

A week in Glencoe

Monday, May 9, 1983

Pack gear for a week in Glencoe and drove to Glasgow.

Tuesday, May 10, 1983

Set off from Glasgow about 0930. Genuine showers and sunny periods as I made slow progress up Loch Lomond side. Bought £10 of petrol at £1.84 at Tyndrum. Parked at Victoria Bridge for ascent of Stob o Choire Odhair.

Set off at 1200 and a shower started just as I left the car. What's more, I have not brought gaiters or waterproof trousers. The shower was still falling, though as snow on the high ground. A good plastering of fresh snow made final ascent to the summit a bit awkward over stony ground. Cloud base was about 800m so no view. Wind strong above that height. At times the snow was travelling horizontally. Beat a hasty retreat from the summit and descended into the comparative comfort sleet, then mere rain. Shower eased a bit when I got back to the car so changed my sodden trousers and footwear. Fed peanuts to some hens who had to have them shelled first.

Drove on to Glencoe. Rain heavier, cloud lower. Is it worth staying? Parked at Ballachulish and waited for 1800 weather forecast. If anything, tomorrow will be worse. Decided to give up and went back to Glasgow, then Dalkieth.

Wednesday, May 11, 1983

Plenty of showers and few sunny periods.

Thursday, May 12, 1983

Showers and sunny periods. I think I'm starting a cold.

Went into Tiso's and bought new socks and a Berghaus Mistral jacket made of Goretex (£48.50) Also bought new Braemar map as I can't find a one-inch one.

Friday, May 13, 1983

Bright periods with occasional showers.

Snuffling a bit all day.

Reorganised maps. Found Cairngorm Tourist Map covering Braemar. Damn.