

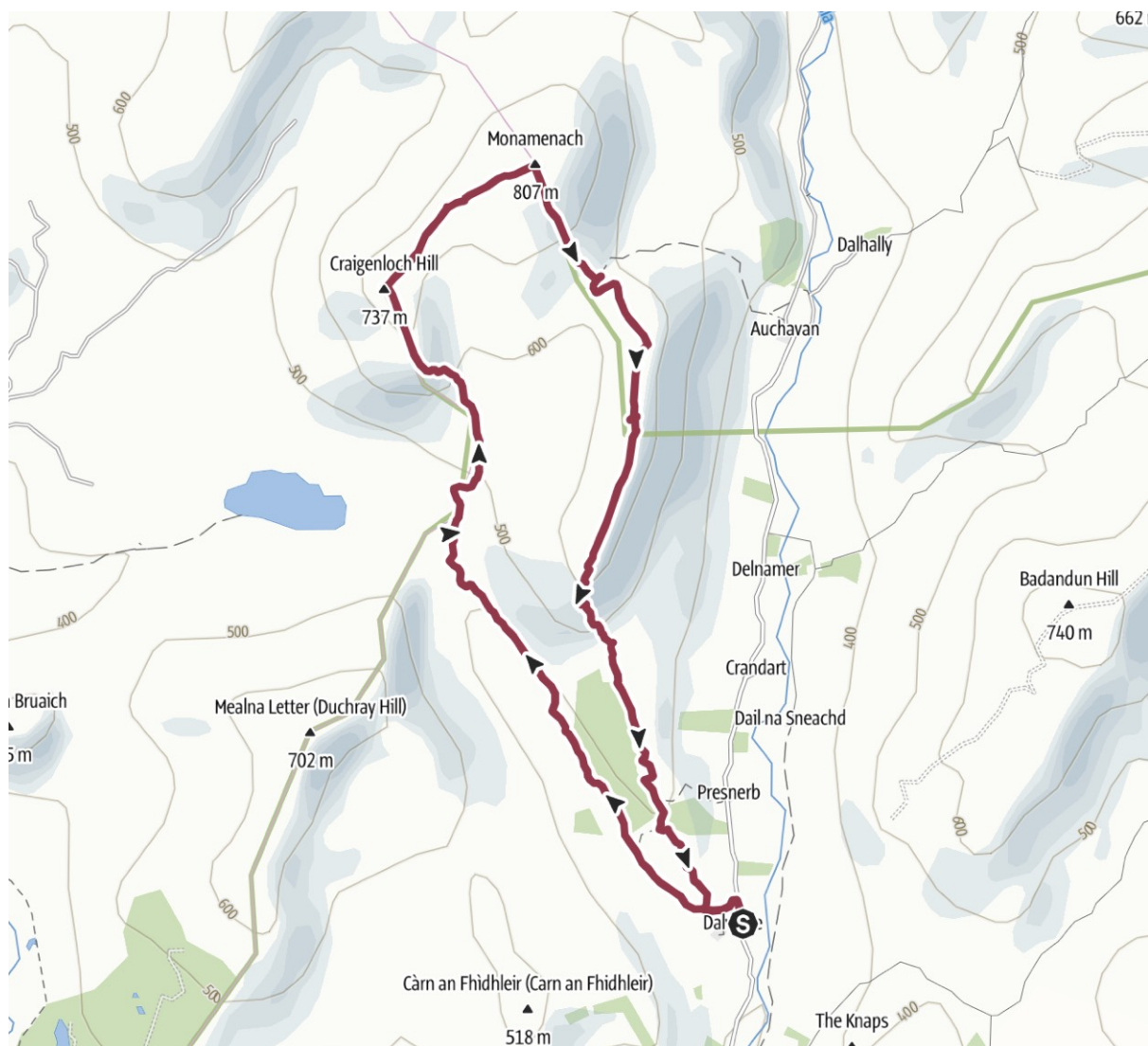
Monamenach by the Back Door. 22ⁿ August.

The day was dry, relatively mild and with a breeze on the tops. The walk started in Glen Beannie, heading up to the bealach which leads on to Loch Beannie and Glenshee, part of the Cateran Trail. Nearer the bealach there is evidence of a number of sheilings, part of the history forming some of the basis of the Cateran Trail. In the glen there was evidence of logging and tree planting.

Reaching the bealach we turned right, ascending along the ridge northwards, through an abundance of blaeberreries, to reach Craigenloch Hill for a coffee break. Onwards to the summit of Monamenach where, in excellent visibility, the views of the Glenshee Hills were admired. Descending to the next bealach, and junction of path to Achavan, the group reascended to shortly below Creagan Caise Hill for lunch break.

Up to this point the going had been relatively easy either on good tracks or identifiable paths. At the end of the ridge the path disappeared when the going became more demanding with the group descending through heather, interspersed with rocks, to a formerly forested area where a track was joined, until again crossing open ground to return to the start point.

Once safely back to cars, the group headed to Peel Farm for refreshments and general chat.



Total distance 12.8 km Ascent 548m



Starting the walk up Glen Beanie





Top of Glen Beanie



Coffee time



At the top of Craigenloch Hill



At the summit of Monamenach



View to the head of Glen Isla



Time to take in the view



Making our way down the ridge of Creagan Caise towards the starting point.