

# Culter Hillwalking Club

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Long Walk – Duchray Hill (Mealna Letter) Circular

Start at parking area on B951 at Angus / Perth and Kinross border (NO 153642) and head E for a few meters along the road to a path on the left. Head N on track along the edge of woodland then NE to ascend Cairn Derig and on to summit Duchray Hill, 702m (NO 161673). Continue NE then descend to Loch Beanie and head W on path, crossing Allt Mor and continue towards the Outdoor Centre. Join the Catheran Trail and head S along Shee Water, passing the standing stones and Dalnglar Castle to join the B951 then E for approx. 0.5 km to the car park.

**Total distance 14 km, Ascent 470m, Time approx. 4.5 hours. OS Map 43 Braemar & Blair Atholl.** This walk involves some steep climbing and **moderate fitness level** is required.

**Meet 8:30am St Peters Heritage Centre, Peterculter.** The drive to the start point is approx. 75 miles (1.30mins) and please indicate if you are willing to drive or need a lift.

Book through Long Walk Coordinator Geoff Weighill **by Thursday April 4th**

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### Sunday Saunter – The Prince’s Stone NO229891

This is a memorial to Prince Albert’s one night stay in October 1857 in a wooden building where the stone now stands in spectacular scenery.

The walk starts at Keiloch car park Invercauld; NO189913 (£3.50 cards now accepted) and the old bridge is crossed to access the track into the Ballochbuie forest where the south bank of the river is followed until the junction at NO187907. We continue to follow the river downstream crossing the Glenbeg Burn and onto the bridge over the Garbh Alt NO200901. The track ahead is followed and the footpath at NO205904 going up into the forest is taken to its junction at NO209893. The next turn is at NO218899 and the Ballochbuie Burn is followed into the foothills of Lochnagar and the forest is left behind. The path taken at the final junction at NO229897 leads up to the stone. The return is by going back the way we came until NO218899 where the Ballochbuie Burn is again crossed but the route is downhill to the forest road, joined at NO209908. This road is followed to the old bridge and the river is crossed back to the car park.

**Total distance 14 km, Ascent 350m, Time approx. 5.0 hours. OS Map 43/44.**

**Meet 10:00am at Keiloch car park. Book by Friday April 5th**

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*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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