

WALK ON THE 28TH NOVEMBER SGIATH A' CHAISE

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Distance	16.2 km ↔
Time spent moving	3:41 h ⌚
Ascent	540 m ▲
Descent	576 m ▼
Avg. speed (throughout time spent moving)	4.4 km/h ⌚
Date	November 28, 2022 09:37 AM 📅

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Eleven members met at Broxden Park and Ride at 8am and travelled to the Broch Cafe car park at Strathgairn. We started walking by 09:30. The weather was slightly cloudy but mercifully dry with no wind. One of our ladies was positive that the cloud would lift at 12 noon and that boded well for views at the top of this particular Graham. We crossed the road from the carpark and headed up a good path which ascended gently through the woodland. We then followed a track running parallel to the burn for three quarters of a km before getting onto a forestry track which continued ascending, albeit in commercial forestry now. We passed a huge log pile of recently cut spruce and felling works were still progressing with a harvester still working on the hill side. The views were now opening up as the cloud also started to lift and we had great views of the Balvag valley below looking towards Balquidder. We had a coffee break near the first telecoms mast and we continued to soak up the emerging views. We continued up towards another higher telecoms mast on a good access track. We had fine views of Sgiath a'Chaise and its two rolling tops. Just before the highest telecoms mast we went off the track through a gate on to a grassy side slope of the hill and followed a faint path to the first top at 645m elevation. We arrived at the first top at 12 just as the clouds lifted to provide atmospheric views to Ben Vorlich and Stuc a'Chroin to the east. We preceded along the wide grassy ridge to the next top at 644m elevation before having our lunch perched on a large lichen encrusted rock. We then descended back the way we had come with the added benefit this time of blue skies and the warmth of the winter sun. We took a slight deviation at the lower section of the walk before arriving at the carpark at just before 3pm. Everyone enjoyed the walk and the fact that we were all warm and dry, after having endured such a wet November. We were well looked after in the Broch Cafe with a wide range of scones and cakes accompanied with excellent coffee or tea. Members arrived back at Broxden Park and Ride at around 4pm, after a trouble-free journey.



An excellent path for first part of the way.



An impressive log pile on route



Looking back down the hill towards Strathyre



Looking up the Balvag Valley towards Balquidder



Time for a coffee break



On the grassy slope towards the summit of the Graham



Up towards the ridge



We arrive on then upper slopes and admire the sight of Ben Vorlich and Stuc a Choin



Competition time!!



Moving on



On the descent the sun appears and opens up the views to the north



The afternoon sun welcomes us back down to the valley



On the lower slopes approaching the car park