

Classic West Coast Ridges

Sun 25th to Fri 30th March 2018

Andy French



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Glenmore Lodge, near
Aviemore, to **Inchree** close to
Fort William and Glencoe



But first a touristic trip on the Cairn Gorm funicular to the Ptarmigan cafe at about 1080m





Ptarmigan





Cairngorms national park and ski resort



Loch Leven from Inchree





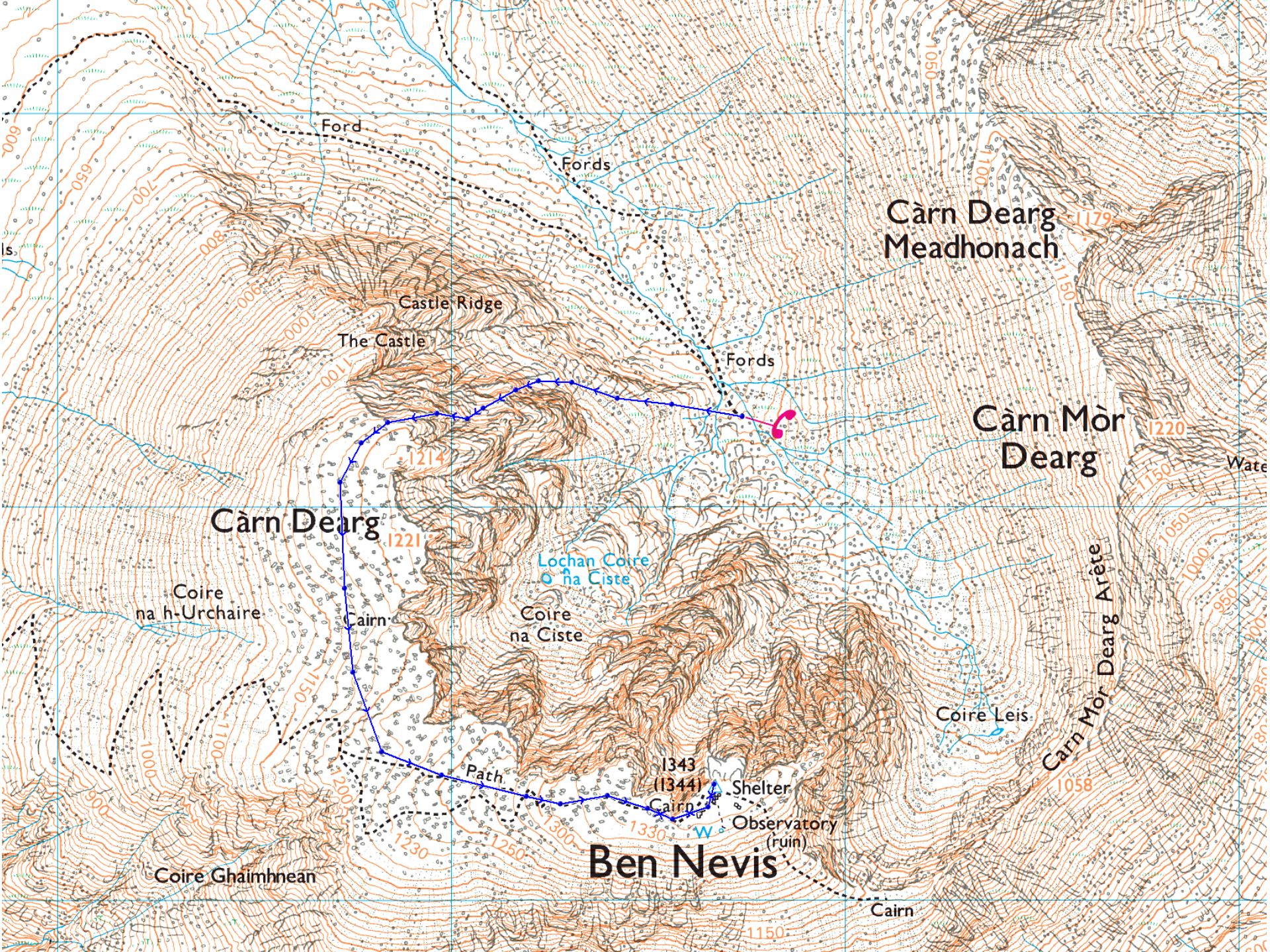
Day 1

Ledge Route on Ben Nevis (1344m)

Walk in from Tom na Buaile
car park to CIC hut.

Grade I scramble + snow
walk to summit.

Descent via Lochan Coire
na Ciste (Half Way Lochan).



