

Holiday in Pitlochry, Scotland 2008

We had wanted to go to Scotland for a long time but the long journey had put us off in the past. We stayed at a Hotel near Penrith for a night each way which helped. There is so much to see and do in Scotland. We were quite lucky with the weather – it only rained a bit for a couple of days at the start of the holiday. I would recommend the cottage that we stayed in – there were so many beautiful walks along the shores of the Loch and the forested areas. We found many different species of mushrooms on a little wooded ‘dell’ near the tennis courts. We were trying to identify them and think we found some Chanterelle mushrooms, but decided it best not to try them!



The view from our cottage towards Pitlochry



View back towards Loch Tummel from our climb up Shiehallion



View up towards Shiehallion

We chose a fantastic day to climb up Shiehallion.(1083m – 3553 ft) We all managed to climb almost to the top – but unfortunately the wind was really strong and we decided that it was a bit dangerous to make the final climb to the summit.



View from Queen's Head towards Tummel Bridge

Another from Queen's Head





Not quite sure what we were doing but it involved dragging large branches to the shore of Lake Tay, and was good fun to do!



Mission completed!



The spectacular scene from Killin

We drove to the second most remote station in Britain at the head of the Loch and took the train to Fort William. Unfortunately this day was quite wet, and so we decided to go on a boat trip to see if we could see any seals or porpoises. Needless to say, we didn't manage to see any, although we did see a Salmon Farm along the way!

We had a fantastic time and look forward to being able to go back again soon!