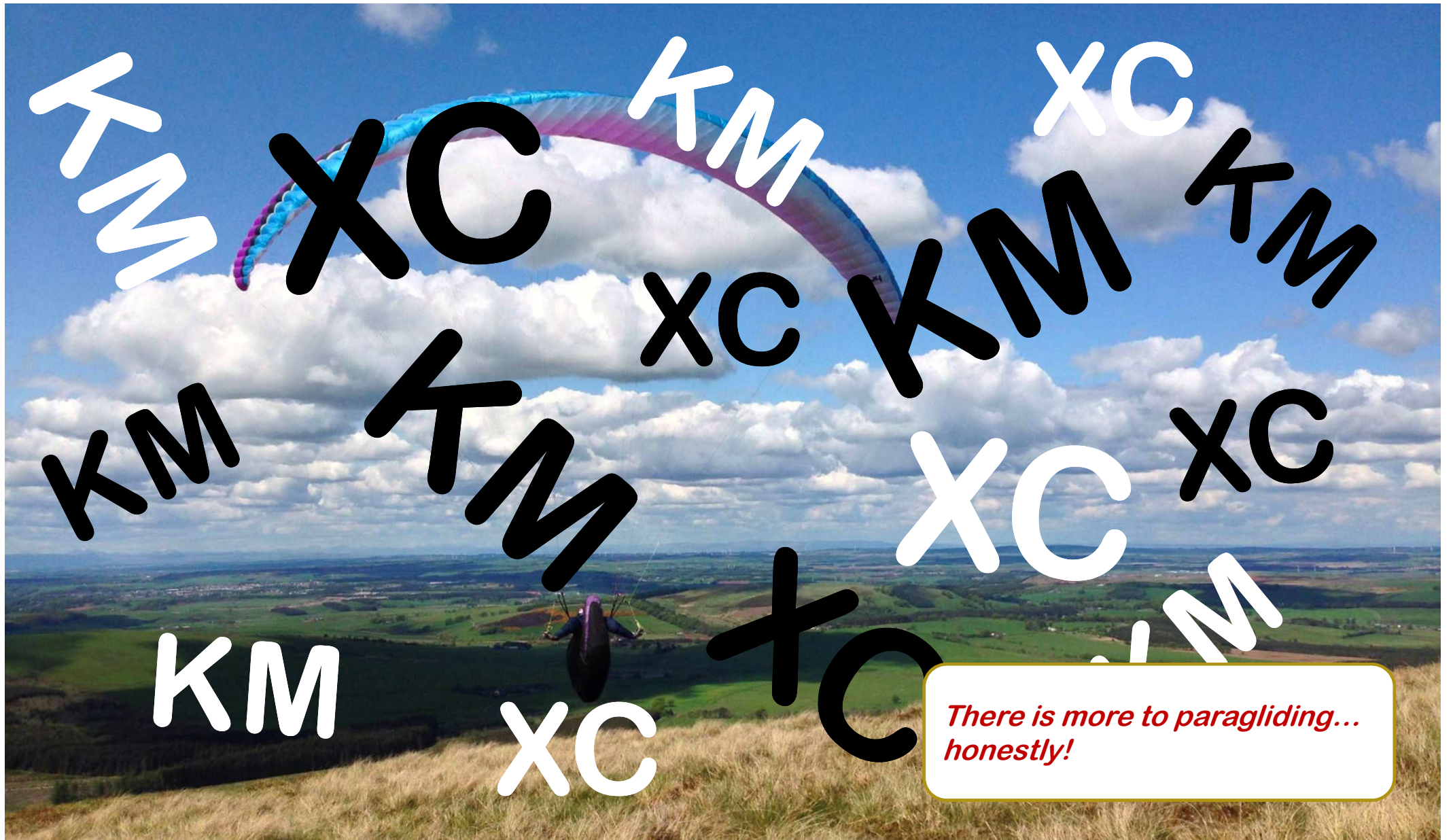


# Hike & Fly – Highland Adventures





*There is more to paragliding...  
honestly!*

# Early inspiration

*Borders winter hike & fly...*

- *Mosspaul tour*
- *Loch Skeen & Grey Mare's Tail.*

**Dave Thomson**





# Hike & Fly ideas

## The Highland Inspiration...

- Amazingly beautiful
- Big mountains
- Few people / Solitude
- Places little flown
- Freedom
- Challenging