Ford

Fords

Càrn Dearg
Meadhonach

Castle Ridge

The Castle

Fords

Càrn Mòr
Dearg

Càrn Dearg

Coire
na h-Urchaire

Lochan Coire
O na Ciste

Coire
na Ciste

Cairn

Coire Leis

Coire Ghaimhnean

Path

1343
(1344)
Cairn

Shelter

Observatory
(ruin)

Ben Nevis

Cairn

North face of Ben Nevis



Nathan & Keith on Ledge Route







Ben Nevis North Face

Summit panorama of Ben Nevis (1344m)



Fort William



Ben Nevis summit shelter





Lochan Coire na Ciste (Half Way Lochan)



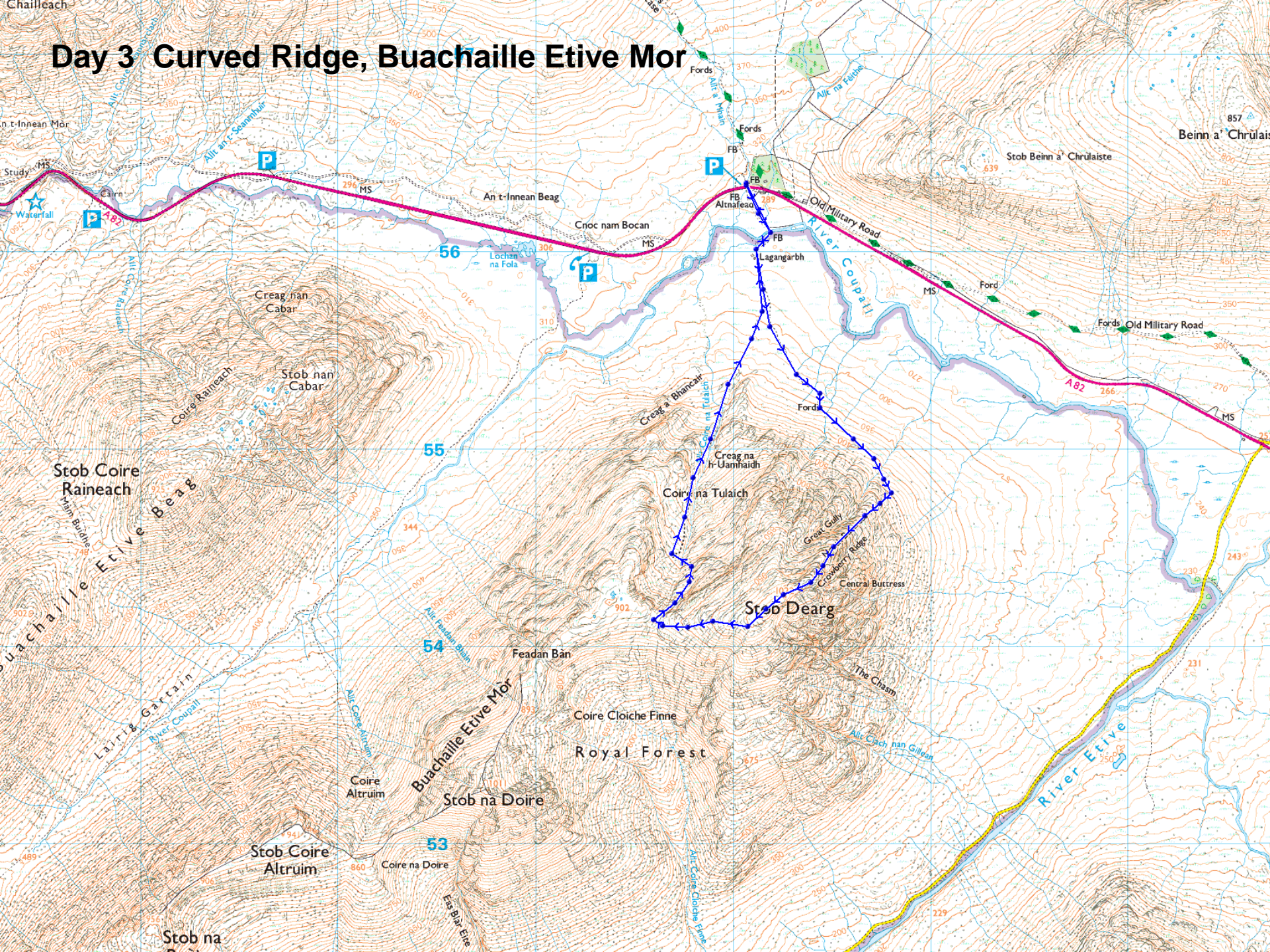
Day 2 Sron na Larig (“The Nose of the Pass”), Glencoe



