

Glen Doll

Wednesday, April 27, 1983

Cross Keys lunchtime. Bill in hospital for ear op.

Drove up to Glen doll YH. Couldn't find a chip shop in Kirriemuir and what is more, the toilets were closed.

Warden says previous three days have been excellent with cloud breaking up early in the day. Hostel has a 6" map with lots of tracks and paths marked on it.

Thursday, April 28, 1983

Early cloud looks quite solid, warden says its heavier than previous days. However, dry and not cold so set off about 0845 up Jacks Road. Ver pleasant through forest, wind noticeable once out into the open, but a pleasant stroll. Some snow patches across the path above 700m but no problems. Cloud base about 800m. Visibility about 30ft at times, never much above 100ft, more extensive snow patches but sufficient old tracks to keep the line.

Hung about top of pass for about half an hour in the hope that the cloud might lift but no joy. Saw a pair of ptarmigan. Decide no point in wandering around the summits in poor visibility so pattered off downhill back the way I came. Stopped for lunch half way down and was overtaken by a chap walking from Braemar. Chatted a few minutes then he carried on.

Reached the bottom about 1500 and wandered a while in the forest.

Still no one else staying in hostel.

Walked up to nearby viewpoint - quite good. Went to bed at 2130!

Friday, April 29, 1983

If anything, cloud heavier than yesterday. Light drizzle. This is not walking weather.

Drove by back roads (recommended by warden) to Stonehaven with a view to visiting Dunotter Castle. Weather still grey so didn't bother.

Drove down to Dundee but no-one was in (=1200) so carried on back to Dalkieth.

Must have left Braemar map at the hostel. I'm sure I have a one inch somewhere.

Saturday, April 30, 1983

Weather cloudy but dry. Still a bit stiff so I went for a short walk in the Pentlands. Skirted Turnhouse Hill to the East then crossed over top of Carnethy Hill and cut down to the Howe. Back along the road.

Cross Keys evening.