

# Culter Hillwalking Club

## **NEXT WALKS – SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

### **Long Walk -Badandun Hill (740m)**

**Distance 20 km, ascent 700m, 7-7.5 hours, OS Map 44**

This is a long walk up a quiet hill lying just east of Glen Isla. We start from the FC carpark at the end of the tarred road to Freuchies (GR NO 22399 60781, see "Ski Trails" on map) and follow the track north. The route abandons the track a rough ascent up Crock (554m). Continuing north from the summit, we walk on old track through forestry for some way, before going offpath again to skirt the cleared forest and climb through the tiny meltwater channel at Slugain. From this head of the side valley of Glen Finlet, the walk turns and heads up to Badandun's summit on track, where, having admired the views, we descend southwest and pick up the Cateran Way near Auchintaple Loch, visiting the ruins of a chapel en route. We pick up the track again, following it south through wood and farmland, past Loch Shandra and back to the cars.

**Note: This route is a long one and requires a good level of fitness, plus ability to walk on tracks for most of the day and also cope with significant rough offpath.**

**Long walk -Depart from Peterculter Heritage Centre 8am. Transport by shared cars with contributions to the drivers please.**

**Contact Catherine Lacy (tel 01224 733710, m 07789 852923) Closing date Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September.**

### **SHORT WALK – FALLS OF GARBH & THE HONKA HUT**

**Distance 10kms. Ascent 200 metres. OS maps 43 & 44**

We park in Keiloch car park (charge payable) and, carefully crossing the North Deeside Road, make our way to the old Invercauld Bridge which we cross following the track south of the Dee to a right turn up to the Falls of Garbh. Having admired these, we continue up the track until we locate a small path to the right which leads us to the Honka Hut. A short ascent from here starts the long curving track back to our original Deeside route where we turn left and retrace our steps back to the car. This is a pleasantly easy walk, mostly on track, which is capable of extension if we so wish.

**Short Walk - Meet at St. Peter's Heritage Centre at 9:30 am and return around 4 pm.**

**Transport by car**

**Contact Della Russell. Tel: 01330 820376. Closing date Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September.**

*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.