

Culter Hillwalking Club

Next walk - Sunday 3rd July 2016

Walk A: Ben Macdui (1308m) & Cairngorm (1245m)

Distance 18km Ascent 910m. OS map 36 Grantown.

This is a circular walk from the main Cairngorm ski carpark. We use the repaired path southwest to Pt 1083, south of Lurcher's Crag, and continue south over the high plateau to Ben Macdui. From here, time and weather permitting, the route returns to Lochan Buidhe and forks northeast to cross towards Cairn Lochan, following the edge of the northern corries and ascending Cairngorm, before descent down the Windy Ridge path back to the start. On path, some repaired, some hard to pick out, this walk takes place at high altitude with few escape options, be prepared for potentially bad weather. Time 7hrs.

Walk B: Cairngorm (1245m)

Distance 8km Ascent 600m. OS map 36 Grantown.

We take our time ascending Cairngorm by the repaired and well laid out Windy Ridge path, stopping for morning coffee at the Ptarmigan restaurant (because, as walkers, we can!). A stroll along the tops of the northern corries will be followed by a descent from Fiacail a' Choire Chais back to the start. On path, some good, some stony but not difficult. Again be prepared for cold when we get high. If weather poor, we do a walk in the protection of the lovely Rothiemurchas Forest instead. Bring some money for shopping opportunities at the base station ...

A & B walks: Meet at Culter Village Hall at 7am, return approx 8pm. Pickup at Banchory Bellfield carpark 7.15am. Transport by coach, £17 members, £20 guests. Contact Andy Roberts & Catherine Lacy on 01224 733710 or 07789 852923 by Mon 27th June to book and for further information.

Walkers must wear walking boots, 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.

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