

STRATH SGITHEACH ALLT NA CRICHE 2

Canmore ID	12923	SCRAP ID	613
Location OS Grid Ref:	NH 52131 62967	Team	Not in team
Existing Classifications	Classification		Period
	CUP MARKED STONE		PREHISTORIC

Date Fieldwork Started	07/08/2018	Date Fieldwork Completed	
New Panel?	No		

Section A. CORE INFORMATION

A1. Identifiers

Panel Name	STRATH SGITHEACH ALLT NA CRICHE	Number	2
Other names	Panel B in Canmore 12923		
HER/SMR	SM Number		Other

Classifications And Periods

Classification 1	Cup Marked Rock	Period 1	Neol/bronze Age
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ROSS AND CROMARTY

A2. Grid Reference *(original find site)*

OS NGR	NH	52200	63000
New OS NGR	NH	52131	62967
Lat/Long	57.63231	-4.4782	
Obtained By:	GPS		

A3. Current Location & Provenance

Located	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At original location
Accession no.	Not given

Section B. CONTEXT

B1. Landscape Context

Weather	Cloudy
Position in landscape	Hillside
Topography (<i>terrain within about 500m of panel.</i>)	Undulating
Aspect of slope (<i>if on sloping terrain e.g. S, SE etc.</i>)	S

B2. Current land use & vegetation

- Rough Grazing

B3. Forestry

- No selection

B4. Archaeological Features within 200m / or visible from the panel

- Other rock art
- Field System

B5. Location Notes

THIS IS CANMORE PANEL B AND IS THE FIRST OF THIS SET RECORDED
The panel is located on the lower S facing open slopes of Meall a'Ghuail, overlooking the river Sgitheach. It is one of a group of 8 panels (7 located at the time of writing) close to the Allt an Criche, in rough grazing interspersed with pine trees and patches of heath. A track crosses the river Sgitheach (ford and stepping stones) and heads NW and passes 60m W of the panel. There is a large broken down pine tree 2m E of the panel, and its roots are visible in places around the panel. Rigg is visible in the ground immediately S of the panel. The area generally has a number of hut circles, field systems and burnt mounds, including those identified in Canmore 12921 about 0.6km to the SW. Panel 3 (C in Canmore) is 5m to the W and is part of the same rock outcrop.

Previous Notes

NH56SW 13 522 630. Centred around NH 522630 are eight cup marked rocks ('A' - 'H'). 'A' is a boulder measuring 3.1m x 1.9m x 0.6 m high with at least fifteen shallow cup marks on its upper surface. 'B' a large block 3.6m x 1.8m x 1.0m maximum height. It is largely earth-covered. It has twenty-three cup

marks on its two outer edges. 'C' a boulder 1.8m x 1.2m x 0.6m high with six cup marks. 'D' a boulder 2.4m x 1.0m x 0.6m high with seven small shallow cup marks. 'E' a small boulder 1.1m x 0.7m x 0.3m high with two probable cup marks. 'F' a boulder lying close by has seven shallow cup marks upon it. 'G', a boulder, 2.8m x 1.5m x 0.6m, lying on the bank of a stream, has probably slipped from its original position due to erosion. It has six extremely shallow cup marks on its upper surface. 'H' is a slab 2.2m x 1.3m lying flush with the ground; it has three probable cup marks on its surface. Surveyed at 1:10 000. Visited by OS (J B) 16 November 1976 Eight outcrops of rock with shallow cup-marks. RCAHMS 1979, visited September 1978

Section C. PANEL

C1. Panel Type

In the landscape	Outcrop	
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C2. Panel Dimensions, Slope & Orientation

Dimensions of panel (m to one decimal place)

Length (longer axis)	3.7	Width	1.7
Height (max)	1.1	Height (min)	0

Approximate slope of carved surface

20	degrees		degrees
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Orientation (Aspect e.g. NW)

Rock Surface	S	Carved Surface	N	Carved Surface	
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C3. Rock Surface

Surface Compactness	Hard	Grain Size	Medium	Visible Anomalies	Quartz Veins	Rock Type	Schist
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C4. Surface Features

- Fissures/cracks
- Smooth Surface

C5. Panel Notes

The panel is an L-shaped outcrop, up to 1.1m high, and with a S face 3.7m long and an E face 1.7m long. There are deep cracks separating a section of the panel at the 'corner'. There are 29 cups, along the two edges of the outcrop. The carved surface slopes at about 20degrees to the N, and disappears under turf. Some turf was lifted and no cups more than 0.3m from the exposed edges were found.

C6. Probability

The probability that there is any rock art on the panel is **Definite**

Comments

No comments added

C7. MOTIFS

Visible Tool Marks? No

Visible Peck Marks? No

Section D. ACCESS, AWARENESS & RISK

D1. Access

- Right to Roam access.
- Panel is on Private land.

D2. Awareness

- Panel was known before the project.

There are stories or folk traditions associated with this panel **No**

D3. Risk

Natural

- Large areas of the rock are covered in lichen, moss or algae.
- There are trees nearby whose roots might disturb the rock.

Animal

- There are sheep near the rock.
- There are cattle near the rock.

Human

- No selection

Comments and other potential threats

No comments added