*We just love the Highlands!*

*Seb*

## The Ethos...

- Make trips beautiful
- Big adventures
- Do the lesser done

*As epic as possible!*

*Adrian*

Adrian

# Logistics – not putting it off!



*“Its quite far, should go one day”*

- Long drives
- Big walk ins
- Committing
- Winter hill skills

- **Be spontaneous**
- **Commit – go!**

Seb –

*“Will do morning weather check & decide.”*

Adrian –

*“No you won’t, see you in Perth in the morning!”*

# Logistics - planning

*“Might be blown out, are there take offs?”*

- Fickle weather
- Cloudy or blown-out take off
- Take off options

**Plan and assess a lot!**

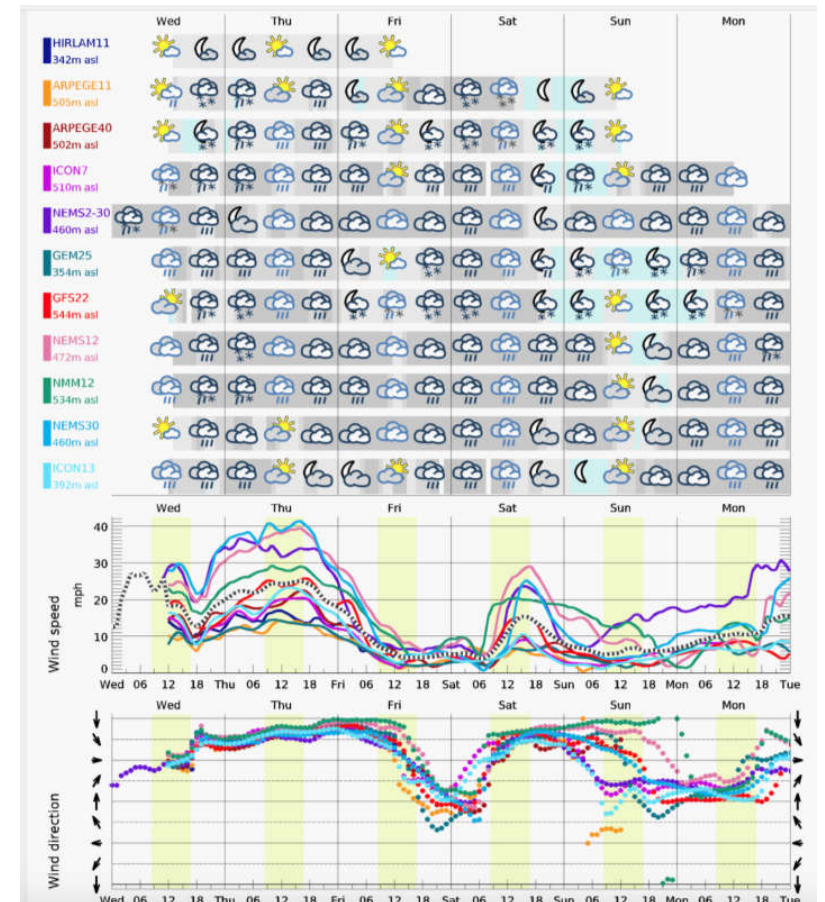


*Seb*

# Conditions

*The best hike & fly conditions are rare!*

- *XC on 2 star day or hike & fly?*
- Little wind for duration
- Working with wind options
- Cloud free or inversions?
- **Design trip for range of forecasted conditions**
- **Give yourself options – as many as possible**



Adrian

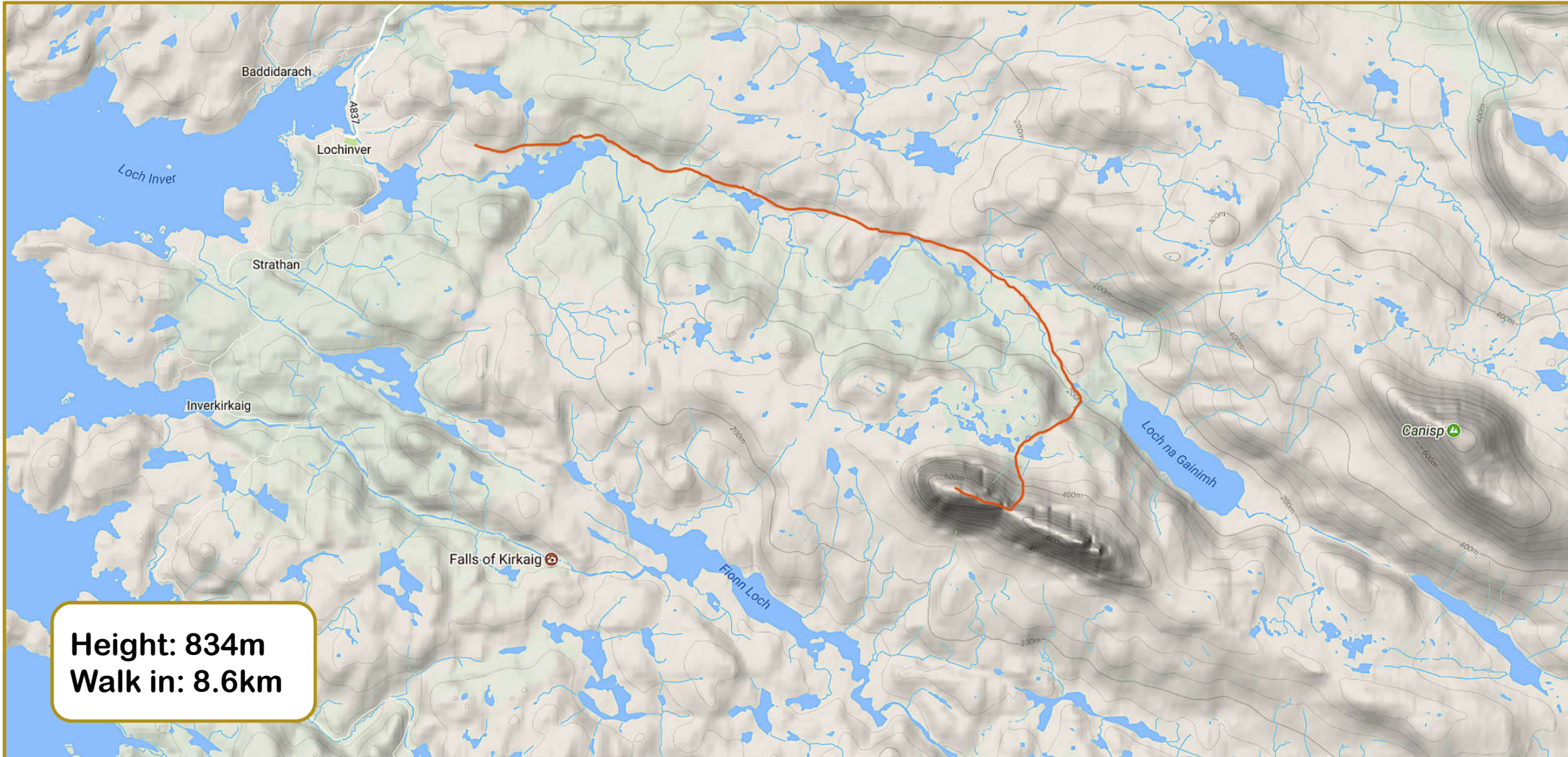


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# The start, getting it wrong on Suilven



