

Culter Hillwalking Club

Sunday 1st May 2022

Closing date Wednesday 27th April

Walk - Jock's Road, Auchallater – Glen Doll (with hired coach transport)

A through walk from Auchallater, (NO156882) tot Glen Doll 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 off path climb up the headwall of the glen to the plateau. We descend gently and, taking a detour due to fallen trees, we head pass Loch Esk and the Glittering Skellies, descending through Bachnagairn Wood to meet a good track to Glen Doll visitor centre.

The route is very exposed over the high ground with no shelter, no alternatives, and little path. On lower ground it is on good track/path but has off path sections up steep moorland during the ascent from Glen Callater.

Famous for the 19th century courtcase plus 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.

Total distance 23km, Ascent 700m, Time 7.5 hours. Reasonable level of fitness required.

Cost, as customary there will be a fee, to subsidise the coach hire costs, **of £12 for Club Members, £15 for guests to be collected as cash on the coach.**

Meet for coach embarkation 8.00am opposite Culter Village Hall. Return approx. 8.00pm

Book with Walk Coordinator Graham Metcalf Email grahammetcalf@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 07730 728738

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Sunday Saunter – Pannanich Hill (601m) (with part coach transport)

The walk will start in Ballater (see transport logistics below) and will ascend Pannanich Hill NO392944 on the path above the House of Glen Muick. From the summit we'll follow the path, not shown on the map, towards Bellamore Craig NO405966. This path is frequently used by mountain cyclists. Passing the Rocking Stone NO405965 we descend, off the path through trees and some fallen pines that are easily negotiated. Crossing B976 at NO407973 we follow good tracks back to the cars at Cambus o' May.

Transport logistics are for the Saunterers is to drive to the car park by the Cambus o' May bridge NO423975 to be picked up by the club hired coach which will transfer us for disembarkation at Ballater.

Total distance 9km, Time 5 hrs, Ascent 400m. As a measure of difficulty Susie managed it fine this April.

Cost, as customary there will be a fee (reduced by 50% for this unique "one-way ticket"), to subsidise the coach hire costs, **of £6 for Club Members, £8 for guests, to be collected as cash on the coach.**

Meet 8.30am at the Cambus o' May bridge car park NO423975 for bus embarkation at 8.50am

Booking through Coordinator Malcolm Smith malcolm_susie@btinternet.com

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Walkers must wear walking boots (gaiters essential), carry WARM and waterproof clothing, hat and gloves and take plenty of food and liquids.

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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