearg Carn Sgulain A' Chailleach	M M M	Newtonmore	35	Wesley Weld-Moore
Sat 10 Oct	Sg Coire nan Eiricheallach Sgurr a' Mhaoraich Sgurr a' Mhaoraich Beag Am Bathaich	CT M MT CT	Loch Cuaich	33	Jasmine Morrison
Sun 18 Oct	Beinn Mhanach Beinn a' Chuirn	M MT	Tyndrum	50	David Hester
Sat 24 Oct	Fraochaidh Beinn Mhich na Ceisich Meall Ban	C GT GT	Glen Duror	41+49 +50	Barry Haynes
Sun 1 Nov**	Carn a' Chlamain	M	Blair Atholl	43	Jasmine Morrison
Sat 7 Nov	Gaor Bheinn (Gulvain)	M	Gleann Fionnlìghe	40+41	Michelle Baron
Sun 15 Nov	Carn an Fhreiceadain Beinn Bhreach	C CT	Kingussie	35	Toril Frantzen
Sat 21 Nov	Beinn Iaruinn Leana Mhor (W)	C G	Glen Roy	34	Pamela Binny
Sun 29 Nov	Stob Ghabhar Stob a' Choire Odhair	M M	Bridge of Orchy	50	David Hester
Sat 5 Dec	Beinn Teallach	M	Glen Spean	41	Pamela Binny
Sun 13 Dec	Carn na Nathrach	C	Strontian	40	Toril Frantzen
Sat 19 Dec*	Beinn a' Bhric Leum Uilleim	CT C	Corrour	41	Karen Suszek
Sun 27 Dec ^{bh}	Sgurr Eilde Mor	M	Kinlochleven	41	TBA
Sat 2 Jan ^{bh}	Beinn Trilleachan	C	Loch Etive	50	Toril Frantzen

Events Programme - Route Plans - October to December 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.

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 Monadliath 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

Saturday 10th October**Maps LR33 and EX414****Loch Cuaich**

Sgurr Coire nan Eiricheallach (891m, Corbett Top)
Sgurr a' Mhaoraich (1027m, Munro) - *peak of the shellfish*
Sgurr a' Mhaoraich Beag (948m, Munro Top)
Am Bathaich (899m^{ex}, Corbett Top)

Easy access and a fine ridge walk to reach the Munro. Its hidden side holds grand scenery of rocky ridges and corries on the excellent ridge walk over Am Bathaich. Relatively light work for both ascent and descent using well defined stalkers' paths.

Start from the foot of the stalkers' path^{ex} at **NH010²⁴034⁶⁶**, on the road to Kinloch Hourn, ¾km SW of the Quoich Bridge. Parking is limited - look for alternatives between here and the bridge.

Climb N up the path to the spur Bac nan Cacaichean. Climb its crest N, curving NW to reach the summit of Sgurr Coire nan Eiricheallach. Continue NW on an undulating ridge, curving W up to the summit of Sgurr a' Mhaoraich. */** Descend NW curving W to the col at 919m^{ex} to climb Sgurr a' Mhaoraich Beag. Return to the col and contour NE to reach the crest of the rocky N spur of the main peak at WP NG982⁷⁵069⁴⁶. Follow the spur down to the prominent Bealach Coire a' Chaorainn^{ex}. Across the bealach, climb N steeply up the nose until the gradient eases, then turn ENE and head for the summit of Am Bathaich. Continue to the next summit, 892m where the ridge bends E, and follow it for about 1km. Locate the head of a stalkers' path at WP NG999⁴⁶075⁷⁶ and follow it down E. As the ground steepens, it zig-zags down to a ford^{ex} on the Allt Coire a' Chaorainn. Cross the burn and continue on the path to the bridge over the river. Turn S on the track and follow it alongside the loch for 3km to reach the public road on the W side of the Quoich Bridge. Return to start.

***Omitting Sgurr a' Mhaoraich Beag:-** Saves about 1km and 30m ascent. From the Munro summit, head directly for the Bealach Coire a' Chaorainn^{ex} and follow the route above.

****A shorter day omits both Sgurr a' Mhaoraich Beag and Am Bathaich:-**

From the Munro summit of Sgurr a' Mhaoraich, descend its S ridge to a group of lochans^{ex} at the head of the spur of Leac nan Gaidhseich at WP NG986⁰⁸047⁸⁴, alt 630m. Turn SE and descend the spur to reach a footpath along the edge of a plantation at the foot of Coire nan Eiricheallach. Follow the path S to the public road and return to start.