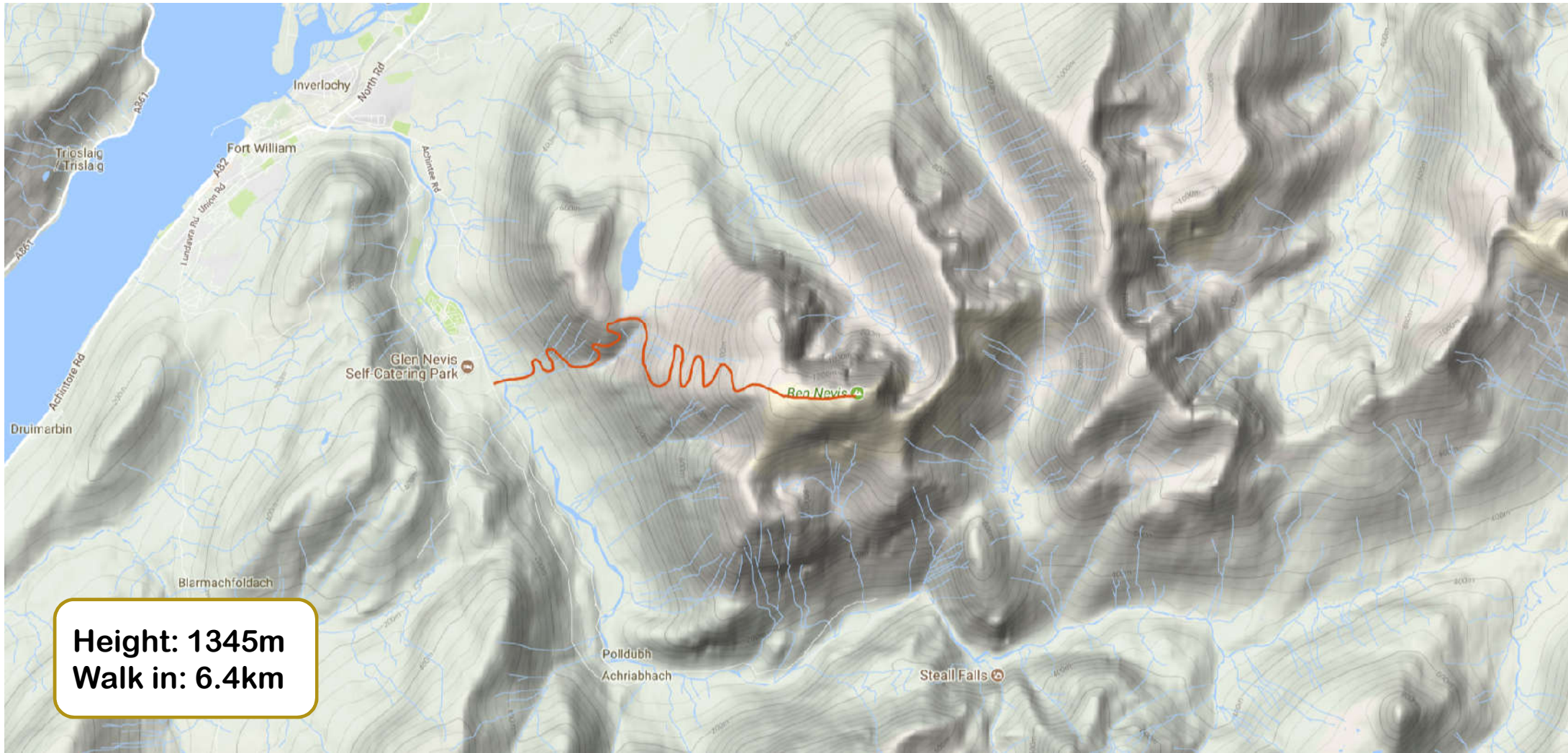






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# Ben Nevis – commitment with tandem