Derek and Emma braving wintery conditions in Glencoe



Day 3 Curved Ridge, Buachaille Etive Mor





Buachaille Etive Mor (“The Herdsman of the Glen”) and Buachaille Etive Beag

Patrick and Vicky high above
Rannoch moor



Matt, Vicky and Patrick roped up on the first pitch of Curved Ridge



Rannoch Wall







Summit of Buachaille Etive Mor (1072m). Beinn a Chrulaiste (857m) to the right





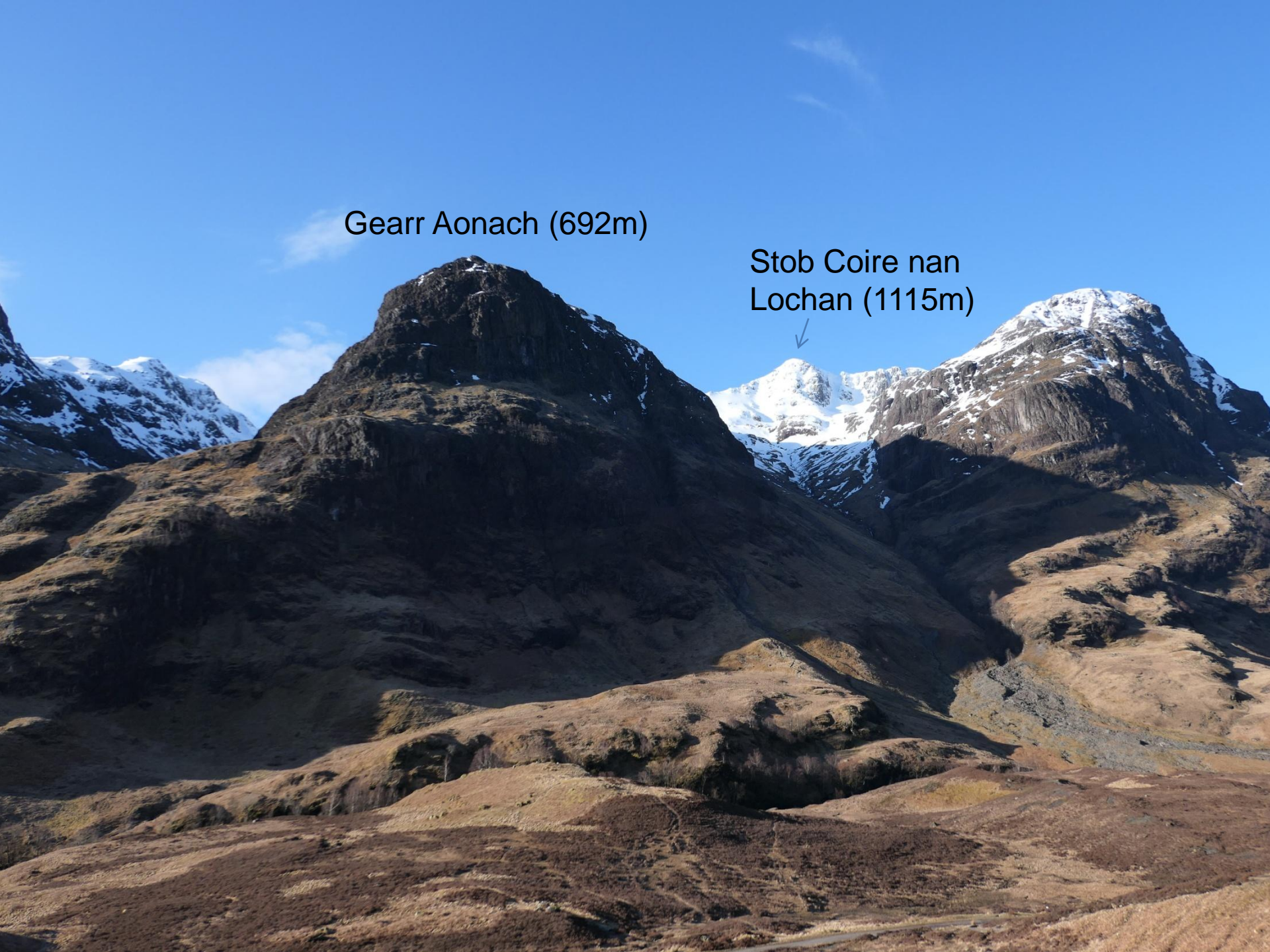
Possibly the remains of a snow shelter at the base of Coire na Tulaich

Day 4 Zig zags on Gearr Aonach & Stob Coire nan Lochan

The map shows a blue zig-zag route for a hike. The route starts at the top left, goes down to Loch Achtriochtan, then up to the Pass of Glencoe, and finally down to the bottom right. Key locations include Sgorr nam Fiannaidh, Am Bodach, Glen Coe, and Stob Coire nan Lochan. The map also shows various waterfalls, rivers, and contour lines.

