
Site no.: B2

Site name: Atholl–Mar

Grid reference: [NO 05036 80349]

Locality: The hill country between Blair Atholl and Braemar

GCR Status: N/A

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Type: Natural exposures and Natural landforms

Description: The area is underlain by strongly folded and lithologically diverse strata of the Dalradian Supergroup, and the rugged landscape reflects the unequal response to erosion of the different rock types. Most notably, folded layers of quartzite (an extremely hard rock that is highly resistant to erosion) underlie most of the highest summits, including nearly all the Munros (e.g. Beinn a' Ghlo, Carn an Rìgh, Beinn Iutharn Mhor, An Socach, Carn Bhac). Pale quartzite scree draping high summits and ridges is a distinctive feature of the landscape in the area.

Justification: A good example of bedrock control on large-scale landscape evolution.

[References](#)