

# Culter Hillwalking Club

## Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

### Long Walk – Monamenach and Duchray Hill)

Start from the parking area at Auchavan just beyond the end of the public road up Glen Isla (NO193698). Take the track behind the farm to ascend directly to the summit of Monamenach (Corbett 807m). From here follow the boundary fence SW to Craigenloch Hill before descending steeply off path with good views over Loch Beanie. Continue across the bealach and ascend steeply on rough grass to reach the cairn on Duchray Hill (or Mealna Letter 702m). Turn, cross the boundary fence and head SSE on grassy ground over Carn an Fhidhleir to drop on farm tracks to Meikle Forter. Then a short section of road to Little Forter and over the Isla bridge. From here take farm tracks north past Fergus to return to the cars via the bridge above Auchavan.

**Total distance 18 km, Ascent 840m, Time approx. 7 hours. OS Map 43 Braemar & Blair Atholl.** This walk involves some steep climbing and a **moderate fitness level** is required.

**Meet 8:00am St Peters Heritage Centre, Peterculter.** The drive to the start point is approx. 75 miles (1hr 40mins). Please indicate if you are willing to drive or need a lift.

Book through Long Walk Coordinator John Adams **by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

### Saunter – Forvie National Nature Reserve

The Saunter will explore the central and northern section of the nature reserve visiting the old church, optionally going down to Hackley Bay, on to Collieston, and return visiting the trig point NK022279. The route follows good paths and the going is easy. The ice cream shop in Collieston may be open and time will be allowed to explore this interesting village and harbour.

**Meet at 10:00am** at the free Riverside car parks, A975 just north of the bridge over the river Ythan NK004269. There is additional parking on the Newburgh side of the bridge - look out for the yellow arch.

**Total distance 10K; duration 4 hrs; ascent 60m.**

**Book by Fri April 4<sup>th</sup>** through Walk Coordinator Malcolm/Susie Smith

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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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