

CMD arête route to Ben Nevis – April 2007



On climb up to CMD – north face of the Ben



North face



Looking up the long shoulder to CMD with the arête beyond  
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Looking back down the CMD shoulder to Torlundy



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Continuing to 4,000ft

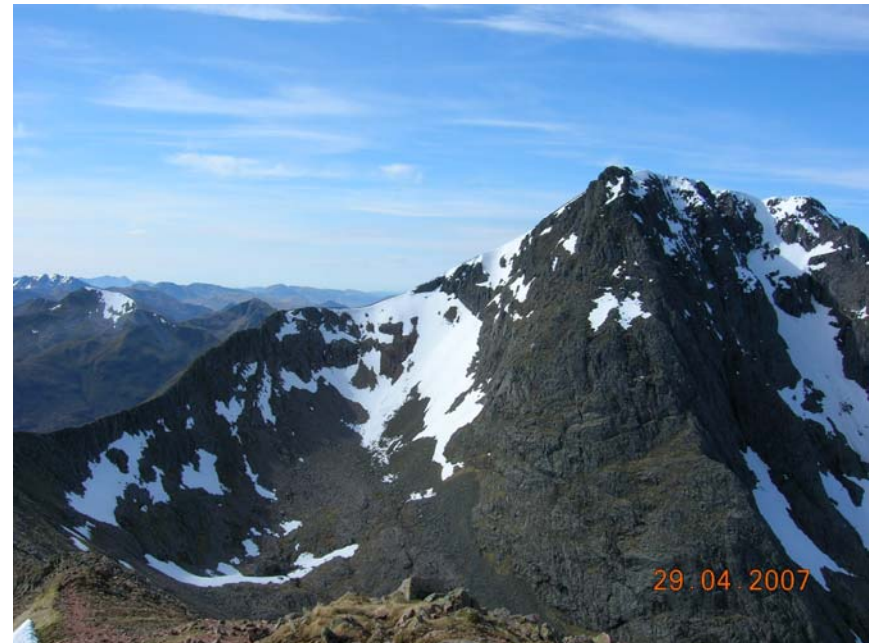


On from CMD onto the arête



Final section of the climb comes into view

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On the arête



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Chunky rocks on the arête – good grip in the dry



Second stage on the arête



Arete goes up and down quite a bit

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The section before the snow needs care



The going is hard work at this stage



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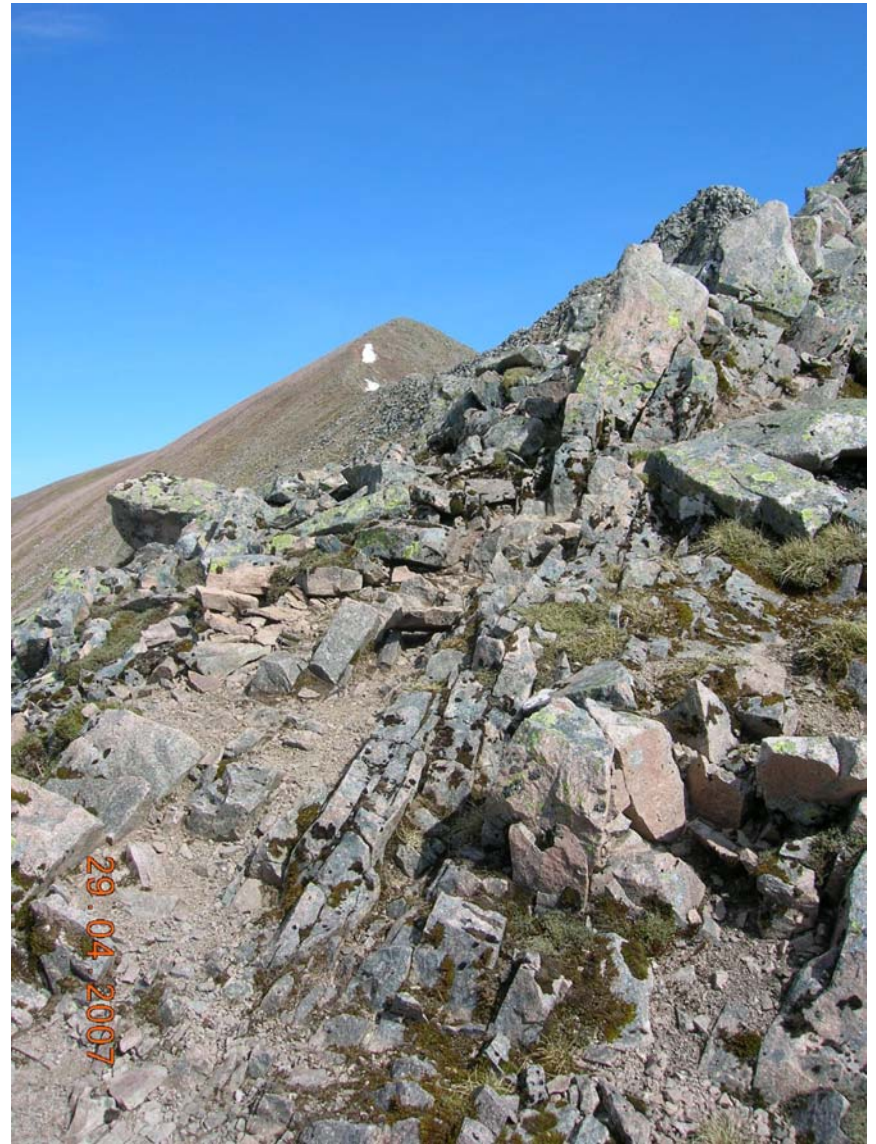


From the middle of the arête looking into the corrie under the north face



Final section to the top

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Looking back



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Off the arête with the final section – large broken rock



Looking back from the final section up to the top

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Warm enough for a stop for scoff before hitting the snowfield on the plateau just above. Weather conditions were just about perfect with hardly any wind other than a breeze on the arête where the air flows over into the corrie below. The cold air produced excellent views with little haze.

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Off the broken rock onto the snowfield with the emergency hut in view



Trig point on the top



Looking north west over the north face



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Route off the Ben needs great care in poor visibility – a gully to the right with a long drop and another dangerous area if you go straight on.



Looking up to the plateau from the end of tourist route – see the gully (the tourists above are heading straight for it but fortunately they will see it)



Looking down to Loch Linnhe and over to Ardgour