



[Mol an Eich - The Beach of the Horse]

This feature of the shoreline got its place name from a projecting rock on the skyline at the top of the high hill to the east of the pebbly beach. The projecting rock is a natural image of a horse's head and neck. At one time there were even two ears on the head, but generations of boys spent much time throwing stones at the so-called ears, and eventually succeeded in knocking off one of the ears.

There is evidence of cultivation in the area, which indicates that the area near the beach was probably inhabited at one time.

May we mention an interesting natural feature of the landscape in this area - a cave known as 'Uamha na Gleadhraith'. Local tradition relates that this cave extends underground from 'A Chairneach' to 'Mol an Eich' beach, perhaps a quarter of a mile long, if correct.

Glen, or 'Gleann na Creagan Ruaidh' stretches from Calbost village boundary walls of crofts 10/11 to 'Mol an Eich' and 'A Chairneach' is on the right hand side (west) of the glen as one walks from the village southwards towards 'Mol an Eich'. As the name indicates, 'A Chairneach' is a collection of boulders on the west sloping hillside of the glen, and the entrance to the cave may be found among the boulders. There certainly is a cave but we never ventured in to prove how long it was.

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