

Culter Hillwalking Club

NEXT WALK – SUNDAY 6th May 2018

Coastal Walk: Portessie to Portsoy

Distance 19 km, 6.5 hours, OS Maps 28 and 29



This walk visits some attractive harbours and fishing villages along the Moray Coast. We will start the walk from the car park opposite the caravan site at Portessie (NJ446667) and walk along the cliffs to Findochty with its harbour and attractive cottages. From here we continue to Portknockie and Bow Fiddle rock, a natural sea arch that resembles the tip of a fiddle bow. We then continue along the cliffs and beach to Cullen. From Cullen we walk along the shore to Logie Head and the Giant's steps. We then continue to Sunnyside Bay and Findlater Castle, where we will take a detour inland to avoid the landslip at Sandend, and from Sandend we follow the coastal path to Portsoy.

Coach pick up Culter Village Hall 8am; return around 7pm.

Contact Jackie and Andy Moat to book (Tel 01224 732944)

Bus fee £12 Club members, £15 non-members.

Closing date Thursday 26th April.

Please note that the closing date is earlier than usual to allow us, if necessary, to cancel the coach without penalty. In the event that the number of walkers is insufficient for a coach, we propose to leave Culter at 8:30am, drive to Portsoy, and catch the 10:30am service bus to Portessie.

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.