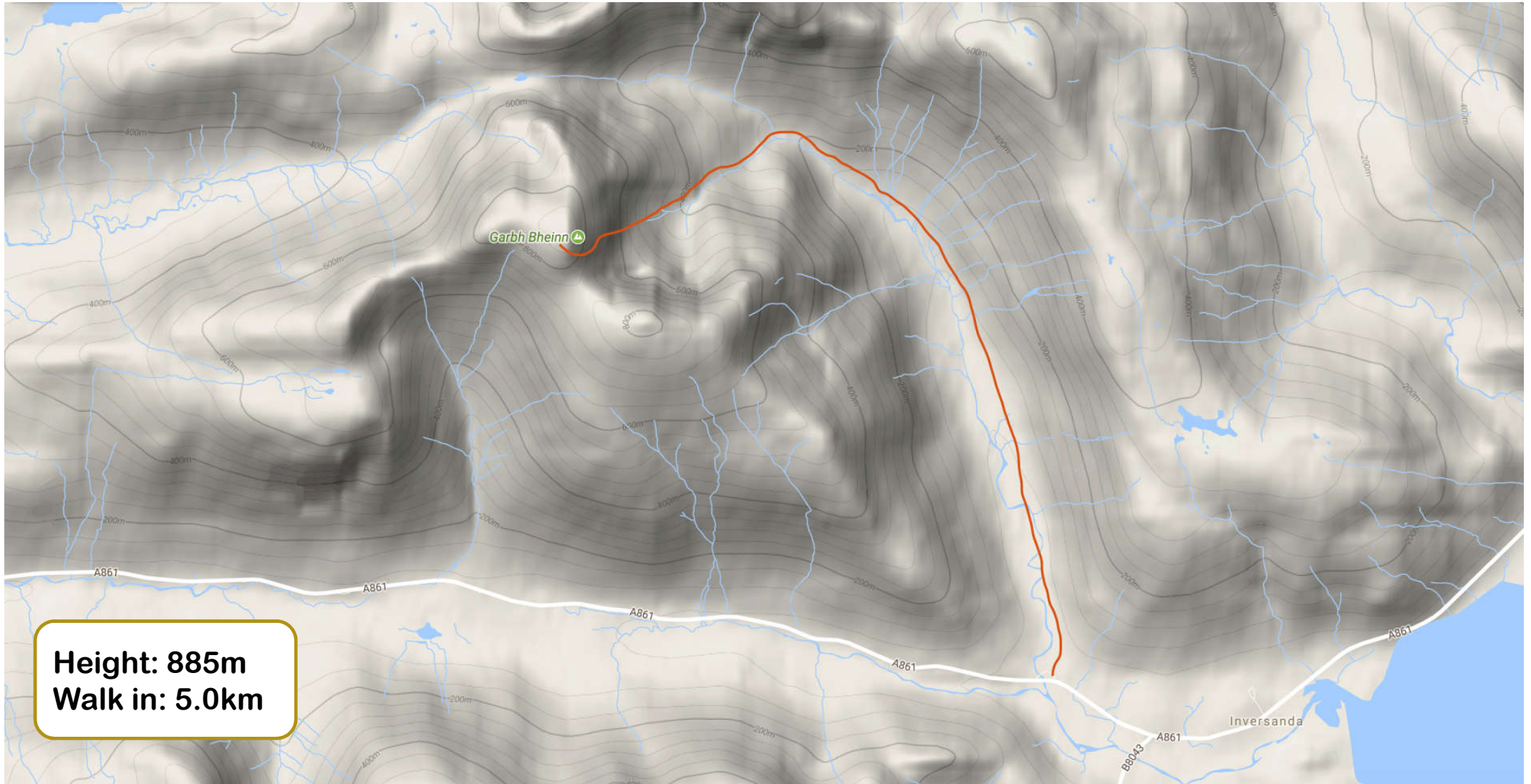






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# Garbh Bheinn – climb & fly







# Rannoch Moor

Saturday night chat...

“I want to climb a new hill”

“I don’t want to drive up the A82!”

.....

“What about Rannoch Moor?”

“Hmmmmm”

“We could climb Carn Dearg”

“And link it with....”

“Hang about, we can get the train back from Corroul!”

“Yes! But it’s not that far...”

“ROY BRIDGE!”

“Too far!”

