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Meet Report 1: Muir of Inverey, Linn of Dee, Braemar, 8th & 9th September.

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12 people attended: Jim D & Janice, David C, Geoff, Stuart & Hazel, Dave & Marion, Sharon & Neil, Olly and Brian M.

Saturday walks:

Hazel, Marion and Janice – Lion's Face and Cromlins walk, Braemar

Geoff – Glen Tanar

Brian and Olly – Glas Maol and Creag Leacach (100% achieved!)

David C – Beinn a'Bhuird

Sharon, Neil and Dave P – Derry Cairngorm

Stuart and Jim D – Derry Cairngorm and Cairn a'Mhaim

Leaving Edinburgh at 4pm Friday, Neil and Sharon drove north to join the 45 minute queue for the pleasure of their first time on the new Queensferry Crossing bridge. The new bridge has the same number of lanes and same speed restrictions as the FRB it replaces but the queues are longer, let's hope the extra burden of site-seeing drivers will diminish soon and delays ease.

With the rest of the M90 route up to Friarton Bridge flowing at full speed, no time was wasted skirting Perth to join the A93 to Blairgowrie for an early evening meal at the Dalmore Inn before heading onwards to a midge populated Muir of Inverey to unpack the car at sunset.



The wood burner stove door catch got some Jim D temporary modifications to achieve a sensible heat output and then a comfortable evening of drinking, snacking and conversation ensued.

Having decided not to bring bikes, Neil and Sharon were out at 8am on Saturday morning to gain a head start for the walk in to Derry Lodge. Dave P, Stuart and Jim D, on bikes, over took them just before the lodge. The 5 all joined together again briefly on the path beyond the lodge as they gained height at Creag Bad an t-Seabhaig before Stuart and Jim raced off at '2 Munro pace' leaving Dave P, Sharon and Neil to amble along at '1 Munro' pace.

The two groups had an overlapping lunch stop hiding behind the Derry Carngorm summit cairn, sheltering from rain and wind around 11:15 before heading off in different directions. Stuart and Jim heading to Cairn a' Mhaim, while Sharon, Dave and Neil heading for Loch Etchachan.

Weather conditions improved considerably after lunch as the group of 3 dropped below the cloud to 'enjoy' a kilometer of boulder hopping on the way north to find the Loch Etchachan path. Dave even had an excuse to wear the pair of sunglasses he found.



A pleasant stroll along the south side of the Loch was soon followed by the descent into Coire Etchachan for a snack stop by the Hutchison Memorial Hut then a pleasant walk down Glen Derry to the lodge and out to Linn of Dee.



Another excellent evening at Muir cottage followed. Sharon had previously prepared two fine curry dishes for group consumption on the meet. With the tables aligned for the group of 12, chicken Rogan Josh (which was verging on madras!!) curry, a side/vegetarian dish Chana Masala, rice and Nan breads were served for all.

The Sunday forecast for poorer weather, had already dissuaded meet attendees from planning much that day and no walking was done.



2017 Meet Dates	
Date	Venue
13 th / 14 th January	Strathspay Mountain Hostel, Newtonmore
3 rd / 4 th February	Ochils MC Hut, Crainlarich
10 th / 11 th March	Ling Hut, Torridon
7 th / 8 th April	Blackrock Cottage, Glencoe
28 th / 29 th & 30 th April	Sligachan Bunkhouse, Skye
9 th / 10 th June	Inver Croft, Achnasheen
14 th / 15 th July	Strawberry Cottage, Glen Affric
11 th / 12 th August	Causewayfoot Camping barn. Keswick
8 th / 9 th September	Muir of Inverey, Braemar
6 th / 7 th October	Naismith Hut, Elphin
3 rd / 4 th November	Mill Cottage, Feshiebridge
1 st / 2 nd December (TBC)	Inchree Centre, Onich