

Go Climb A Rock

Lochaber Life- Freja MacDougall



For over seventy years Glen Nevis has proved itself as an excellent venue for all grades and all disciplines from the easiest beginner's routes to some of the hardest in the country. Polldubh has it all.

Over the years there has been a continuous effort to keep the crags clear of encroaching vegetation but every now and then there needs to be a major removal of trees, mainly birch, which seems to be the most successful method. Nevis Landscape Partnership will be removing many of the birch from the approaches and the surrounding areas to the main crags from Sheep Fank all the way to Road Buttress. This will open them up to the breeze and the sun so they dry quicker and become less vegetated. Visibility from, and between, the crags will also be greatly improved.

Through our Future Forests project we are planting native tree species, mainly Scots Pine, away from the climbing areas. The enclosures are in place and many trees are in the ground away from crags with a view to continue planting in inaccessible places.

We hope to improve, but not change, the character of the paths in the area and promote the regeneration of The Caledonian Forest however there must be a long-term plan. There is now a necessity for a group to be set-up specifically to look after this nationally important climbing area. The consent of the landowner will be required to keep the crags clear and there may even be a case to be made for controlled grazing. Our work is, hopefully, just the start of a long-term commitment by users of the area, not just recreational climbers but large organisations such as Outward Bound, Abernethy Trust, Glenmore Lodge and various mountain guides and university mountaineering/climbing clubs who massively benefit from this priceless resource.

The simple aim of our work in Polldubh is to improve the experience of climbing in Polldubh, from greater access to wider appreciation.



Join the discussion and come along to The Climber's Summit this winter. This brand-new event, presented by Nevis Landscape Partnership & 3 Wise Monkeys Climbing, embraces the local climbing community and looks to deliver a diverse programme to nurture innovation and ensure the event is informative, interesting and exciting. The keynote underpinning the summit and establishing the framework for the evening will be the world-class climbing available here in Lochaber and specifically at the Polldubh Crags in Glen Nevis. The evening will offer focused talks from professional climbers Robbie Phillips & Dave MacLeod, short films and a panel-led discussion over a pint or two. Come along and join in with a celebration of the fantastic playground on our doorstep, all proceeds will go towards looking after the local landscape.

The Climber's Summit
22 Feb 2018, 7PM-10PM
Nevis Centre Studio Session
LIMITED TICKETS!

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