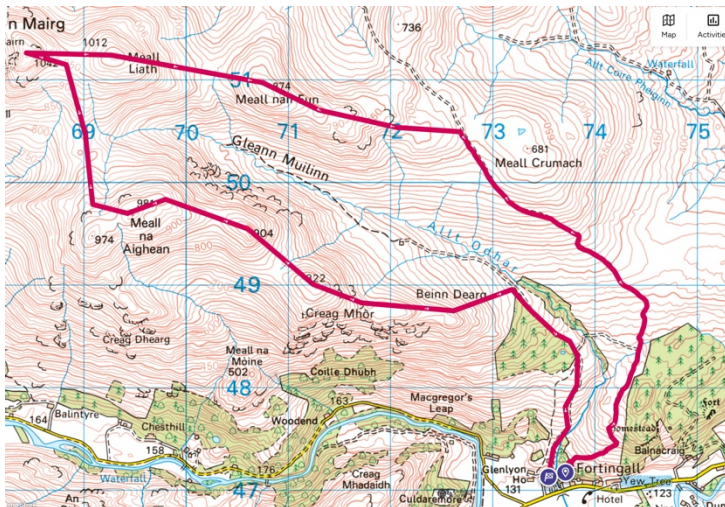
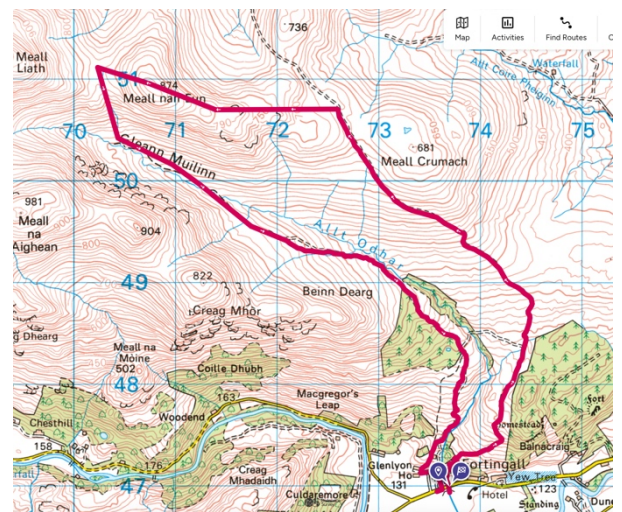


Glen Lyon Estate - Meall Nan Euan April 24



Planned Route



Amended Route

The Cicerone Guide for Highland Perthshire provides several suggested routes in Glen Lyon, an area dominated by some impressive hills many of which are Monros. One route new to most of the group takes in the Monros - Carn Maigr and Meall nan Aighean. A group of 8 met at Broxden to travel to the area, fully aware that the weather forecast was not entirely favourable and there was a strong chance that a modification to the planned route might be forced on us.

We parked at the Fortingall church next to the famous ancient Yew tree, believed to be some 5,000 years old and possibly one of the oldest living things in Europe. The walk itself started from the bridge over the Allt Odhar passing through the housing cluster called Balnald. The walk up the slope was on an exceptionally well-maintained estate road, suitable for a normal saloon car. On the upper slopes, following a break for coffee we set up the boggy hillside to the east of Meall Crumach aiming for Meall nan Euan (874m). On this stretch the good sunny conditions gave way to squally showers of snow and sleet driven by a very strong wind directly from the north-east. This made progress very difficult and the group agreed that ascent to Meall Liath was not sensible and instead we exited the ridge down a gradual slope toward the valley of the Allt Odhar burn. This was achieved without any problem and in the valley the wind dropped and we were even blessed with sunshine.

An easy walk down the valley alongside the burn was made, where lunch was taken. A good track was reached which fed back down the side of the burn and parallel to the upward route. We reached the cars around 3pm and set off for a welcome break at Mountain Safaris before reaching Broxden around 5pm.

A possible return to the area would be welcome in more clement weather, possibly returning directly to the ridge using the exit route alongside the burn and completing the horseshoe.



Close to the start of the walk on the estate road



Part way along the ridge and the wind becomes an issue





After deciding that the wind is too extreme we descend down to the valley



Along the valley of the Allt Odhar the sun comes out



The decent can be made on either side of the burn and near the lower slope a bridge provides a useful link to gain the main path back to Fortingall.



The Fortingall Yew