

Derry Cairngorm was attacked from three sides by different parties. It was a fine day, with views from the top for later arrivals. The Etchachan path is much improved by repairs. Sally

22 June: Rottal to Bridgend

Mist was down on the hills all day, and both the main groups doing the longer and shorter walks were glad of GPS confirmation of location. Sally

6 July: Dunkeld circular



Jim negotiates an ideal gate

20 July: Spittal o Glen Shee circular

After weeks of brilliant weather, we arrived with sun tops, sun protection cream and lots of extra water, but lo and behold, the first drop-offs quickly pulled on their jerseys. Half way up Glas Tulaichean we encountered mist, light rain, a very cold wind, and even thunder, while those walking from Cairnwell got heavy rain! It was too wet for tea, but the Spittal Hotel was very comfortable for light bites and refreshments [and OTT décor - Ed.]. Vi

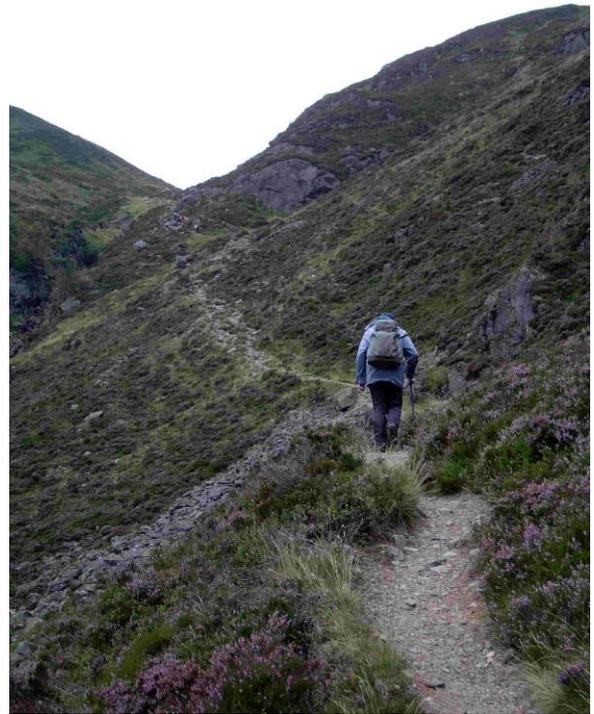
3 August: Cairngorm car park circular



Margaret Cameron views Strathnethy from Stac na h-Iolar

Despite the early start, this outing drew 28 walkers. The weather was very mixed with blustery showers and warm sunshine. Braeriach attracted 14 walkers, and other options around Cairngorm and Loch Morlich were visited by the rest. We returned to Aberdeen via the Dufftown pub and chip-shop. Graham

17 August: Jock's Road (Braedounie - Achallater)



Bill on Jock's Road

On the run down, the aroma of coffee seemed to be missing, but our thoughts were distracted from this by Gordon's few well chosen words about Paddy. [I gather there were complaints that Gordon stopped the bus some distance from the Kirriemuir toilets, whereas Paddy had dropped walkers nearby, and Gordon threatened to leave behind the next person to mention Paddy!]

Despite the weather forecast, it did not rain, but some of the surrounding tops had cloud occasionally - not bad for mid-August. Did we give ourselves enough time to enjoy the walk (and other tops) properly? At least it provided the opportunity for a different pub-and-chip stop in Braemar. David

31 August: Spital o Glenmuick

This was a rewarding day once the cloud cleared from Lochnagar around lunchtime. There were a few showers, but many saw sunshine as well.