18km, 1178m ascent

***17km, 1128m ascent**

****12km, 971m ascent**

Suggested by Hayley Moore
 Coordinated by Jasmine Morrison

Beinn Mhanach (953m, Munro) – *monks' hill*

Beinn a' Chuirn (923m, Munro Top) – *hill of the cairn*

These two hills lie in a remote spot between the Bridge of Orchy hills and the head of Loch Lyon. They can be seen from the A82 midway between Bridge of Orchy and Tyndrum, beyond the head of Gleann Ach'-innis Challein, (Auch Glen), some 8km distant.

****Start from the Stirlingshire Boundary Stone** lay-by on the A82 just N of Tyndrum at **NN328331**. Parking is available. Follow the track N on the W side of the railway to a junction just before a bridge over the Allt Kinglass. Turn E and follow the track alongside this river. Continue NE, under the viaduct and along the banks of the Allt Kinglass. The track fords the river several times, so if the river is high, stay on the E bank. 800m beyond Ais-an t-Sidhean, the track bifurcates. Turn NW and follow this branch, curving N. Continue N when the track disappears, curving E up the slope when the gradient eases near the watershed. Keep below the steep and craggy terrain on the NE aspect of Beinn a' Chuirn aiming to reach the col between its summit and that of Beinn Mhanach. Reach the latter's summit by the easy-angled W ridge. *Return to the col and climb easily WSW to the summit of Beinn a' Chuirn. Descend SE on the fall-line to converge with the Allt a' Chuirn^{ex}, curving S down to the watershed at the head of Srath Tarabhan, about 1km W of Loch Lyon. Follow the track W to the junction to re-join the outward route back to the start.

**Omitting the Munro Top saves barely 1km and about 80m ascent.*

**** Alternatively and especially if rivers are in spate, these two hills may be climbed from Achallader.** Start from the CP just off the access road from the A82 to Achallader, **NN313437**. Head NE on the track for 75m, then turn E on to an indistinct and boggy path for about 1km to another track. Turn S and cross the railway on a bridge. Continue S on a path that climbs up into Coire Achaladair on the W side of its burn. Continue up into the upper Coire Daingean to reach the col at 755m alt. Contour NE across the SE flank of Beinn Achaladair. An old stalkers' path may be found. Make for the watershed named Lon na Cailliche^{ex} at 638m^{ex}. Climb ESE (116°G) to the shallow col between Beinn a' Chuirn and Beinn Mhanach, 849m^{ex}. Alternatively, follow the fenceline^{ex}, which leads to the same place. Head E up the slope to the summit of Beinn Mhanach, distant 0.8Km. Return to the col and head WSW up to the summit of Beinn a' Chuirn. Return to Achallader by the outward route.

*****The above two routes could be combined into one through-route in either direction.** Obviously transport arrangement are required. If a party decides to do this, please would someone record the route to compare with the figures below.

22km, 1023m ascent

***21km, 943m ascent**

****18km, 950m ascent**

*****20km, 1000m ascent**

Suggested by Andrew Gilbert
Coordinated by David Hester

Saturday 24th October**Maps LR41+49+50 and EX384****Glen Duror****Fraochaidh** (879m, Corbett) – *Heathery hill***Beinn Mhich na Ceisich** (627m, Graham Top)**Meall Ban** (654m, Graham Top) – *White hill*

An interesting walk with great views over land and sea, in an area off the beaten track on the boundary between Lochaber and Argyll.

Start at Duror Primary School, **NM987547**, at the junction of the Cuil Bay minor road with the A828. Limited parking is available. Follow cycle track^{ex} #78 towards the old railway bridge. Go under the bridge and immediately take the upper track^{ex} on the right, which leads through the forest above the River Duror. At the end of the track, NN013537 a path^{lr} zig-zags S uphill, ending at NN011⁸⁴532³⁸, alt 420m. Head up SE to reach a small summit, A'Chruach^{ex}, 485m^{ex} on a bluff overlooking a lochan. From the lochan, climb SSE, curving E around the rim of Coire na Capuill and up to the summit of Fraochaidh at 879m, above the headwall of Coire Dubh. *Descend steeply S to reach easier slopes and follow the Lochaber boundary along the watershed between Salachan Glen and Glen Creran. Pass over Beinn Mhich na Cèisich, 627m and, curving W, over Meall Bàn, 654m. Descend WSW and pass S of Lochan Blàr nan Lochan, then head N on a track to reach the dam at NM976503. Follow the hydro-track W across the Eas nan Richagan^{ex} to a junction and turn NE. Follow the track gradually downhill, curving NW into Salachan Glen. Continue to the A828 at Dalnatrat. **Transport required** at NM 966530, 5 minutes from start.

