



**HIGHLAND MG OWNERS' CLUB
AUTUMN AMBLE 2026
15 – 18 SEPTEMBER INCLUSIVE**

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Highland MG Owners' Autumn Amble 2026. I hope you have an enjoyable time. If you need to contact me, I am on 07777 641436.

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GENERAL:

SOME GENERAL POINTERS:

The Amble is a series of social routes; any routes or timings are only suggestions. Please be prepared to navigate independently using the information in this booklet and, hopefully, a decent map.

I hope we can be on the road by 0930 on Wednesday and Thursday as we have pre-booked lunches. You will need small change for some of the parking and some of the toilets. If you are a member of the National Trust Scotland, bring your cards and carpark pass with you.

WHO IS GOING?

Richard Jenner
Hughie & Katherine MacKenzie
Nick & Viv Ricketts
Chris & Gill Silver
Nick & Jean Simpson

(5 cars, 9 people)

We are also meeting up with 3 members of the MGCC Scottish Caledonian Centre; Ken Brown, Billy Wait and Katie Moffat, on Thursday at Blairgowrie (2 more MGs).

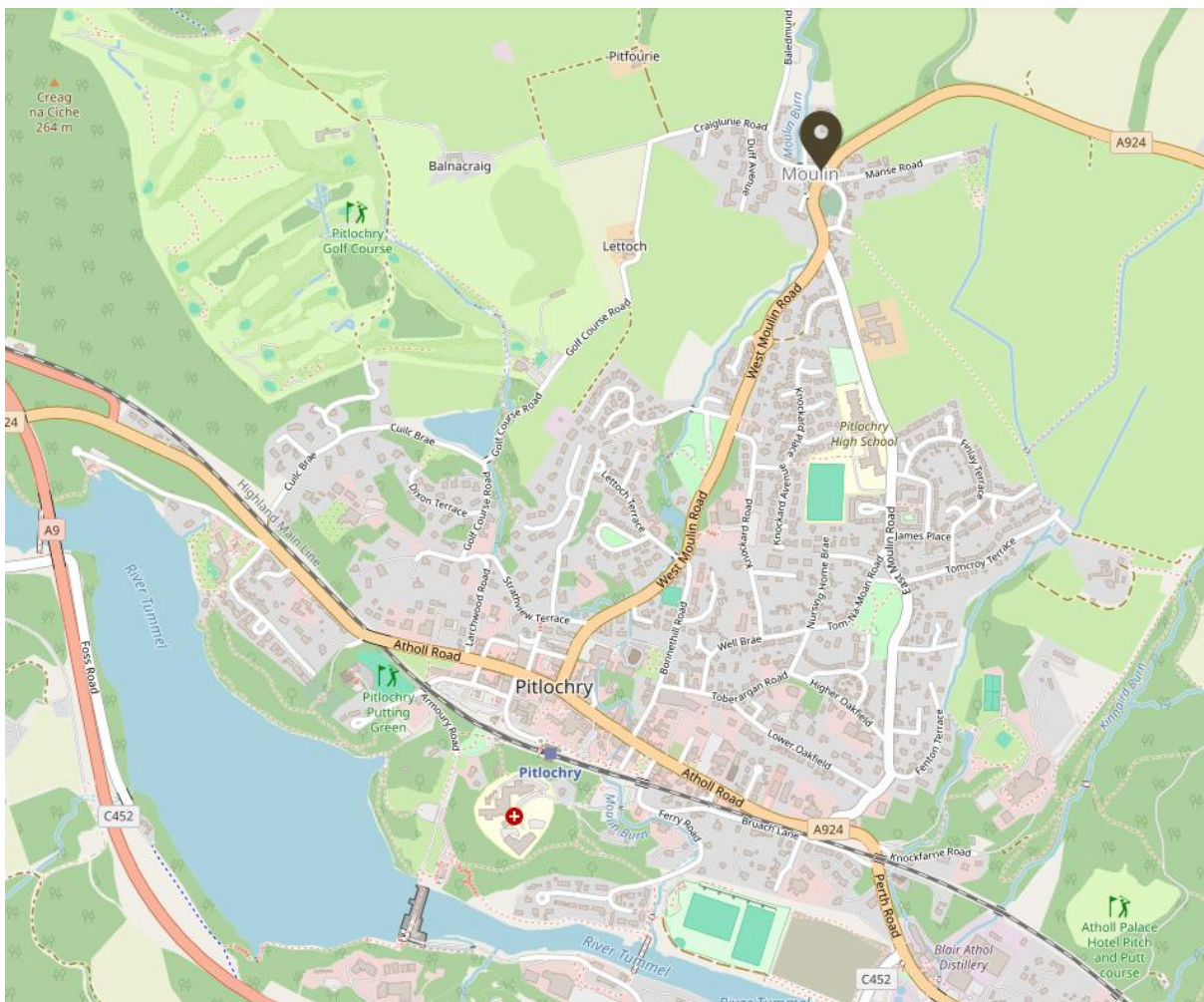
WHERE ARE WE STAYING?

