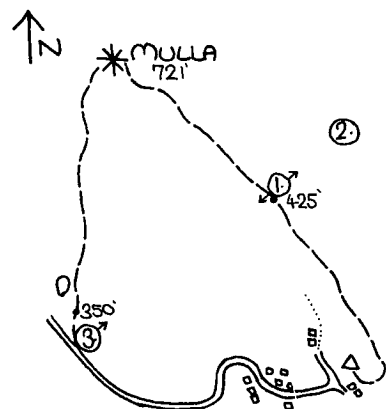


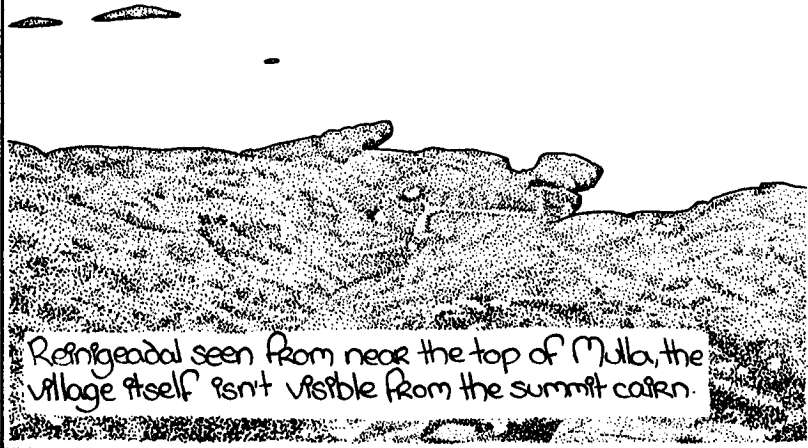
MULLA

2 MILES



Like Ard Cool, Mulla is a fine and easily reachable vantage point from which to gain a different perspective on Reingeadal and the surrounding coastline and, on clear days, Skye and the mainland. The highest point on Mulla is only distinguishable from a few similar lumps and bumps, by the addition of the largest of the cairns in the vicinity, still, is it really that important? It's good just to be out there in the air and the walk up to and down from the top of Mulla is a very pleasant one.

- ① A drystone wall crosses the ridge at this point.
- ② Georraich Mhurchaidh.
- ③ The same wall as ①.



Reingeadal seen from near the top of Mulla, the village itself isn't visible from the summit cairn.

- Leaving the hostel, turn left and walk along the old green path, that leads shortly to a gate onto open land. Through the gate, turn left and follow the fence up the slope onto the hillside above the hostel.
- From here, head roughly northwest, keeping on the top of the wide ridge, and veering to the east side for a view down to Georraich Mhurchaidh. There are cliffs here, so be wary, but there is also a fence running along their top. A drystone wall climbs up from the shores of Loch Shior-hiort and where it crosses the ridge it roughly marks the halfway point between the hostel and the top of Mulla.
- The land used to provide the colours for the Harris Tweed, everywhere you walk are locked the hues within the plant-life and many recipes evolved to draw them into the cloth, green came from heather, coral (lichen) was scraped away from the rocks with spoons (which soon wore away on contact with the gritty rock) to make a rich rusty brown, whilst a bright yellow lichen gave pink. Nowadays nearly all tweed is dyed with chemicals, but the link with the land is still there for anyone who would explore it, so as you walk the hills, know that there are colours in the land that you are not seeing, that are revealed in the tweeds and woollen garments made still by a few in the islands.
- The remainder of the climb is straight forward, though it might be difficult to decide which is the highest point.
- The return route is simple, just take a generally southerly course down the hill and within 2 to 3 mile you should come to the road, having just passed by a small pool. If, however you come to a drystone wall before finding the road, turn right and follow it to the road, then let the road lead you back to the hostel.