

SOAC Part 9 - Grouse Shooting

As this issue becomes available it will be the start of the grouse shooting season (12th August). Grouse shooting as an economic activity and as such supports rural jobs, economy and communities. As part of being responsible access users we should try to minimise our impact on these activities. Unlike deer stalking, it is fairly easy to spot a grouse shoot. The whole functioning of stalking is based on being as quiet and unobtrusive as possible with probably a single shot. Grouse shooting is a noisy, visible activity as often the grouse are “driven” by a group of beaters that wave flags and walk in a line on a hillside and as there are a group of shooters, there are many loud shots heard. This often means that signs are not necessary as usually the shoots are obvious. As with stalking, if you know the location of a shoot, then avoid crossing the area while it is underway, and take account of reasonable suggested alternative routes.