

## Postcard to the Park – a wildlife sanctuary at the heart of the Cairngorms?

### Description



Ladder trap for crows 7th July north west of Loch Builg, Meall Gaineaimh, outlier of Ben Avon behind

Dear Cairngorms National Park Authority,

Loch Builg and the eastern flanks of Ben Avon are remote country for those arriving on foot, three hours or so from a public road. Despite the network of estate tracks I was surprised to see this trap, at the end of the track above Loch Builg, and on the hillside above upturned turves sprinkled with medicated grit. Please read Susan Matthew's fine piece in the recent issue of the Cairngorms Campaigner, the newsletter of the Cairngorms Campaign, about a walk through a wildlife desert on the flanks of Ben Avon. The explanation is in the photo. Every animal that might prey on or affect

grouse is destroyed, while heather is the only plant that counts. If the core of the Cairngorms cannot be wild, a sanctuary for wildlife and devoid of human artefacts, where else could be?

### **Category**

1. Cairngorms

### **Tags**

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