** For a shorter day, return from the summit of Fraochaidh by the outward route.*

18km, 1176m ascent*** 13km, 996m ascent**

Suggested by Andrew Gilbert

Coordinated by Barry Haynes

Sunday 1st November**LR43 and OL49 and 51****Blair Atholl****Carn a' Chlamain** (963m, Munro) - *hill of the kite*

Carn a' Chlamain is a long day for end-of-autumn. Biking-in is recommended on a good track, 7-8km, saving time and effort. Nonetheless, good bike lights are required for the ride out. Take-away chippy "Food in the Park" available until 20:00 at the Museum car park (other joints are available).

Start from the CP 250m SW of the Old Bridge of Tilt, **NN874662**. Head N out of the CP. The track to follow starts almost opposite the entrance. Head N on the W side of the River Tilt for 2.4km and cross the river at the Cumhann-leum Bridge^{ex}. Continue to follow the river N on its E side, curving NE past Gilberts Bridge to reach Gaw's Bridge^{ex} just after Marble Lodge. Re-cross the river and continue E on the track for a further 0.8km to a bridge over the Allt Craoinidh at the foot of the long S ridge of Carn a' Chlamain, **NN9083872022**. If cycling, **leave the bikes here**. A path, not represented on OS maps, leads steeply N up the nose on the E side of the Allt Craoinidh. Join a track at 410m alt. as the gradient eases, and follow it up NNE for 3.1km, curving NW to reach the summit after a further 1km. Return by the outward route.

Suggested by Catherine Stuart and Jasmine Morrison

27km, 930m ascent

Coordinated by Jasmine Morrison

Saturday 7th November**Maps LR40 and 41 and EX 398 and 399****Gleann Fionnlighe****Gaor Bheinn** (987m, Munro) – *noisy mountain*

A long but easy approach through Gleann Fionnlighe leads to this twin-topped hill between Loch Eil and Loch Arkaig. Not readily spotted from most directions. Potentially a fine winter expedition.

Start from a section of old road off the A830 opposite its junction with the A861 at the foot of Gleann Fionnlighe at **NM960794**. Limited parking is available. Take the track N into Gleann Fionnlighe. After 2km it crosses the river on a bridge. After a further 1km, turn right on to a path to keep alongside the river. Cross the Allt a' Choire Reidh on a footbridge^{ex} and after 500m, leave the path and climb NE up the steep ridge to a small summit at 855m. Turn N to continue up less steeply to the Munro top, 961m. Follow the ridge NNE for 1.3km descending to a col then climbing again to reach the summit of Gaor Bheinn, 987m. The return by the outward route is the easiest option.

21km, 1150m ascent

Suggested and coordinated by Michelle Baron

Sunday 15th November**Maps LR35 and OL56****Kingussie****Beinn Bhreac** (843m, Corbett Top)**Carn an Fhreicheadain** (878m, Corbett) - *watcher's cairn*

Wide open views on the edge of the Monadhliath. This walk appeared on a Club programme in 2016 but was not done. Ten years on - let's do it this time. A well known Chippy in the high street to finish off.

Start from the public CP in Kingussie, **NH755007**. Head N alongside the Gynack Burn^{ex}, and cross it on a FB just past the hospital. Continue N on the E side of the burn, and follow the track past Pitmain Lodge. The track soon diverges from the burn and climbs more steeply N. Follow the track to the summit of Beinn Bhreac. Continue W, around the rim of Coire Odhar, to the summit of Carn an Fhreicheadain. Descend SW on a track that curves SE, fords the Allt Mor at **NH7342105036** and continues down to Pitmain Lodge. Return to start by the outward route.

16km, 670m ascent

Suggested and coordinated by Toril Frantzen

Saturday 21st November**Map LR34 and EX400****Glen Roy****Beinn Iaruinn** (803m^{lr}, Corbett) - *iron hill***Leana Mhor (W)** (684m, Graham) - *big meadow*

Start from the small CP, **NN334911**, just before the CG^{ex} near the end of the public road to Brae Roy Lodge. Head NW up the slope, across the three parallel roads, then curving W, keeping on the fall-line S of the Allt Dearg. Continue SW along the edge of a sloping plateau, gaining height gradually above the steep escarpment in Glen Roy. The summit of Beinn Iaruinn is reached after about 3km. Leave the summit heading SW curving SE around the rim of Coire nan Eun for the best views of Glen Roy, then descend WSW to the spur of Meall Breac before turning S down to the Col* at 515m^{ex}. Descend E following the Allt a' Bhreac Achaidh to reach the public road in Glen Roy. **Transport required**, 10 mins from start.

