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Culloden to Strathan

Landranger Maps: 34, 33

The route leaves Culloden in a south-westerly direction along the B851, and, after about 20 miles, joins the B862, originally one of Wade's military roads. At Fort Augustus, the route merges with the A82 to the Great Glen.

The next section of the route, along the north-west shore of Loch Lochy, is an unmetalled road suitable for cars. If it is intended to drive, it will be wise to enquire first with the Forestry Commission at Torlundy as to whether the gates at each end of the road are locked. At Clunes, the route turns west, and picks up the metalled road along the north shore of Loch Arkaig to Strathan (NM 980 915).

Distance: 65 miles (103 km)

Glenpean's Bothy

Landranger Map: 33

OS Maps Central Grid Reference:

NM 930 900

The likely site of Glenpean's bothy is at Kinlocharkaig (NM 985 905), about three-quarters of a mile south-east of Strathan. From the small car park just north of the white house at Strathan, a stile gives access to a path that leads south for a quarter of a mile, crossing the Dessary and the Pean by bridges. On the south side of the Pean, the path to Kinlocharkaig turns east, skirts some very boggy flat land, and comes to two derelict cottages. One of these is the burnt-out shell of a relatively modern construction. The other, which has very low dry-stone walls with no roof, is obviously much older. This may well have been Glenpean's bothy.

Strathan to Meoble

Landranger Map: 40

OS Maps Central Grid References:

NM 930 900, NM 840 900

The first stage of this leg is westward along the whole length of Glen Pean. The first three miles may be covered on either bank of the river Pean. Thereafter, further progress is possible only by using the path on the south bank. Provided the river is not in spate, walkers, who begin on the north bank, may cross the river by stepping stones just over three miles up the glen.

Both routes leave the stile at Strathan. The northern route follows the obvious cart track. The southern route crosses the Pean using either of the two bridges at the east end of the glen, and follows an easy footpath for about nine miles all the way to Oban, at the east end of Loch Morar. The route then keeps to the southern shore of Loch Morar for about a mile, before turning south up Gleann Taodhail, and down Slaite Coire to the small settlement at Meoble.

Distance: 12 miles (19 km)

Height of ascent: 1420 feet (430 m)

Naismith time: 4 hours 31 mins

Meoble to Loch nan Uamh

Landranger Map: 40

OS Maps Central Grid Reference:

NM 770 860

The final stage of this leg begins by crossing the river Meoble using the bridge to the north of the settlement. It then follows the Abhainn Chlachach

across boggy terrain. After about a mile, the route takes a left turn, follows a tributary stream up into Glac Mhòr, and continues along the steep-sided valley below Beinn nan Cabar. It emerges on the slopes overlooking Loch Mama. The next section contours westwards at a high level above the loch to reach Bealach a Mhama. The final section is

a simple descent of Glen Beasdale to Loch nan Uamh and Borrodale.

Distance: 6 miles (9 km)

Height of ascent: 1190 feet (360 m)

Naismith time: 2 hours 24 mins

Gaelic Place Name Details

<i>Name</i>	<i>Pronunciation</i>	<i>Translation</i>
Abhainn Chlachach	aveen kh lakhakh	stony river
Bealach a' Mhama	byalakh a vahma	pass of the round hill
Beinn nan Cabar	behn nan kabar	mountain of the antlers
Glac Mhòr	glak vohr	large ravine
Loch Mama	lokh mama	lake of the round hill
Loch nan Uamh	lokh nan oo-av	lake of the caves
Slaite Coire	slachtche kora	corrie of plunder