## Strath Sgitheach Allt na Criche 4

Visited on 8 August 2023 by NOSAS RAP group

Grid Reference NH 52185 62955

NOTES about finding and identifying this panel

- 1. During the main ScRAP work we recorded this as panel 9, a new panel. However, after checking the records I conclude that this was shown as Panel D on Canmore 12923, described as 'a boulder 2.4m x 1.0m x 0.6m high with seven small shallow cup marks', and so should be panel 4. It was incorrectly shown in earlier surveys at NH 51260 62960. During ScRAP a record was created for that location (Canmore 368634) and was noted as 'not found in the field'. Transposing two numbers we get NH 52160 62960 which is very close to the new location of NH 52185 62955. The description is also consistent with this being the same panel.
- 2. Due to an error on the OS 1:25k map (now corrected) it was wrongly named as 'Strath Sgitheach Allt <mark>an</mark> Criche' in Canmore to be corrected to Strath Sgitheach Allt <mark>na</mark> Criche.

## **LOCATION NOTES**

The panel lies on the lower slopes of Cioch Mhor (to the NE) and overlooks the Abhainn Sgitheach to the S. It is one of a cluster of 8 panels and was originally recorded as panel D in Canmore 12923. It is situated on ground sloping gently to the E and then more steeply into the dry watercourse. There is a scattered group of very old Scots pines to the W and S, and much of the immediate area is covered in bracken. It is about 50m N of the more prominent panel Strath Sgitheach Allt na Criche 1. Apart from rock art there are hut circles and other prehistoric remains in the vicinity.

## PANEL NOTES

The panel is a rounded slab of grey mica schist, about 2.4m long by 0.8m deep. The carved surface slopes at about 20deg to the SW, into the hillside. There is a tight group (or rosette) of 14 small cups at the NW end and 3 other cups in the centre.