

May Day Bank Holiday Meet – Glen Etive, Scotland

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Dates: 1st – 4th May 2009

Location: Inbhirfhaolain, Glen Etive. OS Grid Ref: NN 158 508 Map: L/R 41

The Glen Etive road meanders for some 14 miles to the head of Loch Etive, where it ends in a turning circle near a ruined pier. And that's it. The road down Glen Etive is the original "road to nowhere".

Glen Etive is a magnet for climbers and hillwalkers, who go there especially to climb the mountains around Ben Starav to the south east and the Glen Coe mountains to the north and west. But others make the 28 mile round trip simply because it is one of the most beautiful detours in the North West Highlands. The scenery is simply superb.



Buachaille Etive Beag & Buachaille Etive Mor from Glen Etive

Climbing: For most climbers, the name Glen Etive conjures up Beinn Trilleachan and the well known Etive Slabs but there are so many other options its hard to know where to begin!

Etive Slabs: Buzzard Arete VD, Mosquito S, Spartan Slab VS***, The Pause HVS***, Hammer HVS*** plus lots of starred E grade routes.

Buachaille Etive Mor: Agag's Groove VD***, North Face Route VD, January Jigsaw S***, Crowberry Ridge S, Grooved Arete HS***, Red Slab VS***, Satan's Slit VS**, Line Up HVS***, Whortleberry Well HVS***

Accomm: The hut sleeps a maximum of 13 people but camping is permitted. There is electricity via a £1 coin meter but no running water. Water has to be collected from the burn 80m from the cottage. There is a composting toilet accessed externally. All kitchen equipment is supplied and there is an electric cooker, fridge, microwave, kettle and water heater. The common room has a wood burning stove – hut users must bring their own logs. Standing timber must not be cut. No external fires.

Costs: Hut £5 pppn Camping £2 pppn. Hut places will be on a first come, first served basis. To guarantee your place, send your hut fees in advance to Maggie, otherwise pack your tent.

Walking: The area from Ben Nevis southwards towards Glen Coe offers some of the finest mountain walking and scrambling in the UK. The Aonach Eagach, or Notched Ridge, on the north side of Glen Coe, links two Munro hills and offers a long day out with exposed grade 2/3 scrambling - not for the faint hearted!

Directions:

Turn left off the A82, signed Glen Etive, just after Kings House and follow road for 7 miles. Hut is 1km past Dalness up a short track.

Maps/Guides:

Ordinance Survey Explorer 384 Glen Coe & Glen Etive, Explorer 392 Ben Nevis & Fort William. SMC Glen Coe Rock & Ice Climbs. Scrambles in Lochaber – Cicerone, Ben Nevis & Glen Coe – 100 Walks in Lochaber - Cicerone

If you are interested in coming and would like to car share, let me know and I'll try to help with the logistics.

Hope to see you there.

