

# Culter Hillwalking Club

**NEXT WALK – SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**

**CONACHCRAIG/CAISTAL NA CAILLICH – 850/862m**

**Distance 12 km. Ascent 570 m. 4.5 hours. OS 44 Ballater & Glen Clova**

Walk off all that Xmas and New Year excess on this delightful circular walk on a big, rough, bouldery hill a few kilometres east of Lochnagar on the west side of Glen Muick. We start in the 'pay and display' car park in Glen Muick, taking the track to Allt-na-giubhsaich then the signposted route to Lochnagar which rises to reach a coll at 700m where the Lochnagar path branches off to the left and we enjoy a great view down Glen Gelder. This is where we leave the track and climb NE to the highest point of Conachraig; there are 3 'summits' and several slabby tors. We traverse the tops and reach Caisteal na Caillich at 862m before heading down past the little col at Carn an Daimh on heathery slopes to the pine wood of Glen Muick and back to the Spittal of Glenmuick and the car park.

This was an easy walk on a lovely day in October but could present challenges if the weather is particularly wintry, in which case we will default to a walk round Loch Muick, heading to Dubh Loch if weather permits. So a walk for all, look forward to seeing everyone there.

**Note: This walk is fairly straightforward in good weather and requires a moderate level of fitness.**

**Meet at St Peter's Church, Culter at 8:30 am and return around 5.00pm. Refreshments after the walk at the Bothie in Ballater.**

**Contact David Gair Tel: 01224-867285, [davidgair@me.com](mailto:davidgair@me.com) by very latest Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.**

*Walkers must wear walking boots (gaiters recommended), carry WARM and waterproof clothing, hat and gloves and 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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