

Culter Hillwalking Club

NEXT WALK – SUNDAY 7th October 2018

Long Walk - Hill of Snowy Slack and The Buck

Distance 20 km. Ascent 550 m. 6.5 hours. OS Map 37 Strathdon

A circular walk in the Cabrach starting in Lumsden and taking in The Buck and Kildrummy Windfarm on the Hill of Snowy Slack. Mainly tracks, some off path sections and a fence to negotiate but with fine views over Strathdon to the S and Ben Rinnes to the NW retruning through pleasant farmland along the Mossat Burn.

The walk starts at the roadside parking bay in Lumsden (NJ 474223) heading west on tarmac road up the Burn of Glenny and after 4km WSW uphill on a track (overgrown in places) to a col/peat hags then onto the ridge uphill to The Buck (721m). Then heading S along a ridge to Kebbuck Knowe (672 m) and following a fence that has to be crossed (no gate) onward S across rough moorland towards the giant wind turbines on Hill of Snowy Slack (596m). Picking up the new access track down Glen Laff, past felled woodland to Auchmullen (NJ 448195), then on a good grassy farm track NE to Muirend and north of Newmill a tarmac road to Lumsden. Refreshments at the Forbes Arms Hotel, Bridge of Alford or at the Alford Bistro (TBC).

Note: Some steep climbing and rough terrain off path. One low(ish) fence to climb over. Requires a moderate level of fitness

Meet at St Peter's Church, Culter at 8:30 a.m. Banchory folk meet at Bellfield Car Park at 8:30am and travel independently to starting point. Transport by shared cars.

Contact Geoff Weighill to book on the walk (Tel: 01224-869115) and indicate if you would be willing to drive. Closing date Wednesday 3rd October.

Short Walk – Clova Hill, 512m, Lumsden

Distance 13 km. Ascent 400 m. 5.5 hours. OS Map 37 Strathdon

A chance to start at Lumsden with the long walkers, this is a more leisurely circular, heading on tracks due west to skirt past Clova House, then ascending to Clova Hill and further to a 570m un-named knoll before turning southeast and descending to Braeside Woods and onward through farm tracks and minor roads back to Lumsden. Refreshments same as Long Walkers.

Meet at St Peter's Church, Culter at 8:30 a.m. for car-sharing – Banchory walkers to be picked up by arrangement. Contact James Brownhill email james@brownhill.us to book and indicating a willingness to drive or not. Closing date Wednesday 3rd October.

Walkers must wear walking boots (gaiters recommended), carry WARM and waterproof clothing, hat and gloves and 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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