**And so the mission to Tulloch Station was born...**

# The plan...



*...and the execution.*

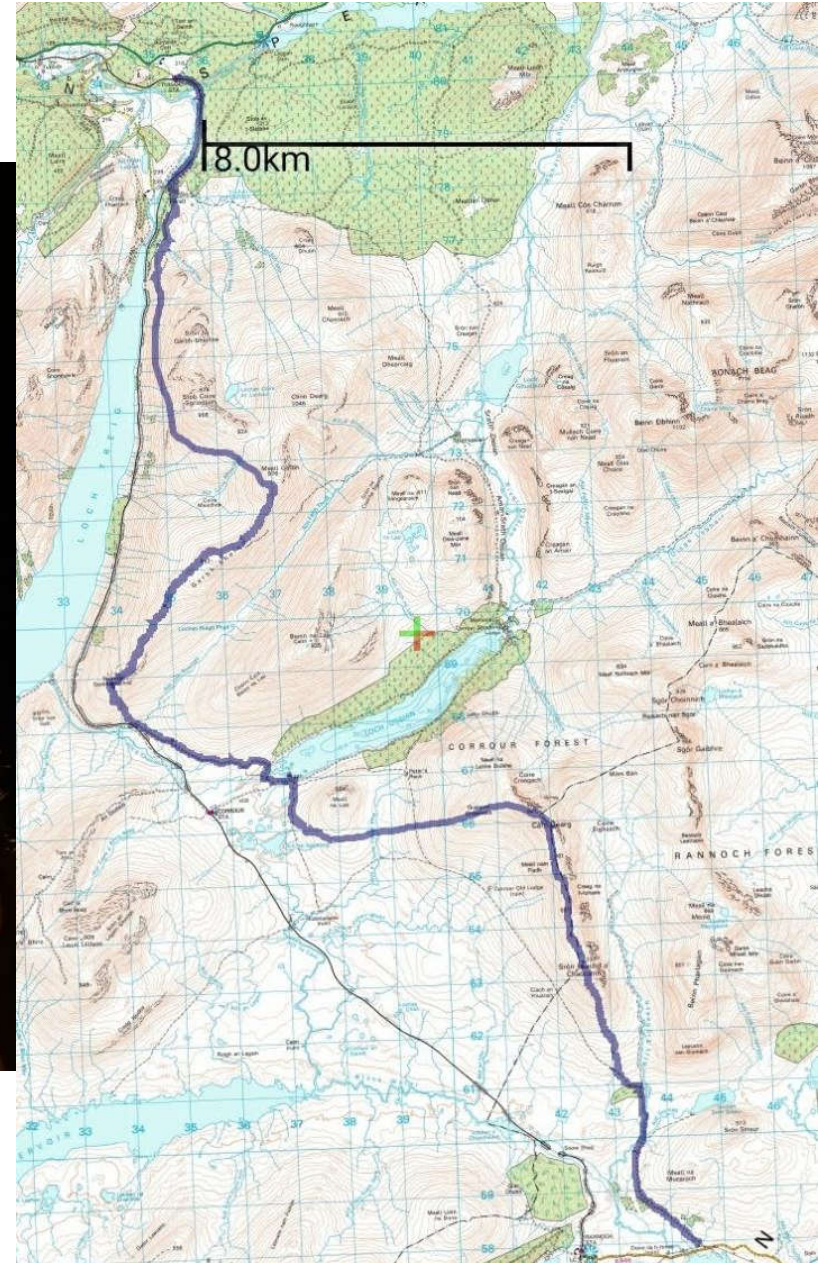






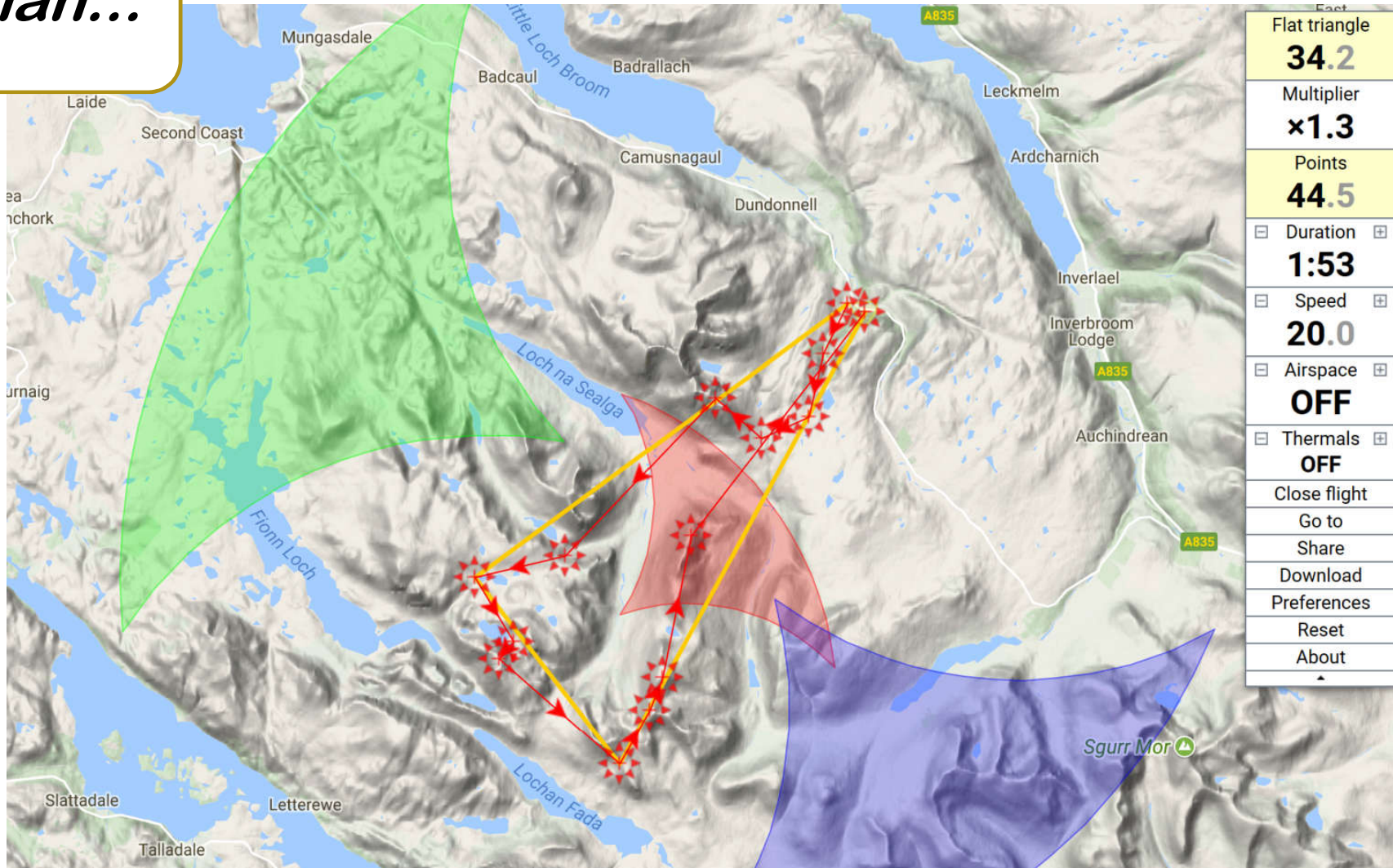






# Fisherfield

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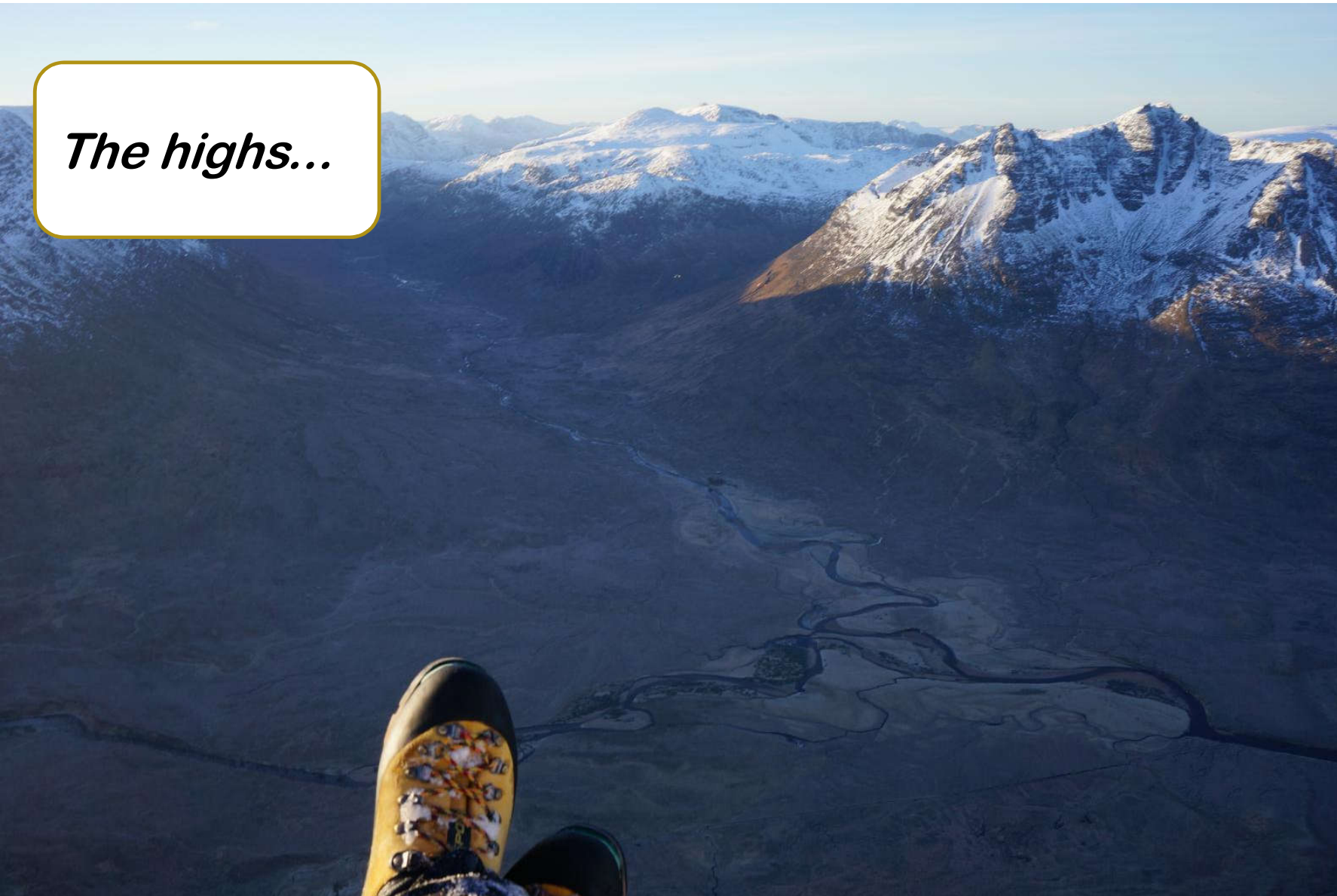


