



# 26 HIGHLAND MEALL A' BHUACHAILLE

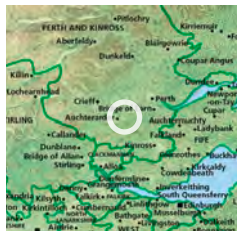
▶ Distance: 5½ miles/9km ▶ Time: 4 hours ▶ Grade: Moderate



The Northern Corries from Meall a' Bhuchaille.

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## PLAN YOUR WALK



## ROUTE

**Start/parking** Glenmore Visitor Centre Car Park, PH22 1QU, grid ref NN976099

**Is it for me?** Woodland and mountain paths and tracks. Steep ascent/descent

**Stiles** None

## PLANNING

**Nearest town** Aviemore

**Refreshments** The Winking Owl, Aviemore (Tel: 01479 812 368)

**Public toilets** Glenmore Visitor Centre

**Public transport** Trains and buses from Glasgow, Edinburgh and Inverness to Aviemore. Bus from Aviemore to Glenmore.

**Maps** OS Explorer OL57; Landranger 36



### CHOSEN BY...

**KEITH FERGUS**

Meall a' Bhuchaille is the high point of the Kincardineshire Hills that rise to the north of the Cairngorms' central massif. This straightforward route heads through Glenmore to pass the stunning An Lochan Uaine and then Ryvoan Pass to Ryvoan Bothy. From here a good path climbs all the way to the summit of Meall a' Bhuchaille before dropping down into Glenmore Forest Park and back to the start.

### 1 Start

Walk east through Glenmore Visitor Centre car park, go around barrier, cross side road, pass Cairngorm Reindeer

Centre onto single-track road. Follow this for 100 metres then bear L onto shared cycle/footpath. This progresses easily for 1km to return to road just beyond Glenmore Lodge, Scotland's National Outdoor Training Centre.

### 2 ¾ mile/1.25km

Turn L onto track signposted 'Forest Lodge and Nethy Bridge', walk northeast along Rathad nam Meirleach through gorgeous surrounds of Glen More - Scottish crossbill and crested tit may be spotted. Carry on for 1.5km to An Lochan Uaine, which translates as the Little Green Loch. Continue through narrow defile of Ryvoan Pass, hemmed in by slopes of Meall a' Bhuchaille

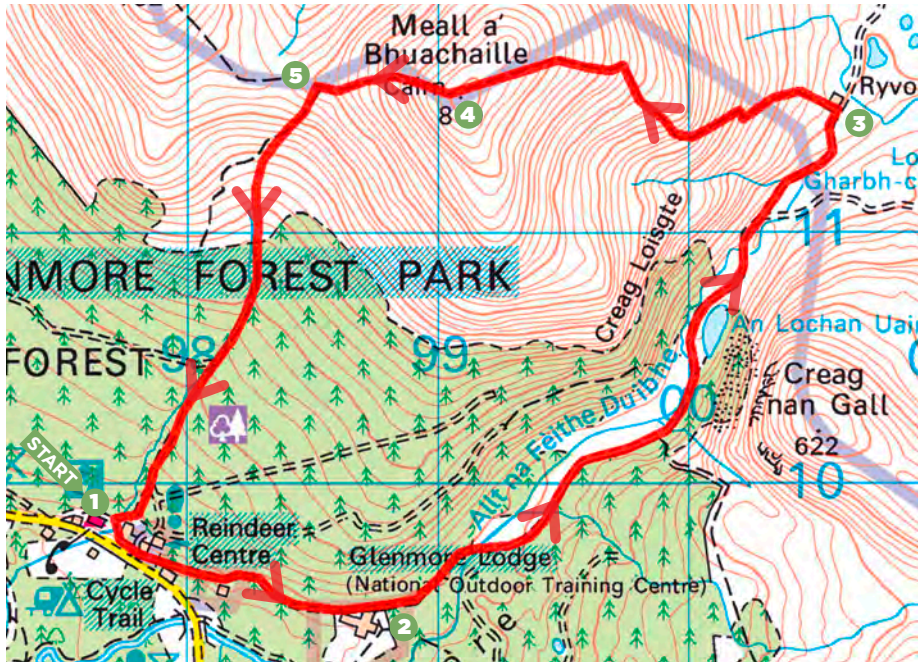
and Creag nan Geall. In a while track splits. Keep L, make gradual ascent to small but perfectly formed Ryvoan Bothy. Up until late 19th

## GRADIENT PROFILE



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MEALL A' BHUACHAILLE▶ OS Explorer map OL57 ▶ Buy maps at: [ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop](http://ordnancesurvey.co.uk/shop)

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DATE WALKED


TIME TAKEN

YOUR RATING


century it formed part of farmhouse but today Ryvoan is just one of around 100 similar remote shelters across Britain maintained by Mountain Bothies Association.

**3 2½ miles/4km**  
Excellent path strikes steeply west up eastern hillside of Meall a' Bhuchaille. When path splits keep L, continue southwest then northwest, enjoying marvellous view of teardrop-shaped An Lochan Uaine. In a while, incline eases a little as path makes final gradual approach to gain Meall a' Bhuchaille's 810-metre

summit. Stunning view extends north to Ben Rinnes and to the Cairngorm massif, with the ragged outline of Northern Corries catching the eye.

**4 3¼ miles/6km**  
To descend, head west. Initially path is vague but soon becomes clear as it drops steadily – with view towards Creagan Gorm – down to col at 650-metre contour line.

**5 4¼ miles/6.75km**  
Here bear L onto another fine path, leaving main ridge behind. Descend southwest towards Coire Chondaich,

enjoying fine view of Loch Morlich. Path soon veers L and continues south down into Glenmore Forest Park. At junction keep R from where steeper gradient, through attractive Scots pine and birch woodland, returns to Glenmore Visitor Centre. **CW**

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