



NEXT WALK

Sunday 2nd April 2017 – Tom Trumper

Distance 8.3 miles Ascent 298 metres OS map 36

Tom Trumper (NJ23107, 18762) lies on the southern edge of the Braes of Glenlivet, about 2.5 kms SSW of Chapeltown. We start from the car park which lies some 200m past the Chivas Brothers distillery (not open to the public), down a short section of unmade road (NJ24361, 20235). There is space for about a dozen cars. Note that this car park marks the start of the Scalan Heritage Trail. From there we walk past the College of Scalan, a seminary for the training of priests and one of the few places where the Catholic faith was kept alive in the eighteenth century. Some 500m further on we follow a track uphill, past shooting butts, towards the ridge connecting Carn Dulack with Carn Liath, but travelling only as far the hill with spot height 666m. From there we have views across to Ben Avon and further on Ben Macdui, as well as the ski slopes of the Lecht. Turning north we follow an old fence down hill across a damp, but manageable dip and then up to Tom Trumper (582m) with views across the Braes of Glenlivet. Then we head west to the hill marked on the OS map with a spot height of 588m, and turn north to join a track which takes us down towards Braeval across the southern end of the Braes. Before reaching Braeval, we turn east across well grazed slopes to the ruined cottages of Bolietten and Belnoe, before heading to Tomalienen, past the ruined Crofts of Scalan and thence to the track which takes us back to the car park.

All meet at Bellfield Car Park in Banchory at 8.30am. NOTE: the North Deeside Road from the AWPR crossing into Peterculter will be closed on Sunday, 2nd April.

The journey to Chapeltown takes about one and a half hours. Return to Banchory by 5.30pm

Transport by car (drivers required) – contribution to drivers please. Contact John Fowler 01224 742278, 07989 413116, or jdfowler@sky.com

Closing date Wednesday 29th March 2016

Walkers must wear walking boots, 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.

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