



# 24 HIGHLAND BUACHAILLE ETIVE MOR

▶ Distance: 8¾ miles/14km ▶ Time: 8 hours ▶ Grade: Challenging



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Stob Dearg and Coire na Tulaich from above Altnafeadh.

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### CHOSEN BY...

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There is perhaps no other mountain in Britain as recognisable as the incomparable Buachaille Etive Mor, particularly when its perfect profile is viewed from Rannoch Moor. This epic and challenging route crosses four peaks above 3000ft, including two Munros. Good paths line the majority of the walk, which grants a series of spectacular views, but it is a huge day with nearly 3600-feet of ascent. Therefore it should only be tackled by fit, experienced walkers, with good navigational skills.

### 1 Start

Begin from busy layby at

Altnafeadh. Carefully cross A82, follow track, in full view of the Buachaille, over footbridge spanning River Coupall. Keep R onto path which passes Lagangarbh hut, owned by Scottish Mountaineering Club. After another 250m keep R when path splits.

### 2 ½ mile/0.75km

Continue southwest along good path, ascending steadily to Allt Coire na Tulaich. There is fine view of Buachaille Etive Beag and Beinn a' Chrulaiste. Incline steepens as path rises along west bank of Allt Coire na Tulaich into Coire na Tulaich. It's a tough pull, but views across Central Highlands provide good excuse for break. Terrain becomes more rocky

## PLAN YOUR WALK



## ROUTE

**Start/parking** Layby Altnafeadh, PH49 4HY, grid ref NN221563

**Is it for me?** Good paths combined with rocky, bouldery terrain. Several steep ascents/descents  
**Stiles** None

## PLANNING

### Nearest town

Fort William

### Refreshments

Clachaig Inn, Glencoe (Tel: 01855 811 252)

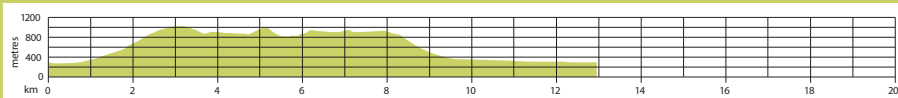
### Public toilets

None  
**Public transport** Regular buses (Scottish Citilink 914, 915 & 916) from Glasgow, Fort William and Uig to Altnafeadh

**Maps** OS Explorer 384; Landranger 41

but path generally clear. Eventually it gains bealach at top of corrie, around 850m contour. Superb views open out to Meall a' Bhuiridh and Creise.

## GRADIENT PROFILE



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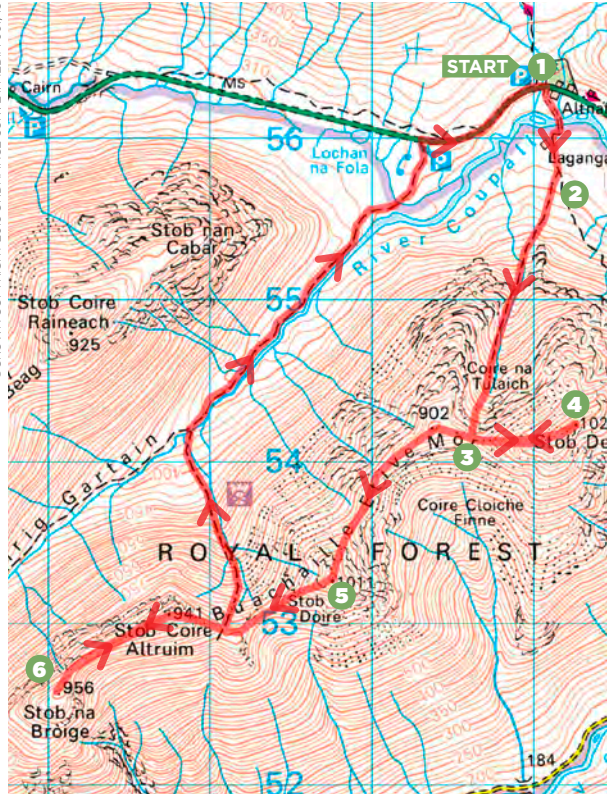
**Buachaille Etive Mor's extraordinary profile from Rannoch Moor.**

**3** **1¼ miles/2.75km**  
Turn L onto ridge, walk east then northeast on steady rise to reach 1021m summit of Stob Dearg, the highest point of route. On clear day stunning views extend across Rannoch Moor to Schiehallion, while Ben Nevis may be visible to northwest.

**4** **2¼ miles/3.5km**  
Retrace steps back to bealach but then keep straight on, following ridge west then southwest. Steady pull eventually gains top of Stob na Doire, its 1010m summit granting exemplary views, particularly the big Glen Etive mountains.

**5** **3¼ miles/6km**  
Terrain can be tricky and confusing here in poor visibility. Therefore follow path on sharp descent, dropping southwest to bealach above Coire Altruim, which is for return descent. For now keep on, climbing northwest onto Stob Coire Altruim's 'top', after which undulating ridge continues southwest onto Stob na Broige, Buachaille Etive Mor's second

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Munro. Full ridge stretches northeast and much of Central Highlands are on show.

**6** **5 miles/8km**  
Return to bealach above Coire Altruim. Descend initially good path north into corrie, along west side of Allt Coire Altruim. Underfoot becomes more awkward approaching Lairig Gartain, where stream is crossed. Turn R, follow excellent path northeast for

2.5km back to A82. Turn R, very carefully follow roadside verge for final 800m back to Altnafeadh. **CW**

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