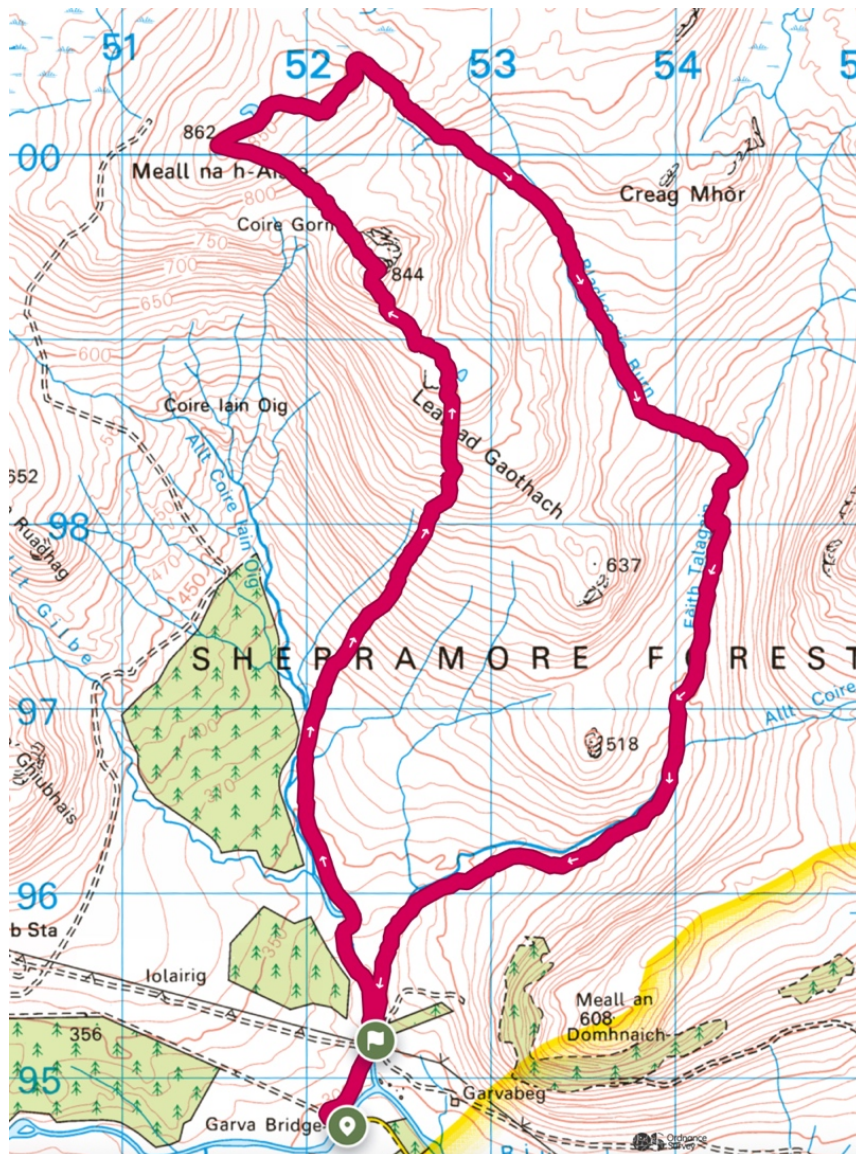


1ST JUNE - Meall na-h-Aisre. Garva Bridge



Total Distance 16.25km, 10.1 miles, 2,200 ft climbed, time taken 6hrs:30mins

6 walkers met at Broxden P+R at 8.15 to travel to Garva Bridge in the Letham Community Minibus, which was driven by one of the group members. The plan was to climb the two linked Corbetts of Coire Gorm and Meall na h-Aisre. The weather forecast had been poor and there were concerns that we would not be able to complete the walk. However, although, overcast with light drizzle at first, the weather proved to be overall favourable, though the views from the summits were restricted by cloud.

Our walk started by crossing the Garva Bridge, and following a track on the west side of the Allt Coire Iain Oig to a footbridge over the burn. We followed a faint track over boggy ground for a short distance, then headed up the slopes towards the ridge line. On reaching a fence we stopped for our coffee break whilst we still had good visibility. Our route climbed towards an unnamed lochan on the broad ridge called Leathad Gaothach. We were now in the mist and low cloud, so compass bearings were followed to continue to a rocky top at 844m and cross the peat-hags of Coire Gorm to reach the summit of Meall na h-Aisre (862m).

As there was both poor visibility and a cold wind, we made a quick start on our descent route after taking a group picture at the summit trig point. Our route descended SE towards Blackcorrie Burn, with boggy ground to negotiate it was difficult to find a good lunch spot but we eventually settled on a grassy area for a break and refreshments. We followed the burn down to its confluence with the Feith Talachaid, where a river crossing was required to enable us to reach a stalkers path further down the burn. The path made for easier walking back to Garva Bridge. With good visibility we were able to appreciate this attractive glen and the views back to Meall na h-Aisre.

Unfortunately, it was too late a finish for coffee and cake, so instead we stopped off at Bruar for ice-cream to sustain us until we got back to Broxden.



Just after the start – check on the route to be taken.



Early on route with a long climb up through the somewhat boggy, tussocky grass





At the summit of Meall na-h-Aisre at 862m. Marked by a circular trig point.



Well on our way back down



Back close to Garva Bridge