

2011 - SCOTLAND

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The Glencoe area is outstanding for its geology and its dramatic scenery - if you can see it through the rain that is.



Glencoe A Dark History

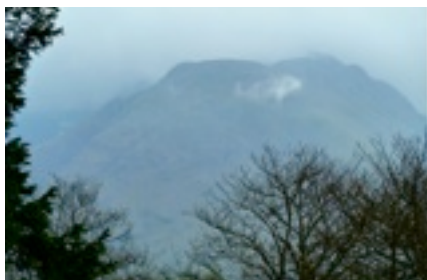
OBAN

We were lucky enough to board a mid afternoon ferry without a booking and reluctantly said goodbye to the lovely isle of Islay. Our next stop was to be Glencoe. The forecast was for a few rainy days. The brochure summed it up -- "Scotland's most famous glen is the grandest, and in bad weather, the grimest". Fortunately we took a wrong turn and ended up driving the long, but more beautiful road, to Glencoe. We tried to push along but realised that we would run out of light so we stopped at Oban, some 50 miles short. Finding a caravan park was frustrating but eventually we found the one we wanted - it even had a stream running through the middle. The next morning we found a Tesco store (like a Woolies or Coles) and then took off gently towards Glencoe in the rain. Eventually we found a caravan park in Invercoe, next to the little village of Glencoe.

Braving the weather we hopped on our bikes and rode around the village and out to rural parts. The cycle along the Coe river was very pleasant. Moss covered trees and rocks boarded a rock strewn river bed. We returned and decided to spend time enjoying the comfort of the van. Heaven. Tomorrow we intend to tour around the steeply sided area by van and visit the extensive visitor centre. After that who knows.



The camera does not do Glencoe's dramatic scenery justice.

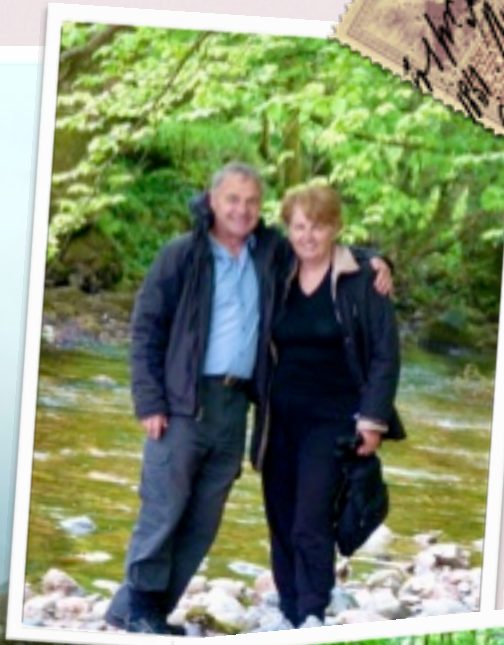


Rain rain rain rain



View from our van

Glencoe's history is well known - in 1692 the resident McDonald clan were virtually wiped out when 120 Campbell soldiers in the king's army spent 12 days living with the clan in Glencoe and then set about killing (37 in all) men, women and children early one morning. Some clan members did escape but 40 died later in the icy conditions.



We found Heather's most favorite books - pride of place in the local National Trust of



Interesting book!!



Lovely rural setting near Glencoe



A warm happy chappy



One of the sites of the Glencoe massacre. Most people would miss this site. It is tucked away on a walking track which we happened upon on our bikes.