

Culter Hillwalking Club

NEXT WALKS – SUNDAY 5th August 2018

Long Cycle/Walk – Ben Avon Summit Ridge from Tomintoul

Total distance 40km, inc 12km on bikes, asc 750m, 10 hrs, OS Map 36

This walk takes us on a pleasant cycle alongside the River Avon and a wonderful trek among the granite tors of Ben Avon. We leave the cars at the car park (NJ164175) 1km out of Tomintoul along the road to Delnabo, and set off on the 12km, one hour cycle run to Inchrory along a tarred road following the River Avon upstream; the last 2km approaching Inchrory are on wide, well graded, untarred surface. Leaving the bikes among the trees just south of Inchrory, we take the bridge over the Builg Burn and turn uphill just before the Linn of Avon. We follow the faint track west through the line of shooting butts straight uphill to Carn Fiaclach, where we turn to a more southerly direction on a good path threading through the impressive tors of Clach Bhan and Meall Gaineimh and thence up past West Meur Gorm Craig to the summit ridge of Ben Avon. If time allows we can detour to Stob Bac an Fhurain to take in the views over Glen Avon. We return to Inchrory by the same path and then cycle back to Tomintoul.

Note: This route is a long one, requiring a good level of fitness. BIKES ARE ESSENTIAL.

Departure from Peterculter Heritage Centre 8.30am.

Contact John Fowler (Tel 0124 742278, Mob 07989 413116)

Closing date Wednesday 1st August.

Short Walk – Carn an Tuirc and Cairn Claise

Total distance 12km, ascent 650m, OS Map 43

We start at the layby at NO147799. We initially follow a burn, and there is then a fairly steep climb to the summit of Carn an Tuirc (1019m), but we will take this slowly. From the summit it is a fairly easy walk along the plateau to Cairn of Claise (1064m). From there we descend a ridge back to the cars, passing the rocky pinnacle of Sron na Goithe.

Meet at St Peter's Heritage Centre 8.30am.

Contact Jackie Potts, 01224 732944, indicating if you would be willing to drive.

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Walkers must wear walking boots (gaiters also recommended), 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. Dog owners must ensure that their dogs are on a short lead at all times.