

Culter Hillwalking Club

NEXT WALK

Sunday 3rd April 2016 – Carn a' Bhacain

Distance 7.5 miles Ascent 415 metres OS map 37

Carn a' Bhacain (29110, 04350) lies between Gairnshiel Lodge and Corgarff, about 2 kms west of the Old Military Road, now the A939. We start from opposite the entrance to Glengairn Church, where there is space for half a dozen vehicles just off the side of the A939 (29930, 01120). From there we walk 400m at the side of the A939 as far as the northern end of the humpback bridge where we join a track which follows the northern side of the River Gairn. This track is muddy at first, but becomes drier as it rises to the dilapidated farm buildings at Tullochmacarrick: suitable shelter for morning tea. We then turn north and uphill to where the track crosses the Allt Coire nam Freum, turning off the main track to follow a gradually fading track to Tom a' Chatha, where the terrain flattens out. We follow the curve of the top of the Coire nam Freumh, curving round to a slightly south of west direction, to make the ascent to the top of Carn a' Bhacain, where we should get great views: Ben Avon, to the west, and Morven, to the east. There is not much shelter there, so lunch may have to be delayed until we are into the descent. From the top we head SSW towards the start of a track at Moine Bhuidhe. This takes down to meet the A939 at Shenval, where we have to walk at the side of the road back to our vehicles and on the Bothy in Ballater.

Meet at Culter Village Hall at 8.30am. Return 5pm

Transport by car (drivers required) – contribution to drivers please. Contact John Fowler 01224 742278, 07989 413116.

Closing date Wednesday 30th March 2016

Walkers must wear walking boots, carry WARM and waterproof clothing, hat and gloves and take plenty of food and liquids. THESE ARE ESSENTIAL. Be prepared for possible wintry conditions on the top, whatever the forecast.

Culter hillwalking club has no members who are qualified leaders or instructors. Therefore anyone volunteering to assist the club on a walk cannot be held responsible for other members' welfare. Members must be aware they are solely responsible for themselves at all times. 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 walk.

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