

# Culter Hillwalking Club

**NEXT WALK – SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

Longer walk: Jock's Road, Auchallater – Glen Clova

**Distance 22 km. Ascent 550 metres. OS maps 43 and 44**

This is a through walk from Auchallater, (GR. NO156882) finishing at Glen Clova visitor centre (GR NO285762). The walk starts easily along the track to Loch Callater then on path, with bog, up past Loch Kander and after a stiff offpath climb up the headwall of the glen to the plateau, descends gently then more steeply down Glen Doll, finishing on track. The route is very exposed over the high ground with no shelter and no alternatives, and little path. If the weather is good, there is an opportunity for a short and swift ascent of Tolmount (958m).

The route is on good track or path on the lower ground but has off path sections up steep moorland during the ascent towards Tolmount. Famous for the 19<sup>th</sup> century courtcase as well as its potential danger in winter, the walk offers great views across the plateau to the Lochnagar horseshoe, Driesh and Mayar, giving a strong sense of remote and wild land.

Note: Some moderately steep climbing and rough terrain off path. Requires a reasonable level of fitness.

Shorter walk: The Minister's Path

**Distance 5 miles. Ascent 550 feet. OS map 44**

This walk begins by Glen Prosen Church (GF328658) climbing gently out of the Glen on a track which crosses over wild moorland with views of Dreish and Mayar. After the track joins the track from the Airlie monument, we head towards the woods on the slopes of Glen Clova. We descend through these woods to the Glen Clova road and cross this, making for a bridge over the burn and coming out on the parallel road along the Glen. Here we turn left and walk along the road and later a footpath to the Glen Clova Hotel where we have refreshments and await the arrival of the other Group. If the weather is suitable, those who wish can also climb Knachly, 489m. It is possible that we can catch the coach in Culter later than 8am, probably 10am.

**Meet at Culter Village Hall at 8am and return around 7:00 pm. Transport by coach. Contact Catherine Lacy for both walks Tel: 01224-733710. Closing date Wed. 3<sup>rd</sup> June.**

*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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