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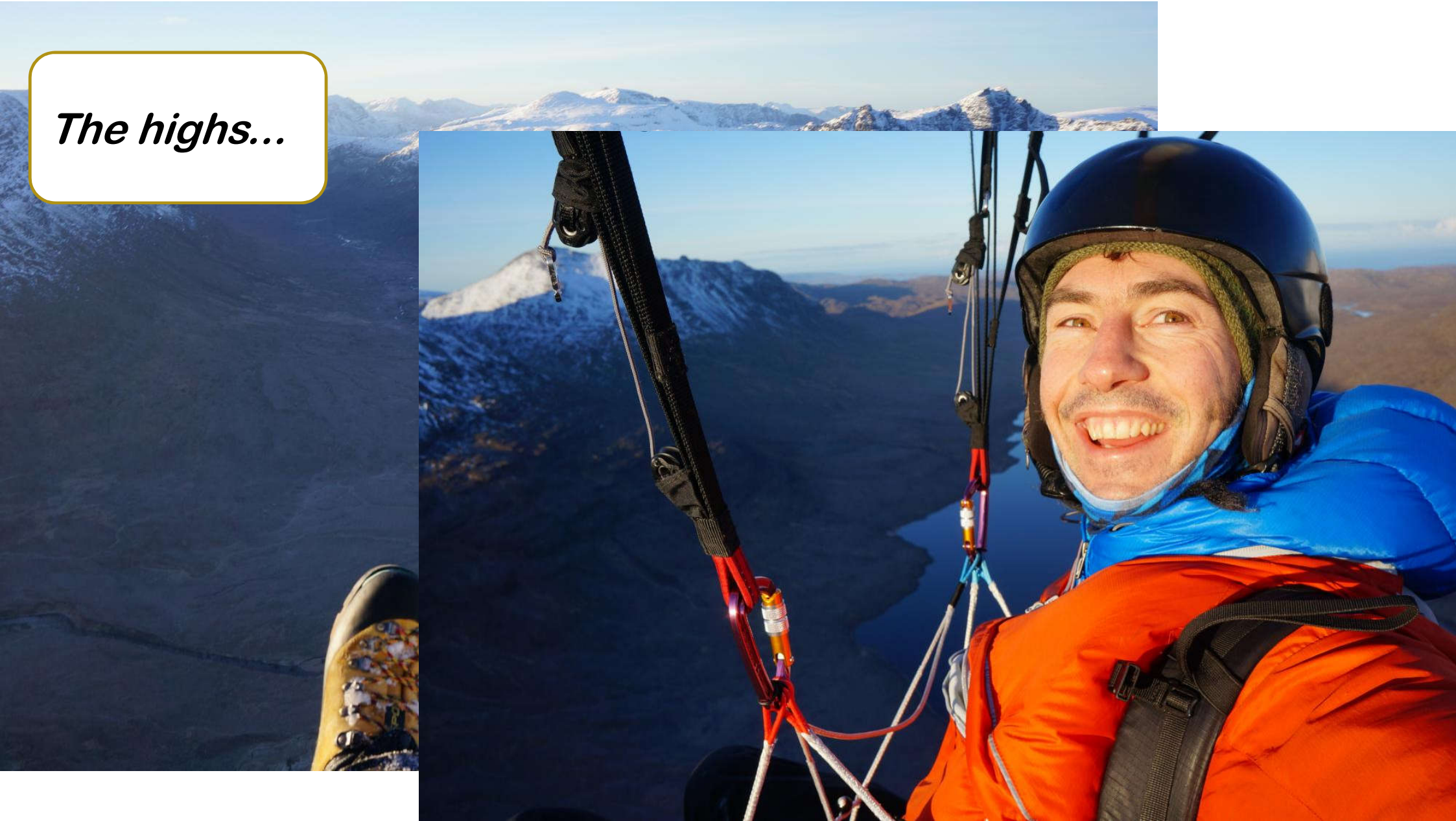


