

Culter Hillwalking Club

NEXT WALK

Sunday 6th December 2015

The Lion's Face & Creag Choinnich

Max Distance 9.5k. Max. Ascent 355 metres. OS Map 43.

This is a walk to suit everyone because it can be tailored to your requirements. We head east out of Braemar village on the wide path through the forest which goes up Creag Choinnich, but before long we turn left to the viewpoint of the Cromlins. The path now takes us parallel to the Dee and the main road out of Braemar before climbing gently uphill to the Lion's Face (don't be disappointed, it only appears like a lion from the other side of the Dee, but it's still an impressive crag). We pass this crag and the top of our next port of call comes into view, Creag Choinnich. To reach this goal, we turn right off the main track and take a short, steep, small path to the top of the hill from where there are views of the Dee Valley, Morrone and surrounding Munros. Having soaked up the scenery, we descend on the main path back to Braemar but turn left off this path and after a pleasant walk through the woods and a short steep climb, we emerge farther along the Lion's Face track (the Queen's Drive), turning south west, crossing over the Glenshee road, circumnavigating the golf course, crossing a footbridge over the Clunie Water and turning right and back to Braemar. This is a description of the full walk but there are various points where it can be shortened and we have the luxury of 4 co-ordinators, so, as I say, there is an option to choose how far and how high you want to go.

Total Time: Approximately 3 ½ hours for the whole walk

Meet at Culter Village Hall at 8 am, return around 5pm.

After the walk, Christmas Lunch at the Invercauld Arms, Braemar, meal to be booked in advance

Transport by coach, £12 for members, £15 for non members.

Contact Della Russell, Tel. 01330 820376.

Closing date Wednesday 2nd December.

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.

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