We are staying at the Moulin Hotel in Moulin, Pitlochry, Perthshire, PH16 5EW tel: [01796 472196](tel:01796472196). The hotel has a pub style bar opened in 1695 and its own microbrewery opened in 1995.

The hotel and brewery have their own parking indicated by brown signs. With the hotel on your left going up hill, turn left immediately past the building (brewery will then be on your right) then turn right again for the parking. There is also a small public parking area across the main street from the hotel, and you may want to stop there to drop your bags.

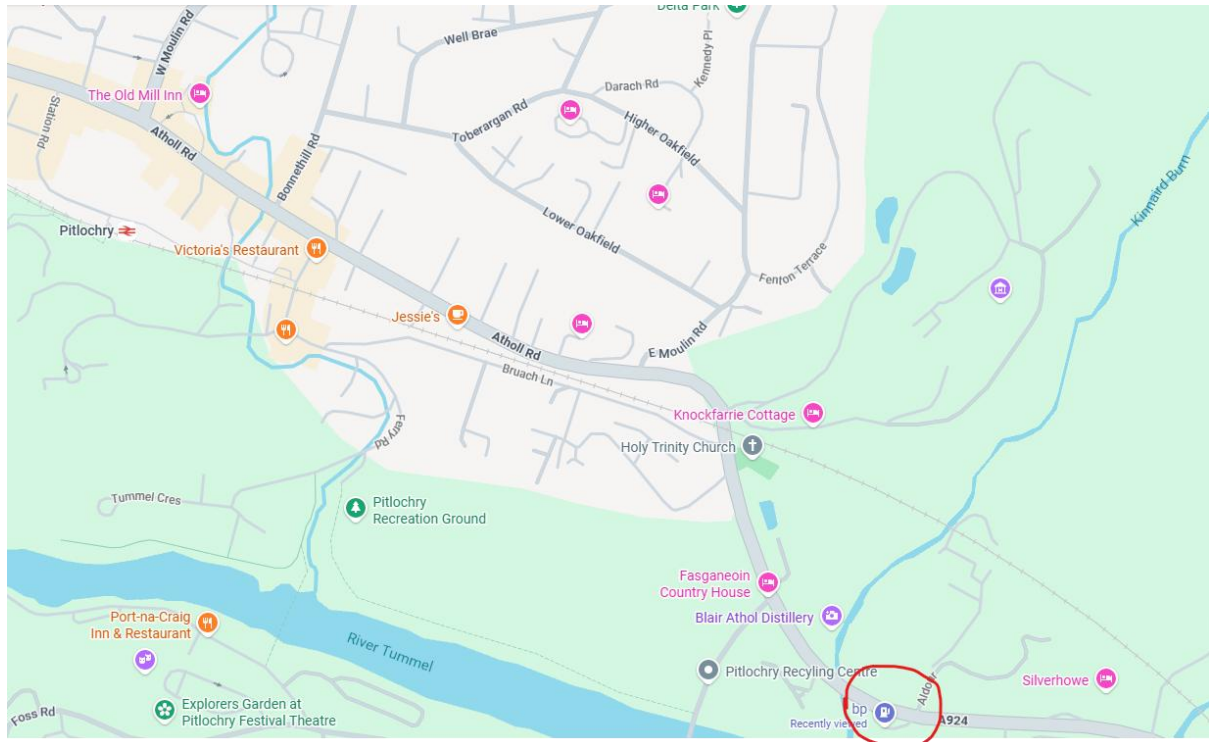
DINNER

Dinner will be at 1930. The Tuesday night menu will be available for pre-order at check-in. Menus for Wednesday & Thursday will be available for pre-order at breakfast on those days.



FUEL:

There is a BP garage in Pitlochry with 'Ultimate' E5 - Perth Road, Pitlochry, Perthshire, PH16 5LY (**red circle**).



THINGS TO DO IN PITLOCHRY

Pitlochry is a tourist destination and has some interesting shops and businesses (as well as quite a few selling tourist 'tat'). The dam and fish ladder are well worth a visit but are a considerable walk from the hotel so you may want to park in the town. The Blair Athol distillery has a public bar open to 1745 (last orders 1730).

PROGRAMME

TUESDAY

Two cars (Chris/Gill & Richard) intend to drive down in company using much of the old A9 and will stop at the NTS centre at Killiecrankie (PH16 5LQ) for lunch at around 1330. Parking is free for NTS members with a car sticker, otherwise it is £5. Perhaps we will see you there?

WEDNESDAY

Outline. The route takes us parallel to the A9 west of the river through Dunfallandy & Logierait. Then on the A827 to Aberfeldy and Kenmore, right at Fearnan to reach Fortingall. We will stop at the Fortingall Hotel booked for morning coffee in the library and visit the famous yew and the arts & crafts church. After Fortingall we head North towards Tummel Bridge but take the minor road to the left to the east end of Loch Rannoch; then the South side of the Loch to Rannoch Station where we will stop to view the station and moor. We will then head to a pre-booked lunch at the Rannoch Hotel in Kinloch Rannoch. After lunch we will head to Tummel Bridge via the North side of the loch and on to the Queen's View. The parking charge is £3. We will then return to the hotel, avoiding the A9.