***If time and energy permit, Leana Mhor is within easy reach of the 515m Col:**

Head S, climbing to its summit. For the best views and interest, descend SE to a prominent spur, alt. 596m^{ex}. Head ENE down a long straight ridge on the S side of Coire an t-Seilich to reach the public road in Glen Roy. **Transport required**, 10 mins from start.

9km, 653m ascent**11km, 837m ascent**

Suggested and coordinated by Pamela Binny

Sunday 29th November**Maps LR50 and EX377****Bridge of Orchy****Stob Ghabhar** (1090m, Munro) - *peak of goats***Stob a' Choire Odhair** (945m, Munro) - *peak of the dun-coloured corrie*

Good access to two Munros in a spectacular setting.

Start from the car park at **NN270418**, 300m before Victoria Bridge. Follow a short path NE to re-join the road, cross Victoria Bridge and turn left at Forest Lodge. Follow the track W by the Abhainn Shira to a small building at NN256425. Turn N on to the path that follows the Allt Toaig. *After about 2km, cross the Allt Toaig at WP NN251¹²⁴³⁹⁵⁸ and head NW to reach the lip of Coire na Muic, above the steeper rocky slope of Creag an Steallaire. A faint path may be found. Turn N and make for the nose of the spur of Aonach Eagach, climb to its crest and follow it WNW up to a summit at 991m^{lr}. Follow the narrow, curved ridge forming the S rim of Coirein Lochain and climb NW to the summit of Stob Ghabhar. Return to the 991m^{lr} summit. Follow the footpath^{ex} E for 35m, turning N down a rocky spur, curving E to the **col at 668m alt. Continue E on the path up the ridge ahead to the summit of Stob a' Choire Odhair. Descend SW on a path over a wide open slope. It soon turns S, then steepens and zig-zags down a rocky ridge to meet the Coire Toaig path where it crosses the Allt Caolain Duibh^{ex}. Follow the path S to re-join the outward route and return to the start.

*** To omit Stob Ghabhar:-** continue on the path on the E side of the Allt Toaig up to the col at 668m alt., and follow the route thereafter as described above.

**** To omit Stob a' Choire Odhair:-** From the col at 668m descend SE into Coire Toaig and follow the path to re-join the outward route back to the start.

17km, 1273m ascent***13km, 775m ascent******15km, 998m ascent**

Suggested by Jane Ollerenshaw
Coordinated by David Hester

Saturday 5th December**Maps 41 or 34 and EX392 or 400****Glen Spean****Beinn Teallach** (915m, Munro) - *forge hill*

A starting height of 268m makes access to this Munro relatively easy. Splendid views from the summit and all the way down.

Start from Roughburn, **NN377813**, where limited parking is available, clear of the entrance gate to a forest road. Head NW on the forest road and turn left (W) at its first junction. At the end of the road, continue on a footpath to exit the forest and ford* the Allt a' Chaorainn. Follow the path N up the glen to Tom Mor, marked by a cairn above the opposite bank of the burn. Continue N to the next tributary on the W side of the burn at **NN371869**, and follow it up W onto the N spur of Beinn Teallach. Gain the crest of its NE ridge and climb it to the summit. Descend S on open slopes to rejoin the outward path at the corner of a plantation. and continue on to ford the Allt a' Chaorainn. On re-entering the forest, follow a path back to Roughburn on the N bank of the Fèith Shiol.

Note: If the rivers are in spate, an alternative start may be used at the forest track, **NN356807, 280m E of Burnside Cottage. Limited parking may be available here, or 400m further E off the A86. Follow the track to exit the forest at **NN348814** and head NE to continue on a path. There is a bridge over the Fèith Shiol at **NN360824** just before this path joins the original route N of the ford.*

14km, 650m ascent***16km, 689m ascent**

Suggested by Jasmine Morrison

Coordinated by Pamela Binny

Sunday 13th December**Maps LR40 and EX391****Strontian****Carn na Nathrach** (786m, Corbett) - *cairn of the adders*

A long, narrow, steep-flanked hill that extends E from Glen Hurich to the head of Glen Scaddle, occupying a space of about 14sq.km in a remote corner of Ardgour

Start from the CP at Kinlochan at the junction of the forest road with the public road, **NM818672**. Alternatively, if possible to drive on the forest road, start from Glenhurich, 2km from Kinlochan, **NM834682**, where limited parking is available. From Glenhurich, continue E on the track for 250m to a junction, then fork SE across the bridge over the River Hurich. Turn E again immediately and cross the tributary Allt an Dubh Choirein. Follow the track, soon forking left up Glen Hurich for about 4km to **NM866⁵⁹707⁰⁰**. Turn S uphill to reach the forest boundary fence after about 40m. Cross the fence to reach the open hillside. Climb SSE up the steep rocky slopes, avoiding crags, to reach a small summit at a ring-contour, 630m, on the main ridge. Turn E and follow the ridge to the summit of Carn na Nathrach. Return W to a small col at 602m, then continue down the ridge WSW, past a few small lochans. The ridge curves SW and the forest closes in on either side, but a clear ride leads down on to a track. Turn right down the track to re-join the outward route at the first junction and return to the start.

