

Early Winter Meet Report, Scotland. Jan 19th - 24th

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A brief meet report...Six LMC members were based in [Waters Cottage in Kinlochleven](#) for the early winter walking/mountaineering/climbing meet. The weather gods brought very benign and calm conditions for January, so mild that on arrival Glencoe and the surrounding hills were completely free of snow and ice with the freezing level above the summits. Nevertheless, an opportunity to enjoy the Scottish mountains in winter without the burden of carrying axes, crampons and associated paraphernalia, although head torches did prove useful on one occasion.



We had three good days of scrambling and walking on Munros and

Corbetts: Schoolhouse Ridge to Sgurr Dhearg, the long traverse of Mam a Ghulain, an ascent of Garbh Beinn overlooking Loch Leven and Buchaille Etive Beag in Glencoe.

Despite the good company, comfortable accommodation and excellent cuisine, the forecast arrival of storm Eowyn and a red weather warning for travel in Scotland on our planned return date persuaded us to leave a day earlier than anticipated.

Thanks to all who attended to make this a successful meet. We all felt that it would be worthwhile to make a return visit next year. Do join us.

Regards

Steve.