Timings:

Depart hotel @ 0930

Moulin to Fortingall via Kenmore 27 miles (53 mins)

Arrive Fortingall 1030, coffee @ 1100, depart 1130

Fortingall to Rannoch Station via Rannoch School 33 miles (72 mins)

Arrive Rannoch Station 1245

Dep Rannoch Station 1315 to Kinloch Rannoch 16 miles (35 mins)

Arrive hotel for lunch by 1400

Kinloch Rannoch to Moulin via Tummel Bridge & Queen's View 21 Miles

Total distance: 97 miles

The pass of Killiecrankie is a magnificent gorge on the River Garry. The first shots of the battle of Killiecrankie were fired on 27 July 1689 during the first Jacobite rising when John Graham of Claverhouse (Bonnie Dundee) led his men in victory against the government Redcoats.

The Fortingall Yew is of the European variety and considered to be one of the oldest trees in Britain with modern estimates of around 5000 years old.

The Fortingall parish church stands on an ancient Christian site. The present building dates from 1902/3 and is a mixture of the Scottish vernacular style and Arts & Crafts. Sir Robert Lorimer was responsible for the design of some of the interior features.

Details. The route is fairly straightforward to navigate so I have just highlighted the critical junctions here (sp = sign post).

First, to leave Pitlochry, **turn right** out of the hotel then in 140 metres take the **left fork** on to East Moulin Road ('phone box on right at junction). Follow this road all the way to a T-junction/give way. **Turn left** (A924), go under the railway bridge and in 200 metres take the **right turn** with the brown sp 'Pitlochry Festival Theatre' (Bridge Street). 150 metres after bridge and with the caravan site on your left, **turn off to the left** sp 'Dunfallandy ½, Logierait 4'. Follow the single-track road to Logierait. At the T-junction/give way, **turn right** sp 'A827 Killin 32, Aberfeldy 9'. Follow the A827 through Aberfeldy, then Kenmore and carry on on the A827.

