

Culter Hillwalking Club

Sunday 29th March 2026

Long Walk – Tomintoul Spur of the Speyside Way

This is an opportunity to walk the interesting and scenic branch route of the Speyside Way, through hill and moorland, supported by coach. We start at Mill of Tommore heading over the flank of Cairnacay and Hill of Deskie, entering the Crown Estate. We cross the Livet and pass by Glenlivet Distillery with its lovely duck pond, before ascending Carn Diamh (569m), enjoying its exceptional views. We descend into Tomintoul over Cairn Ellick (529m). At this height there is a possibility of snow. Mostly path, some track and a little bit of road.

**Total distance 21km, duration 6.5hrs, ascent 750m OS map 36 Grantown and Aviemore
Meet opposite Culter Village Hall to board coach by 8am. Estimated return time 18.30pm
Book with coach booking coordinator John Adams by Tuesday 24th March.
Requires a moderate level of fitness. Walk coordinator Sue Callan**

Saunter –Strath Avon to Tomintoul

The bus will leave us in Strath Avon at NJ165282 where there is a small layby and access to a bridge. Cross the River Avon and go up to the track and then walk upstream and at the car park cross the river at NJ155265. Cross the road and go up to the houses at Ballenlish. The track goes between the houses and uphill through the trees and continues into the conifers at NJ160246. This track goes down to the junction at Glenconglass at NJ171223 where the road is met and it's followed to NJ170201 where the Speyside Way will take us into Tomintoul.

**Total distance 12.2km, ascent 300m, approx. 4 hrs. Meet opposite Culter Village Hall to board the coach by 8am
Book with coach booking coordinator John Adams by Tuesday Mar 24th. Walk coordinator Malcolm 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.

