

TORRIDON VISIT APRIL 2026

Towards the end of April, 12 members of the group met at Torridon, 10 of us staying 3 nights at the Hostel and 2 based closer to Skye. The weather proved to be perfect, with sunny conditions, almost no cloud and just very light winds. On the way up, one group of 3 had stopped close to Kinlochewe to climb the Beinn Eighe Mountain Trail. This is a 6.5km trail climbing up to 550m. Giving views over Siloch and Loch Maree. The weather on this first travel day was less settled and there were some clouds and showers.



Walking through the Scots Pine woodland on the lower slopes, ,Loch Maree in the background



On the upper slopes of the Mountain Trail

On the first main walking day, the group settled on 3 separate walks.

1. Beinn Dearg, (the Red Mountain at 914m), located north of Torridon village behind the Torridon Forest. This is a Corbett, but only a foot short of the all-important 3,000 ft.
2. Liachach – a long meandering ridge made up of two Munros that dominates the back- drop of Torridon village and the loch.
3. Siloch – An imposing spear-shaped Munro that dominates the skyline above Loch Maree

The first group of 4 found setting out for **Beinn Dearg** were faced with a long walk along the Coire Mhic Nobuil with the Horns of Alligin dominating the skyline. A long steep scramble was made up to the main shoulder at 882m – Stuc Loch na Cabhaig. Time was getting on and it was felt that the additional 90 mins that would be required to first drop down and then re-climb up to the peak of Beinn Dearg would be too much and the group settled for the shorter walk and returned the same way. It was still a long day, walking 14 km and a total climb of 930m (3,050 ft).



A quick stop on the main access track along the Coire Mhic Nobuil



Start of the long climb up the western spur of Beinn Dearg



Close to the top of Stuc Loch na Cabhaig



Looking over to the main peak of Beinn Dearg

Liathach is made up of a series of linked Munros – Mullach an Rathain (1023m) and Spidean a' Choire Leith (1055m) and a big day out to complete the traverse, with a total climb of around 1,400m. As a walk - it is upwards virtually from the off at the road. But the reward of some spectacular 360 degree views from the ridge several hours later made it more than worth it.

After scaling the eastern Munro we enjoyed lunch in the sunshine. We then wisely decided to take the bypass route on the southern side of the pinnacles between the first and second Munro. It is not for the faint hearted and very exposed. Certainly not one for a wet or windy day. The second Munro summit rewarded us with further exceptional views westwards.

The decent back into the glen started with a steep bouldery scree before easing off into steep zig zag path. Nine hours and a long day but exceptional mountain walking.





Looking along the ridge indicating the need for a good head for heights!



Phew, glad that's over!

Slioch

A further four members of the group did an ascent of Slioch an imposing fortress of rock overlooking Loch Maree. A total ascent of 1,350 m and along walk of over 20km.

Parking at Incheril, we walked alongside Loch Maree to the foot of the Abhainn an Fhasaigh, then headed north between Sgurr Dubh and Meall Eacn. Following the contours of Sgurr Dubh, then climbing up to the two lochans, we continued north west to the summit of Slioch. The going was pleasant enough; not the slog hinted at in the text-book descriptions. With clear skies and wonderful sunshine, the views were astonishing, across to the Cuillins and Harris. We enjoyed the straight-forward ridge walk to Sgurr an Tuill Bhain, and then descended south to retrace our steps back to the shore of Loch Maree, and back to the car



Initial ascent of Siloch with Loch Maree in the background.



Having a first break near the lochans on the ascent.



Approaching the summit



Looking back at the summit of Siloch from the ridge to the second top.



The conquering heroes!

On the Second Day, most of the group agreed to settle on a walk closer to the hostel and take the track that leaves the road about 4 miles from the hostel within Glen Torridon and heads south. Our target was the **Corbett Sgorr nan Lochan Uaine** and the two lochans sitting at its base. The tracks go past some fishing huts close to the road before passing over a series of drumlins. We left the main path and headed straight to the Corbett. The climb up was fairly steep with a few difficult spots getting past some rocky outcrops. The views over the Glen and the Torridon hills was truly impressive. Fortunately, the descent towards the lochans was more straight forward and we made good time back to the cars.



After leaving the cars and approaching the fishing huts, with the drumlins in the background.



Coffee break on route



At the summit, time for lunch



At the base of the Corbett and starting back to the road.

That evening we drove to Shildaig to enjoy a final meal at the Shildaig Coastal Kitchen situated on the shore of Loch Torridon



Time for a few beers and an evening meal



A final look at Loch Torridon from the restaurant.