With Loch Tay on the left, **turn off right** at the Fearnan junction in the 30-mph limit at the brown sp 'Glen Lyon 2, Fortingall Yew 2 ½, Castle Menzies 11'. Enter Fortingall and drive through the village to the hotel which is on the left. If possible, we should line up the cars for a photo either in front of the hotel or the church.

After coffee and the yew & church visit, turn left out of the carpark. We follow the River Lyon to a T-junction/give way with the B846. **Turn left** sp 'Tummel Bridge 8'. After 3.5 miles, **turn off left** sp 'Schiehallion Road'. We follow this road all the way to a T-junction at Loch Rannoch where we give way and **turn left** to follow the road along the south side of the loch (no sp). Having pass the loch we will reach a T-junction/give way with the B846. **Turn left** sp 'Rannoch Station 5'. Follow the road to the railway station where we should be able to park for a look round.

When the West Highland Line was built across Rannoch Moor, its builders had to float the tracks on a mattress of tree roots, brushwood and thousands of tons of earth and ashes to prevent the heavy steel tracks sinking in the bog. Rannoch station opened to passengers on 7 August 1894.

After Rannoch Station, we head east on the B846 (north side of the loch) towards Kinloch Rannoch and lunch at the Rannoch Hotel. Park in the carpark to the right of the road (the hotel is a very large white building). Go up the steps between the white pillars in front of the main hotel entrance then turn right for the Wild Brownie entrance in the first extension.

After lunch, continue towards Kinloch Rannoch, following the B846 to Tummel Bridge; you may want to park in the small forestry carpark on the left for a walk around. Just before the bridge, you need to **turn off left** on to the B8019 sp 'Pitlochry 13'. Follow the road for around 6 miles to the Queen's View on the right of the road (brown sps). Park at the

visitors' centre. The café and visitors' centre close at 1500 but the scenic walks will be open. So which Queen was it whose view it is?

After the Queen's View follow the B8019 towards Pitlochry to a T-junction/give way over the bridge. Turn right for Pitlochry and follow the road (B8019 then A924) into Pitlochry and the hotel.

THURSDAY

Outline. Head north initially from our hotel on the A924, to Blairgowrie via Kirkmichael (A93 past Cally Bridge). Stop in Blairgowrie for a visit then meet-up with the MGCC Scottish Caledonian Centre members at the Starbucks, Blairgowrie Retail Park, Perth Road, PH10 6UZ for coffee. Then drive in company to Dunkeld (lunch at Dunkeld & Birnam Golf Course). After lunch head to Aberfeldy via Strathbraan and Glen Cochill. If the weather is suitable, we may want to stop at the Birks of Aberfeldy where there is a 2-mile scenic walk (free parking). We could then head towards Ballinluig along the north bank (over the historic military bridge) via Grandtully (chocolate opportunity to 1700!) and back track along Wednesday's route via Logierait and Dunfallandy to Pitlochry.

Timings:

Depart hotel @ 0930

Moulin to Blairgowrie, 26 miles (50 min)

Park at Wellmeadow carpark (FOC), Blairgowrie for a look around for about an hour

Depart carpark 1125, arrive Starbucks (PH10 6UZ) around 1130

Depart Starbucks around 1200 for the golf course (23 mins/10 miles) for lunch @ 1230

Other timings as required

Details. Again, this route is straightforward to navigate so I have just highlighted the critical junctions with a bit more detail in Blairgowrie and Dunkeld & Birnam.

