

Euromountains Theme 3 Study Tour

4th – 6th July

Programme

Tues 4/7	
During day	Arrival in Inverness.
2015	Depart on bus from Inverness railway station
2045	Supper: Fiddlers Arm, Drumnadrochit
2300	Arrive Kintail Field Centre and B & B accommodation at Glomach House
2230	<i>Pick up at Inverness Railway Station for Lisa Garbellini and participants from Sogn Og Fjordane. Car depart Inverness for Kintail Field Centre</i>
0000	<i>Arrival at Kintail Field Centre for Lisa, Ann-Hege, Asgeir, Liv</i>

Wed 5/7	Land Management on Balmacara and Kintail Estates (owned by the National Trust for Scotland)
0800	Breakfast
0845	Collect participants from Glomach House and bring to Kintail Centre
0900	Introduction to crofting land management and details of NTS land management scheme on Balmacara Estate and introduction to Field Trip 1 <i>Becky</i>
1000	Coffee (<i>bus driver arrives</i>)
1015 – 1045	Travel to Drumbuie & Durinish
1045 – 1320	Field Trip 1 – visit to villages of Drumbuie & Durinish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meet with crofters and see township activity. Outline of local land management and use of support mechanisms. See on the ground what the NTS scheme supports • discussion with public sector agencies about support for environmental / land management interests
1330 – 1430	Lunch at ‘Plockton Stores and Buttery’ in the village of Plockton
1430 – 1630	Field Trip 2 – visit to village of Plockton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meet with Plockton crofters and discuss land management issues in village and use of NTS scheme. • Discuss pressures from tourism, housing demand and incoming residents. Solutions to resolve tensions – township fence, land for housing etc.
1630 – 1800	Freetime in/around Plockton. - potential for a boat trip if boat engine is repaired in time.
1800-1830	Travel back to Kintail Centre (<i>bus driver leaves</i>)
1840 - 1900	Discussion of seminar in Rhône-Alpes
1900 – 2000	Discussion with manager of Balmacara Estate of land management issues – crofting, deer, access – on the Estate
2015	Dinner (<i>after dinner cars return Glomach House residents to their accommodation</i>)

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Thu 6/7	Land Management on Sconser Estate (owned by the John Muir Trust)
0745	Breakfast (<i>bus driver arrives 0815</i>)
0830 – 0915	Travel to Sconser (<i>picking up Glomach House residents on the way past</i>)
0915 – 1115	Field Trip 3 – visit to Sconser <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to township to see crofting land management • Discussion of the national Land Management Contract system and whether or not it is helpful • Discussion with representative of John Muir Trust about their intentions for the management of the estate.
1115	Sogn og Fjordane participants return to Inverness
1115 – 1125	Travel to Sligachan Hotel
1125 – 1155	Round-up discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perceptions, points of interest, positive and negative reactions
1155 – 1245	Lunch at Sligachan hotel
1245 – 1500	Travel back to Inverness

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