

# Culter Hillwalking Club

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022**

**Closing date Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

## **Walk - Hunt Hill (705m) & Wester Skuiley (736m)**

At the head of Glen Esk, Hunt Hill provides a lofty viewpoint down the glen. The walk starts along the lochside landrover track to the footbridge at the far end of the glen, NO395804, then heads offpath uphill to the northern extent of Bruntwood Craig and ultimately Hunt Hill. We head south to the bridge above the Falls of Damff (see note below) then off and on path to the featureless Wester Skuiley. We pick our way through the peat hags forming the tributary, North Grain, of the Waters of Effock and then on deer tracks dive down this remote glen and back to the cars on 2km of quiet tarmac road.

**NOTE** The bridge above the Falls of Damph has deteriorated badly. The twin spanning steel girders are solid, but some of the transverse planks that make up the walking deck are missing leaving gaps that can be stepped over with both feet always on solid decking, but with an unnerving view through the gaps to the burn below (don't look!!). The handrails are also missing. The route has very recently been reccied.

**Total distance – 22km, Ascent 900m, Time 7.5 hours.** Good level of fitness required.

**Meet 9:45am at the Invermark car park (NO448804)**

**Book** through Walk Coordinator James Brownhill [james@brownhill.us](mailto:james@brownhill.us)

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## **Sunday Saunter – Badalair (536m) with optional Hill of Rowan (380m)**

Saunter set in the hills to the west of the Water of Tarf starting and finishing in Tarfside. Starting from the car park at Tarfside NO492798 the walk will include an optional ascent of the Hill of Rowan 380m NO474796 with its impressive monument built in 1866 by the 11<sup>th</sup> Earl of Dalhousie in memory of seven members of his family and will continue on good paths and tracks to Badalair 536m NO454828. The return will be on the track to Auchronie NO449808 where a short detour can be taken to see Invermark Castle NO442805 and then past Westbank to Tarfside.

**Total distance 12km; 6 hrs. Meet in the car park Tarfside NO492798 at 10:00am**

**Booking** through Coordinator Malcolm Smith [malcolm\\_susie@btinternet.com](mailto:malcolm_susie@btinternet.com)

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**Please carry your own hand sanitizer and face covering, the latter for use in situations where relevant ongoing COVID restrictions apply. For latest guidance regarding travelling with others in private vehicles in Scotland check:**

[Advice on how to travel safely \(transport.gov.scot\)](https://www.transport.gov.scot)

***Walkers must wear walking boots (gaiters essential), carry WARM and waterproof clothing, hat and gloves and take plenty of food and liquids.***

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. Dog owners must ensure that their dogs are on a short lead at all times.

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