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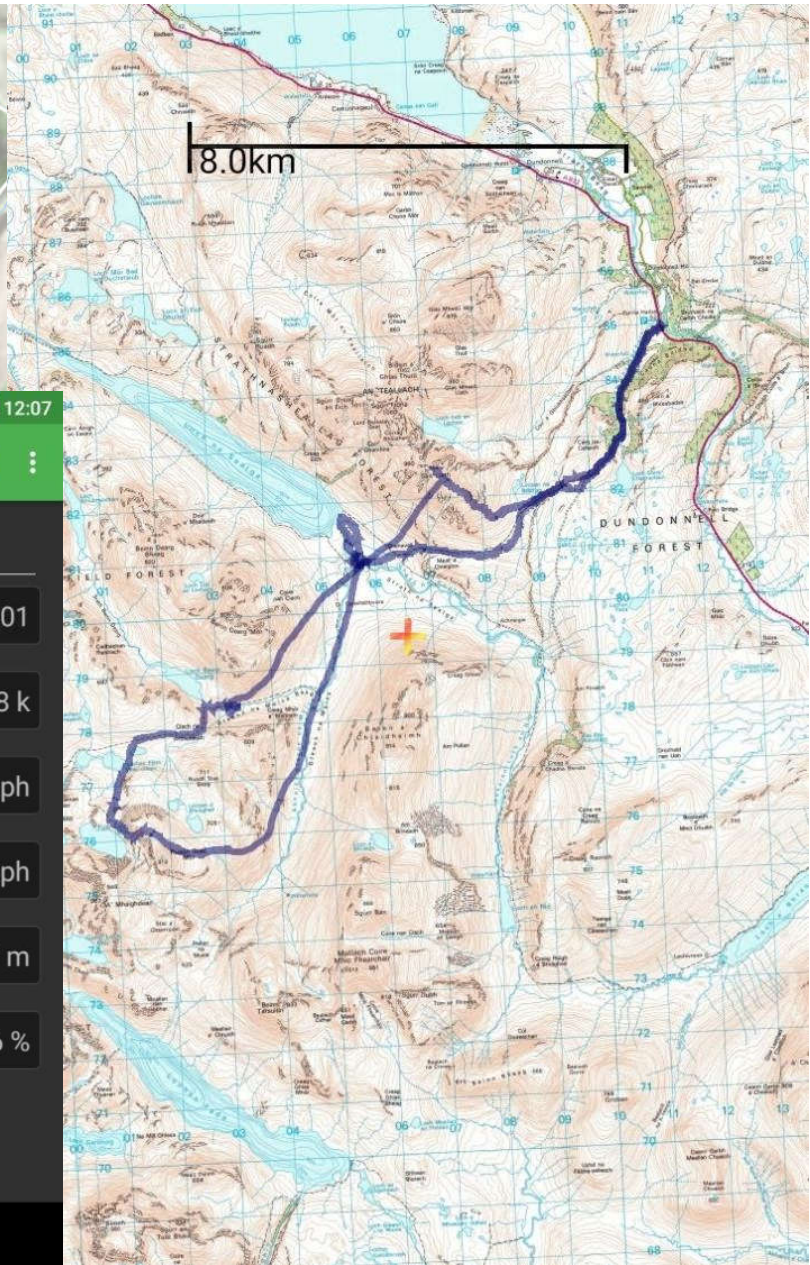
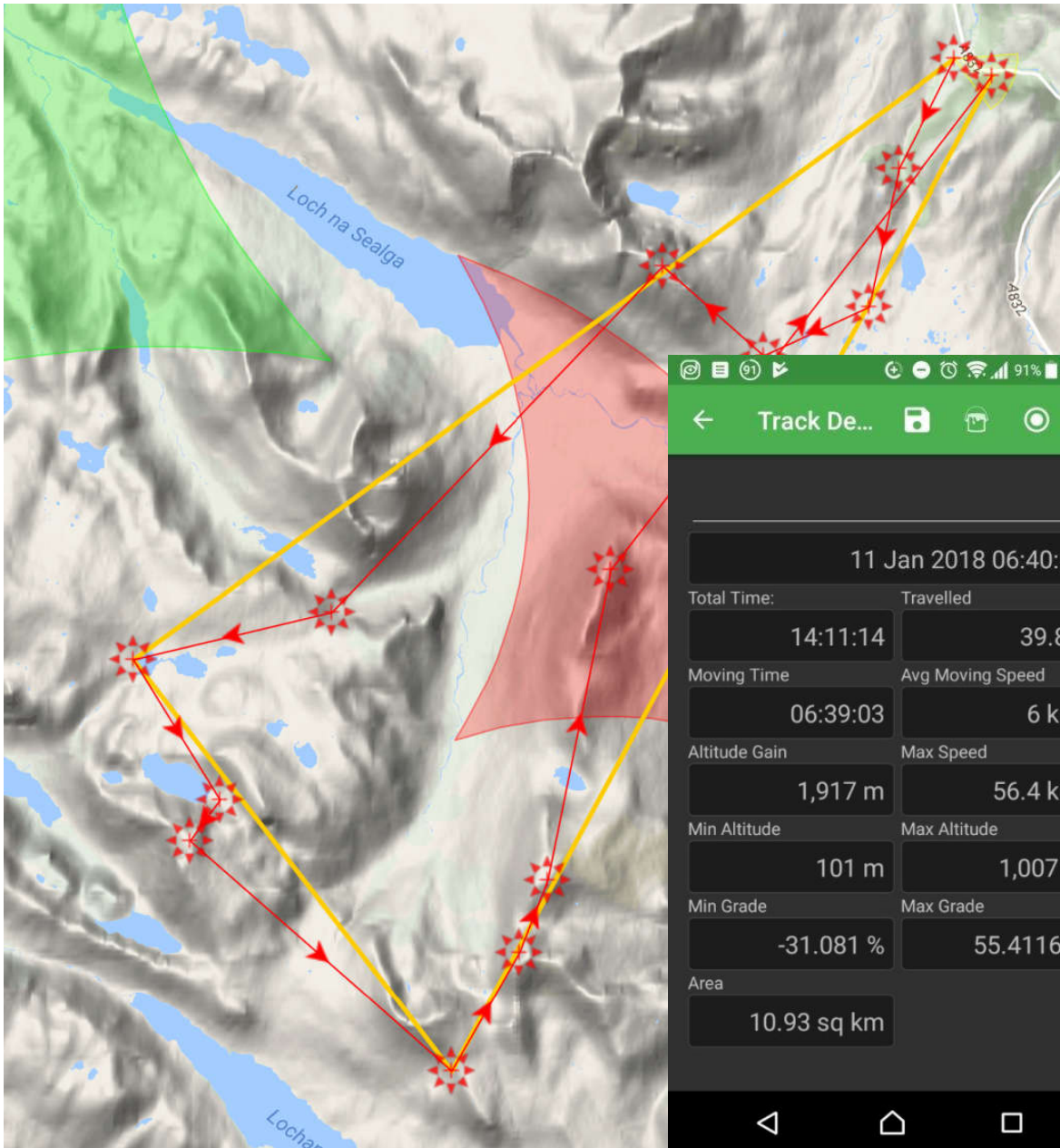