18km, 881m ascent

Suggested and coordinated by Toril Frantzen

Saturday 19th December**Maps LR41 and EX385****Corrour****Beinn a' Bhric** (876m, Corbett Top) - *speckled mountain***Leum Uilleim** (909m, Corbett) – *William's leap*

An interesting day by train to one of Britain's most remote stations to climb these isolated, but easy to reach hills on the edge of Rannoch Moor. Great views under a wide-open sky, particularly splendid in winter.

***Meet at Fort William Sta. in good time to purchase tickets for 0744 dep.**

Start from Corrour Station **NN355664**. Head NW on the path on the W side of the railway for 500m. Cross the bridge over a river and head W on a track^{ex} leading up the spur of An Diollaid. The track follows the rim of Coire a' Bhric Beag, curving SW past Tom an Eòin. Continue to gain height gradually, past a cairn and on to the summit of Beinn a' Bhric, 876m. Turn E, descend slightly to a col then climb to the summit of Leum Uilleim, 909m. Descend steeply NE on rough ground over Sron an Lagain Ghairbh and continue NE on the boggy lower slopes back to **Corrour Sta. for 1524 dep.***

**The next and last train to Fort William leaves Corrour at 2120. A train to Bridge of Orchy leaves at 1825. In good weather and snow conditions, this walk is easily accomplished in the time available. This is almost the shortest day of the year. Sunrise is at 0853 and sunset at 1541. The station cafe will be closed, but the Loch Ossian Youth Hostel, (2km distant) is open all year.*

Suggested by Andrew Gilbert
Coordinated by Karen Suszek

10km, 580m ascent**Sunday 27th December****Maps LR41 and EX392****Kinlochleven****Sgurr Eilde Mor** (1008m, Munro) - *big peak of the hind.*

This hill is the most easterly of the Mamore range, situated in a spectacular position above Coire an Lochain.

Start at the Grey Mare's Tail car park, **NN187622**. Follow the path that leads to the Waterfall for approximately 200m. At the first junction, keep right, and cross the burn at NN189⁷⁸624²⁹. 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. Leave the main path at a bend at NN222647 and head NE across the lip of Coire an Lochain. Continue NE up the lower slopes, curving NW as the ground steepens and climb up the broad SW aspect of Sgurr Eilde Mòr to its summit. Descend steeply W on a rough, meandering path that leads to the col N of the Lochan. At a 4-way junction^{ex}, NN221⁹⁵656⁸⁰, turn S and follow the path above the lochans for about 1km to re-join the outward route. Follow this back to the start.

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14km, 1010m ascent

Saturday 2nd January**Maps LR50 and EX384 and 377****Loch Etive****Beinn Trilleachan** (840m, Corbett) — *hill of sandpipers*

An isolated hill giving spectacular views down Loch Etive, with the mighty Ben Starav right opposite, and further away, the peaks of Glen Coe, Glen Etive and Black Mount.

A small CP is available near the end of the public road. Start from **NN111453** and head NNW up the well-worn and often boggy path following the forestry boundary. As this levels-off at about 220m altitude, turn SW and ascend the rough NE aspect of Meall nan Gobhar. Continue up the increasingly rocky ground and along the edge of the escarpment to the first summit, 767m. This is a dramatic position overlooking the Etive Slabs. A short drop leads to the head of a steep defile at 693m alt. Continue SW for 1km along the escarpment on a gradual ascent leading to the main summit of Beinn Trilleachan. Return by the same route.*

***An alternative descent is shorter, more adventurous but affords fewer views:-**

Return to the head of the defile at 693m. Descend it with care to the bottom of the Trilleachan Slabs at about 300m alt. Contour NNE along the foot of the slabs to reach the Coffin Stone^{ex} at NN098⁵⁸443³³, just above some deciduous trees. Locate the climbers' path^{ex} which leads NE, directly to the jetty at the end of the public road. Continue up the road back to the CP.

11km, 990m ascent

***8.5km, 920m ascent**

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