

## **OUT AND ABOUT by car.**

Glen Spean and the Great Glen, offer some of the most wild, remote and rugged scenery in the Highlands. Its boundaries take you on a geological and historical journey with fantastic scenery, mountains that climb to 3.000ft and more and fast flowing rivers and deep lochs.

The Great Glen which developed millions of years ago, due to a geological fault, when the northern part of the Caledonian mountains 'slid' more than sixty miles to the south leaving behind a wide glen. This contains three freshwater lochs and breath taking views.

### **WHAT TO SEE:**

Take the car:

A short drive from Inverour will take you to new dimensions that should not be missed.

### **Glen Roy and the parallel roads: (3mile)**



Take the A86 to Roy Bridge turning left to Glen Roy, along this single track road you can begin to wonder about our glacial past, as you travel along the road you can encounter at close hand the long horned cattle that graze freely in this glen.

Water falls and fantastic views, and of course the parallel roads that were cut into the mountain sides 10.000 years ago, it's hard to imagine that you are only 10 minutes away from Spean Bridge, you feel as if you are in a different environment.

Now take the road on down to the end of the Glen and wonder as the glacial walls climb away from you, it's hard to believe that this was a vast lake of ice, all those years ago, and you are now at the bottom of it.

### **Glen Gloy (3miles)**

Glen Gloy is situated on the A82 north of Spean Bridge after turning right cross over a low bridge continue up the Glen (PLEASE CLOSE THE GATE)

The road continues for 2  $\frac{3}{4}$  miles it is narrow and twisty and is an old drover's route and you immediately sense the remoteness of the area. For the adventurous you can walk from Glen Roy to Glen Gloy as they do join, but take your map, its not a Sunday afternoon stroll.

## **Loch Arkaig / Glen Desserry**



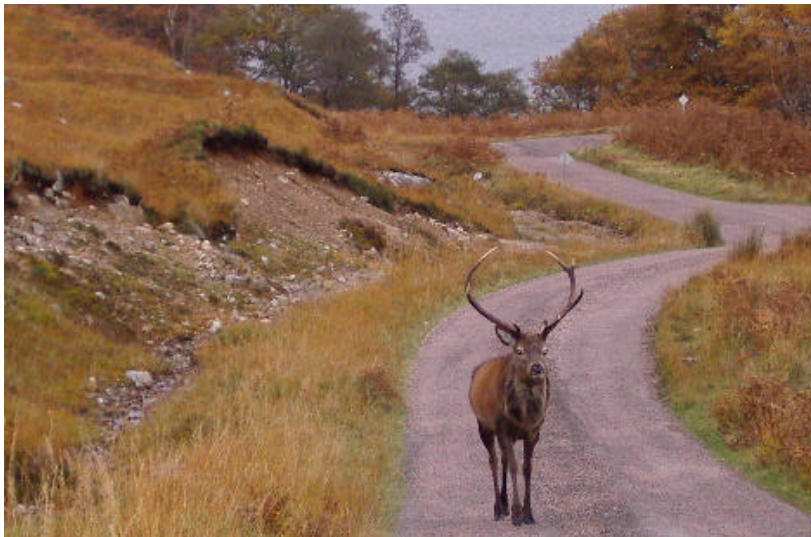
Travel the road known as the Dark Mile (see our Commando Section) to Loch Arkaig, and for lovers of the wilderness and the wild life, you can only wonder and admire the scenery, this for us is our paradise!

As you travel this beautiful single track road, take your time, there's no need to be in a hurry up here. Don't miss a single thing; look out for the buzzard, as he soars above the trees and Loch dropping occasionally to have a look at who's around.

The deer are also there watching you!

But can you see them! They can be very brazen but also very aloof; they stand or lie in the bracken watching wondering what all the fuss is about.

At the far end of Loch Arkaig is the beautiful Glen Desserry:



**Glen Desserry (this is where your transport stops. Proceed by foot only)**

Wild and remote wilderness with its spectacular scenery, the John Muir Trust who own the estate ask that you proceed by foot only to help preserve the nature of the land, along with the deer, and a multitude of bird life. There are also plans to reintroduce the wild boar back to this area.

Oh and of course it is also a Munro baggers paradise. (See our Mountaineering Section)

**Kinloch Hourn**

From Spean Bridge you follow the road to the Inverness A82, at Invergarry you follow the A87 along the Loch for some 3 miles, and it is at this point that you turn left to Kinlochhourn. This is a long 22 miles, but the country side views and the hope of seeing wild life in it's natural surroundings, will spur you along, deer, eagle and mountain hare you may just spot, as the road travels along Loch Quoich before it drops the last few miles to the head of the ethereal Loch Hourn.

Here you can park beside the waters edge and take a refreshing walk along the shore line, fresh mussels can easily be seen, and the costal walk is approximately 8 kilometres long.

Hill walkers use this area as a starting point to cross Knoydart, one of the Highlands most remote areas, on their way to Inverie on Loch Nevis. It has been suggested that Loch Hourn and Loch Nevis are corruptions of the Gaelic words for Heaven and Hell, placing Knoydart in some sort of limbo.

This area and walk is not for the faint hearted and should only be attempted by experienced walkers.