

MAY 2026 – BALQUIDDER - BEINN TULAICHEAN AND CRUACH ADRAIN



14km; 933m climbed, time taken 7.5 hrs.

6 members of the group met at Broxden at 8am and drove to the walk start at the Inverlochlarig Farm beyond Balquidder. We walked a short way along the track to the farm and then took the track northwards up Glen Inverlochlarig. There was a clear path taking us up the south-eastern slopes of Beinn Tulaichean to a stile over a boundary fence at about 500m. After a steady further ascent, we paused just short of the summit, for coffee and a rest, enjoying wonderful views of Loch Doine and Loch Voil stretching towards Balquidder.

The weather was fine all day. It was fairly cold at the tops, but with the sunshine and absence of wind, it was very pleasant. We reached the summit of Beinn Tulaichean comfortably and carried on along the ridge to Cruach Ardrain. We identified Ben More and Stob Binnein to the east, and below, nestled in the valley, was Crianlarich, indeed the "Gateway to the Highlands".

Returning to the bealach between the summits for lunch, we then followed an obvious path to the east, initially across grassy slopes, and then over some boulders and broken crags, to the floor of the glen. It was a pleasant walk back to the farm, and we reached the car park just after 4.00.

On our return home, we stopped at the Mhor 84 motel just beyond Balquidder, for excellent coffee and cakes, in the warmth of the late afternoon sunshine.



Soon after the start of the walk, looking back towards Inverlochlarig



Looking back along the valley with Loch Doine and Loch Voil clearly visible from over half way up Beinn Tulaichean



First stage over



At the summit of Cruach Adrain



From Cruach Adrain looking back along the ridge



In the back ground the summit of Beinn Tulaichean

