

FURTHER WALKING

The collection of walks written about in these pages is just an introduction, concentrating on walks beginning and ending at the hostel. The hostel however also would make a good base for people with cars, from which to explore further afield around the island.

The more determined hillwalker might walk out to Clisham (the highest hill in the Outer Hebrides, at 2,622 feet) climb to the top and then return to the hostel. Another long day's walk would be a visit to Scalpaigh, recently joined on to Hearadh with a bridge (part of Scalpaigh is visible from Refrigedal), by following the Tarbavart Path to its highest point, between Trollamul and Beinn Tharsuinn, before striking out southeast along the ridge of Beinn a' Chaois to Uiseaval and then making your way down to Coobis Scalpaigh. The return route could be along the road until it reaches the beginning of the Tarbavart Path and then heading off up there and eventually back to the hostel. Glen Trollomairic doesn't get much mention in this book and yet it is a very lovely place, the Abhainn Geann on Loch a, which flows down the glen and under the bridge by the shore, is abundant in waterfalls and clear pools. Perhaps in the past there was a path climbing up Glen Trollomairic, crossing the pass and following the Lacasdal Burn down the other side to the shielings by the loch, thus linking Loch Trollomairic to Lacasdal.

On the other hand, it's nice simply to climb up the slope at the back of the hostel and sit on a rocky outcrop up above the Dale of the Rowan Tree Bay, and just be there...

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