



MCofS Crag Access and Nesting Updates 2010 (current on 31/5/10)

The MCofS has gathered this information to help climbers plan their trips over the nesting season and stay within the law without needlessly restricting access. More information is available on the Access & Conservation pages of the MCofS website under news or advice www.mcofs.org.uk where there is also advice about precautions on crags not listed here.

We can only gather and pass round this information with reports from climbers – if you see any nest activity on other crags or see something different from reported here, please let me know on hebe@mcofs.org.uk

Up-to-date Information for 2010

Sron Ulladale, Harris

It has been confirmed that the birds are back on the nest near the top of Stone. This pretty much means that none of the routes on the crag can be climbed before fledging time which is end of July / start of August. 30% of nesting attempts fail, so an update will be posted on A&C web news at about the end of May as if the nest fails it is likely that the crag will be available from the end of May.

Moy Rocks, near Contin

Ravens have been in the vicinity, but do not appear to be nesting close enough to the bolted lines for it to be an issue, but keep a look, and ear, out.

Meig Crag, Strathconon

There is a Ravens nest in the centre of the crag and climbing should be avoided on this crag until mid-May.

The Camel, Creag nan Clag, near Duntelchaig

The birds did not nest here in 2008, 2009 or this year, 2010. You are advised for other conservation reasons (rare lichens) that you should only climb in the gully and on existing bolt lines and avoid traversing.

Ardnamurchan Ring

Meall an Fhir-eon and crags to the west are unaffected. There has been some possible nesting behaviour around Meall Meadhoin (Apron Slabs). IT is advisable to avoid this crag and any non-guidebook crags / prospecting for new routes to the east of the ridge.

Glen Lednock

The bird issue is a little redundant this year as the bolts have been removed.

Creag Ghlas, Strathconon

There is a nest very near Hall of Mirrors, it is occupied this year. It is likely to cause damaging disturbance climbing anywhere on West Buttress and probably also East Buttress.

Clifton Crag

The Ravens have returned to their usual nesting site of DIY and Red Wall. This area should be avoided until the end of May. More distant routes may also be affected so be cautious and ready to withdraw if there is any sign of disturbance. There are no current signs of other sensitive species.

Portobello, Stranraer

There is an occupied Raven nest in Shark Fin Bay next to 'Silence of the Clams'. The nest is obvious from below, but the fact that it is occupied is not. This is probably the only route affected, but you are advised to make your own assessment.



No Specific 2010 Information Available So Far

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These crags have had issues in the recent past, but so far there is no detailed information available for 2010 nesting season. I will add any information received to A&C web news as soon as I receive it.

Torr Nead an Eoin, North Arran

There is a nest on that crag most years and specific information should be available locally – try your accommodation provider.

Loudoun Hill

At least some of the crag should be available for climbing even if the birds are nesting this year. There are usually police signs up.

Glen Ogle

Clints of Drumore

Climbing only on Black & White Walls, Central Buttress and Black Streaker Areas should not cause damaging disturbance, but there may be a nest in the vicinity, so best approach cautiously.

Glen Afton

Stayamrie Wall may need to be avoided during the nesting period.

Lower Doonie, Glen Clova

Lower Doonie may be affected by nesting.

Creag Mac Ranaich

This crag may need to be avoided during the nesting season.

Meikle Ross, D&G

There was a nest on Galloway Corner a couple of years ago, but recently have used non-climbing areas, although you should be cautious and follow general guidance until about the end of July.

Creag Dubh, Laggan

There is often a Raven nest near Raven's Squawk (surprise surprise!) and a peregrine has been seen previously near Brute, so beware.

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