
NWHG Ref. 041 — Luban Croma

Location, grid reference

The site lies approximately 2 km to the north-east of the Altnacealgach Inn on the north side of Loch Borralan, Grid Ref. [NC 281 135].

GCR site reference, block, volume and notified feature of SSSI?

GCR Ref. 1228, Caledonian Igneous Block, Vol. 17. Notified feature of Ben More Assynt SSSI.

Description and geological significance

The site represents the variety of sills of the “hornblende porphyrite” suite and is important as an example of the range of minor intrusive rocks in Assynt which were emplaced prior to movements on the Ben More Thrust Plane.

Accessibility

The site requires a 2 km walk over rough and frequently boggy ground. There is therefore no all abilities access.

Conservation

Low conservation requirement due to the scale and location of the site.

Visibility and “clarity”

The site cannot be seen from the nearest road. Once reached, however, the various rock types are well exposed.

Interpretation and interpretation potential

There is very limited potential here for interpretation to the general public. The site is effectively only of interest to geology students and researchers.

Key references

PARSONS, I. 1999. Late Ordovician to mid-Silurian alkaline intrusions of the North-west Highlands of Scotland. In Stephenson, D., Bevins, R. E., Milward, D., Highton, A. J., Parsons, I., Stone, P. & Wadsworth, W. J. (eds) Caledonian Igneous rocks of Great Britain. Geological Conservation Review Series, 17, Chapman & Hall, 345–393. (site description page 386).