

Culter Hillwalking Club

NEXT WALKS – SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2020

Long Walk – Craig Leek 635m

Total distance 16km, ascent 785m, 5.5 hrs, OS Map 43 & 44.

An A to B through walk (cars at both ends) starting at a parking area on the A93 Ballater/Braemar (Grid Ref NO234 938) close to Inver. After crossing the A93 we head up an easy gradient on forest track then west on moorland to join another forest track taking us past the Auchtavan, Fermtoun and onward up Glen Feardar crossing three fords on a route heading Northward with panoramic views down the Glens below. We then turn South, still on track, and on reaching a wooded area we turn east uphill through heather towards Meall Gorm from where we head south to a bealach and onwards towards the summit of Craig Leek offering good views in all directions. From here due south, eventually reaching mature open woodland descending to reach a forest track leading to the Keiloch car park.

Refreshments at the Bothy in Ballater.

Please Note: This walk requires a moderate level of fitness. There are three fords to cross that on the reconnaissance gave no problem.

Meet at St Peter's Heritage Centre 8.30am. Banchory members meet as instructed by the walk co-ordinator. Contact walks co-ordinator Bill Davidson mob: 07730 000341 email: w333@btinternet.com by Wednesday 29th January 2020.

Sunday Saunter – Circular from Keiloch Car Park, Invercauld

Total distance 8km, OS Map 43.

The route wiggles in a northerly direction along the valley towards Felagie and then climbs up NW through the forest until we reach Fog House. From here, we head north climbing gradually to a junction where we turn back on ourselves on a track which crosses the Allt Dourie before descending SW towards the Dee Valley. Our walk ends as this valley takes us back to Keiloch Car Park (paying).

We hope to meet the longer walkers afterwards in the Bothy at Ballater.

Contact Della Russell (tel. 01330 820376) by Wednesday 29th January 2020.

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.