

# Culter Hillwalking Club

**NEXT WALKS – SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

## **Long Walk – Carn a’Mhaim and Ben MacDui**

**Distance 32km (12km cycling). Ascent 1250 metres. OS Map 43**

This walk starts with a 6km cycle ride from the Linn of Dee to Derry Lodge. This is along a good track, though is not suitable for a road bike. At Derry Lodge, we leave the bikes, and head West following a good path along Glen Luibeg. Crossing the Luibeg burn we soon leave the main path for the ascent of Carn a’Mhaim (1,037m) (NN994951). From the summit, we descend along what is probably the best ridge walk in the Cairngorms, looking down on the Lairig Ghru and with terrific views of Ben Macdui, Braeriach and Cairn Toul. At the end of the ridge, we begin the ascent up Ben Macdui following a reasonable path though requiring us to thread our way through a boulder field to reach the Ben Macdui plateau. Taking a northwest bearing, we then head along the plateau to the Ben Macdui summit (1,309m) (NN989989). We leave the plateau to pick up another good path over Sron Riach, then descend down the ridge and follow the Luibeg burn back to Derry Lodge. Collecting the bikes, we then return to the Linn of Dee. Note, if you do not wish to use bikes, there is the possibility of meeting the group at Derry Lodge which will add 1.5 hours to the day.

**Total Time: Approx. 9.5 hrs + breaks.**

**Note: This walk is a long one, with some steep ascents. Requires a good level of fitness**

**Long Walk - Meet at St Peter’s Church, Culter at 7:30am. Banchory folk meet at Bellfield Car Park at 7:45am. Transport by shared cars with contributions to the drivers please.**

**Long Walk - Contact Graham Metcalf to book (Tel: 078 7241 3793) and indicate if you would be willing to drive. Closing date Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May.**

## **Short Walk – Craig Coillich and Craigendarroch – 10km, 400m, OS44**

After parking cars in Ballater, we walk across the bridge, cross South Deeside Road into the forest, turn left climbing up to the east/west track. Passing the Newfoundland display, we turn up the hill to the right steeply through pleasant woodland to the mast on Craig Coillich. We turn back into the woods, take the track on the right and continue down, passing the curling pond and memorial and on to the main road and Ballater where we have lunch. In the afternoon, we head west out of Ballater on the main road, turning right along Craigendarroch Walk into the woods, turning left, climbing steadily on the Circular Walk and ultimately to the top of Craigendarroch. We descend from the trig point down a pleasant winding path back to the village.

**Short Walk - Meet at St. Peter's Heritage Centre in Culter at 8.30. Banchory folk meet at Bellfield car park at 8.45. Transport by shared cars with contributions to the drivers please.**

**Short Walk - Contact Brenda Noble on 01224 733761 by Wednesday 31st May (led by Della)**

*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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