

Culter Hillwalking Club

MONDAY WALKS 2016

DATE	ROUTE	GRID REF	OS MAP	DESCRIPTION
January Monday 18 th	Cairn o' Mount (455m)	NO649807	OS45 Stonehaven	8km, 1000m ascent. A short gentle A-B from Cairn o' Mount, heading west offpath to Hound Hillock (visit trig point) before easy descent on track to Clattering Brig. (Fords).
February Monday 22 nd	Fasheilach (721m)	NO342857	OS44 Ballater	12km, 330m ascent. An A-B walk starting near Linn of Muick and finishing at Glen Muick visitor centre. This will mix track with considerable rough offpath heather etc – but with a very attractive descent by the beautiful Allt Darrarie.
March Monday 21 st	Scraulac & Mona Gowan (749m)	NJ335058	OS37 Strathdon	11km, 450m ascent. A circuit from Glen Fenzie, path up Scraulac and on east to Mona Gowan, then drop south on mainly track to Morven Lodge and thence west to cars. A dash up Lary Hill can be included.
April Monday 18 th	Wolf Craig (715m)	NO380824	OS44 Ballater	17km, 460m ascent for Wolf Craig, allow 7hrs. A wild circular from Invermark, Glen Esk, split between track and offpath. Up Glen Mark and down Glen Lee. Passes Balnamoon's Cave. Fords.
May Monday 23 rd	Gardenstown – Troup Head- Hell's Lum (coastal)	NJ799647 start	OS29 Banff	18km, considerable ascent. An A-B, on and off path, will have to climb gates and bw fences; take care on unfenced cliffs; but be rewarded by sight of one of the UK's only two mainland gannet colonies. A challenging coastal walk...
June Monday 20 th	Craigie Thieves (689m)	NO243700	OS44 Ballater	21km, 550m ascent. A circular from Glenprosen Lodge, to walk the quiet hills lying west of Glen Prosen, via the Glack of Balquader. Track and offpath. Final 2km on road.
July Monday 25 th	An Socach (944m)	NO079799	OS43 Braemar	19km, 900m ascent. Parking at Baddoch, we'll ascend Carn Aosda (917m) on path, descend offpath by Loch Vrotachan to a track head. Up to An Socach, then head northeast to Sgor Mor, from where we'll drop steeply on path to the cars.
August Monday 22 nd	Beinn Bhreac (931m)	NO058970	OS43 Braemar	17km, 600m ascent. an A-B from Linn of Dee to Allanaquoich, including an ascent of Meall Lundain before the climb up Beinn Bhreac. From here, we'll descend to visit the beautiful Poll Bhat, then we drop into Glen Quoich for easy track back.
September Monday 26 th	Dead Wife's Hillock (540m)	NJ342264	OS37 Strathdon	14km, 300m ascent. Circular from the Grouse Inn, near the Black Water, before rising to Dead Wife's hillock and returning along a high shoulder. Track, offpath.
October Monday 17 th	Culblean Hill (604m)	NJ398007	OS37 Strathdon	13km, 400m. A circular from Cambus o' May carpark, on mainly path but with significant offpath for 2 sections of about 1km each. Great views of Dee valley.
November Monday 21 st	Tap o Noth (563m)	NJ484293	OS37 Strathdon	11km, 420m ascent. Circular to Iron Age Fort thru Clashindarroch Forest, some track & some offpath.
December Monday 12 th	Ben Newe (533m)	NJ382142	OS37 Strathdon	7km, 300m ascent on track, on a gentle wayfaring course. Half day walk followed by Xmas lunch at Alford Bistro.

OS numbers refer to the pink Landranger 1:50,000 series. Note, as always, that the routes are often unrecceid, the grid refs and distances etc are approximate only, the winter walks may change because of road conditions, autumn walks may change because of shooting, and routes may change when I have second thoughts...

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Culter hillwalking club has no members who are qualified leaders or instructors. Therefore anyone volunteering to assist the club on a meet cannot be held responsible for other members' welfare. Members must be aware they are solely responsible for themselves at all times and adhere to safety guidance. Hillwalking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury and death. Those participating in these activities should be aware of the risks and accept the responsibility for their own actions and involvement. No responsibility can be accepted by Culter Hillwalking club committee, members, guests or co-ordinators of walks for any mishap, which may occur, during a meet. Programme details may be subject to change due to weather conditions or other circumstances. Dogs must be kept on a short lead at all times.