

Culter Hillwalking Club

NEXT WALKS – SUNDAY 5th JANUARY 2020

Long Walk – Pressendye 619m

Total distance 15km, ascent 570m, 5hrs, OS Map 37 Strathdon & Alford.

A clockwise circular route of Pressendye from the village of Tarland. We head northwest on unavoidable tarmac road then north and east over Broom Hill, before the final ascent on path to Pressendye where hopefully we can admire the views. From the summit a southerly route downhill on well-trodden path passes two attractive beach “belties”, to Rowan Bank and a short tarmac section back to Tarland village centre.

The Commercial Hotel in Tarland will be the venue for our post-walk refreshments when we hope to meet up with the Sunday Saunterers.

Please Note: This walk requires a moderate level of fitness.

Meet at St Peter's Heritage Centre 8.30am. Banchory members meet as instructed by the walk co-ordinator. Contact walks co-ordinator June Barclay junebarclay@hotmail.com by Thursday 2nd January 2020.

Sunday Saunter – Pittenderich 508m

Total distance 11.5km, OS Map 37 Strathdon & Alford.

We meet at Tarland Square at 10.30am and take the pleasant path through Alastrean woods, rising to cross the Queen's View road and following the path through farmland and woods to the top of Pittenderich. From there we take a wide track down the flank of the hill, passing east of Douneside House to finish in Tarland for refreshments at the Commercial Hotel, hopefully at the same time as the main walk participants.

Contact Della Russell (tel. 01330 820376) by Thursday 2nd 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.