*The highs...*



*...and the  
lows.*





Track De...

11 Jan 2018 06:40:01

|               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| Total Time:   | Travelled        |
| 14:11:14      | 39.8 k           |
| Moving Time   | Avg Moving Speed |
| 06:39:03      | 6 kph            |
| Altitude Gain | Max Speed        |
| 1,917 m       | 56.4 kph         |
| Min Altitude  | Max Altitude     |
| 101 m         | 1,007 m          |
| Min Grade     | Max Grade        |
| -31.081 %     | 55.4116 %        |
| Area          |                  |
| 10.93 sq km   |                  |



# Ambition / Possibilities

## *Over ambition...*

- Fisherfield trip
- **Too much ascent**
- **Weather did not hold**
- **Seb is useless**

## *Just right...*

- Rannoch Moor trip
- **Vertical height about right – for us**
- **Route gave options**

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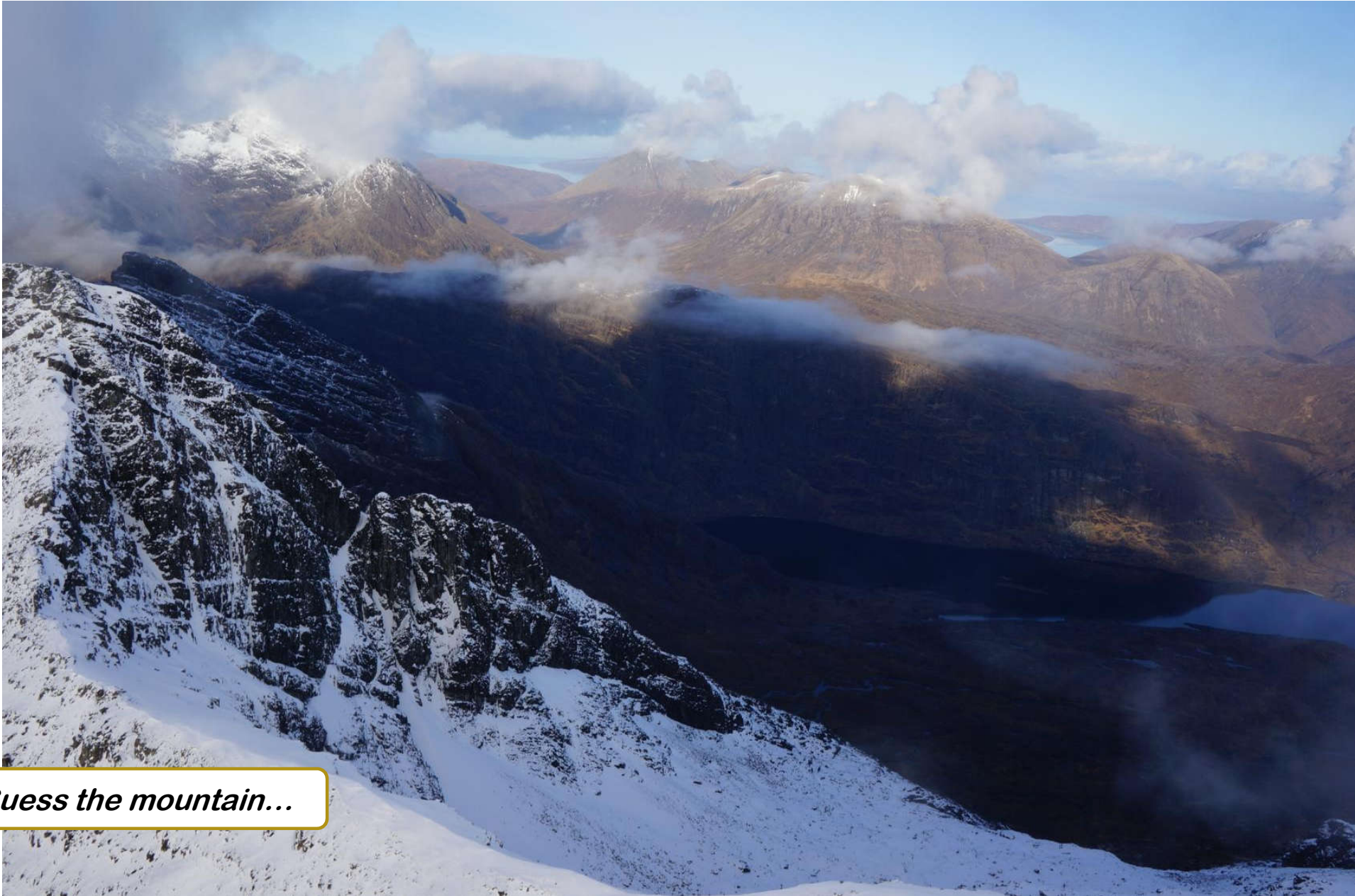
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*We have lots more ideas but we won't tell you them...*

- **Planning is half the fun**
- **Then go!**

oor trip

**ight about right – for us**  
**options**



*Guess the mountain...*