Turn left out of the hotel on to the A924 Kirkmichael Road. Follow this road to Blairgowrie (23 miles) through Bridge of Cally. Approaching Bridge

Blairgowrie and Rattray is a historic market town and twin burgh in Perth and Kinross. The town lies on the north side of Strathmore at the foot of the Grampian Mountains. It had a population of 9,433 in 2022. Locals refer to the town as 'Blair'. The town expanded hugely in the 19th century thanks to the employment provided by the many textile mills which were built along the River Ericht, all now closed. Soft fruit growing is now an important part of the town's economy.

of Cally, at the T-junction/give way, **turn right** on to the A93 sp 'Blairgowrie, Perth'.

Entering Rattray, follow the A93 (Balmoral Road) to a T-junction/stop, **turn right** sp 'Town Centre, Perth, A93'. Cross the River Ericht. Take the **2nd turning to the left** (Commercial St, parkland on the right) then soon after take the **2nd turning to the right** in front of the Crown Bar (Wellmeadow); the free parking is sign posted on the left after 70 metres.

After walk around Blairgowrie, **turn left** out of the carpark then immediately give way at the T-junction and **turn right** on to Black Brae. At the traffic lights/crossroad, **go straight over** on to Emma Street. Follow the road (becomes Park Drive) to a T-junction/give way, **turn right** sp 'Blairgowrie High School' (Beeches Rd). Pass the High School on the left to a crossroad/give way, **turn left** (Perth Road/A93). Follow this road for around 500 metres to **Starbucks on the right** – Starbucks sign plus 'Drive Thru'. **Pass Starbucks then take the right turn** into the retail park and **turn right again** in front of Home Bargains to access the Starbucks parking.

After coffee, return to the Perth Road/A93 **turn left** to head north 800 metres to a **fork off to the left** on to Shaw St sp 'Dunkeld A923', there is also a brown sp for the Land Rover Experience. This leads to a give way and a **left turn** on to the A923 proper. Follow this road to the Dunkeld & Birnam Golf Course (about 11 miles from Starbucks) which is **off to the left** on a sweeping righthand bend with a white sign. Drive to the club house on the right.

After lunch, return to the A923 and head into Dunkeld. We need to cross the A9 and take the A822 in the direction of Crieff. There are 2 options to cross the A9 which can be difficult and I recommend using the Birnam junction by driving through Dunkeld on the A923, crossing the River Tay then after 150 metres, **turn off left** on to the Perth Rd sp 'Birnam local services' and with a large brown sp for the Beatrix Potter Experience. Follow the Perth Road to a give way with the A9; **turn right** for Inverness, **EXTREME CAUTION REQUIRED!**

Follow the A9 to the **left turn** for Crieff A822. Follow the A822 for 7 miles and **turn off right** on to the A826 to Aberfeldy. Follow the road to Aberfeldy.

Approaching Aberfeldy, there is a narrow bridge with traffic lights. Immediately over the bridge, **turn off left** for the Birks O' Aberfeldy free car park. Weather permitting, you may want to walk one of the signed routes.

After the Birks, **turn left** and head downhill. At the crossroads/traffic lights **go straight over** (B846) and follow the road over the old military bridge. After 500 metres and as the road bends to the left, **turn off right** sp 'Strathtay 5' (old toll house on the right). Follow the road to Strathtay then **turn off right** at the Spar/Post Office then **right at the give way** into Grandtully, cross the bridge to a T-junction/give way with the A827. The Highland Chocolatier is straight ahead and if you want to stop there, turn right then left for the carpark behind the shop (open to 1700).

After Grandtully, we take the A827 east towards the A9 (note a **left hand turn off to maintain the A827** and cross the Tay). In Logierait **turn off left** sp 'Dunfallandy' (just before the pub on the right of the road) This is a back track of our Wednesday route to Pitlochry and the hotel. Caledonian Centre members, if still with us, may want to stay on the A827 to the junction with the A9 at Ballinluig.

FRIDAY

If you are heading northwards towards Inverness and want to avoid the A9, an alternative route is via Braemar, Tomintoul, Grantown-on-Spey and Cawdor. This is around 122 miles and takes a nominal 3 ½ hours and passes the ski slopes of Glenshee and the Lecht (the A9 route is around 86 miles).

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