Gearr Aonach (692m)

Stob Coire nan
Lochan (1115m)



Beinn a Chrulaiste (857m)



The Aonach Eagach ridge



Completing the zig-zags route to the summit of Gearr Aonach (692m)



Towards Stob Coire nan Lochan







Summit of Stob Coire nan
Lochan (1115m)



Bidean Nam Bian (1150m)



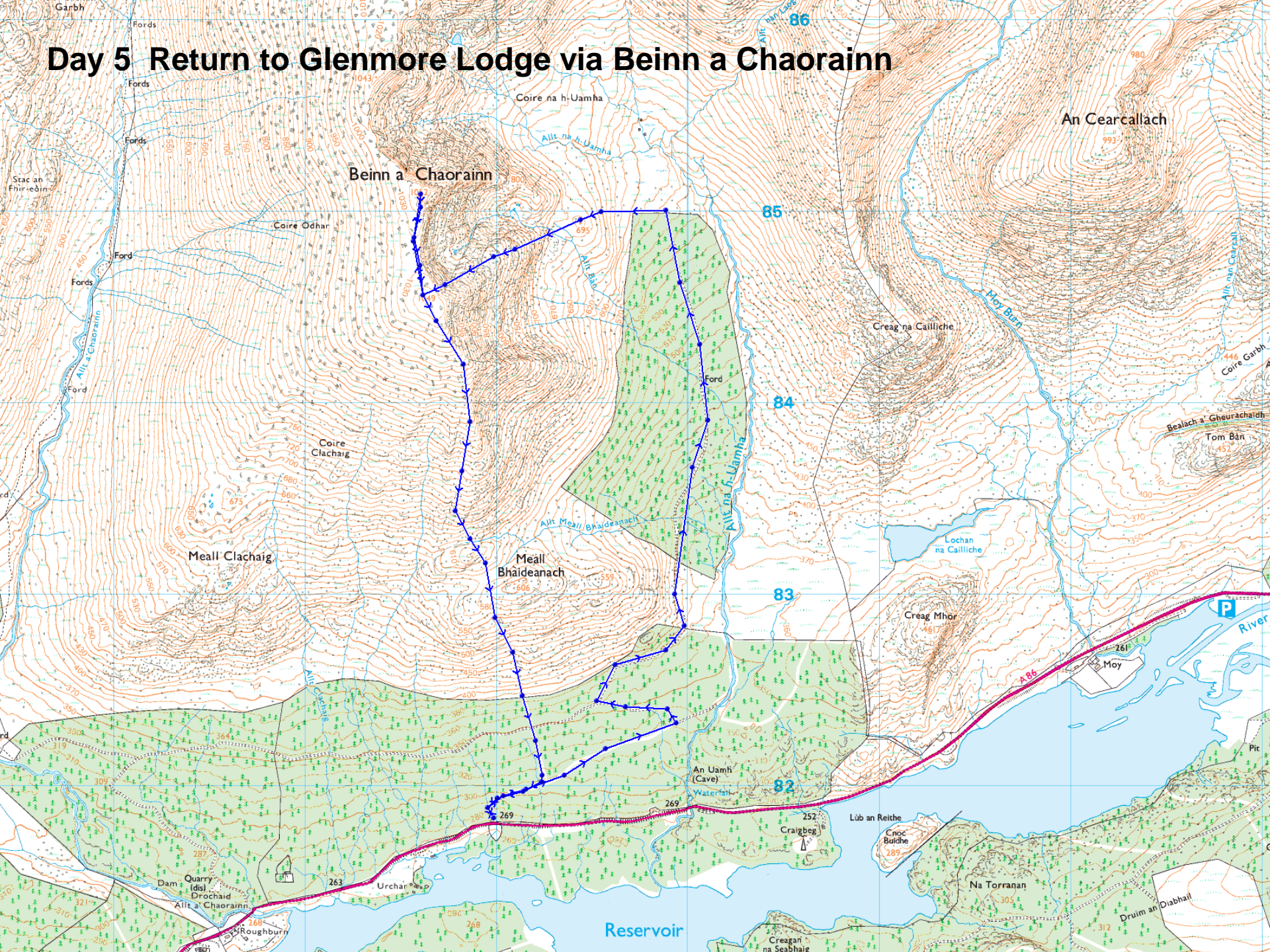


Many winter climbing possibilities on the cliffs of Stob Coire nan Lochan





Day 5 Return to Glenmore Lodge via Beinn a Chaorainn







Avoid those enormous cornices!

