

Culter Hillwalking Club

NEXT WALKS – SUNDAY 4th August 2019

Long Walk - Lochnagar via Black Spout & Carn a' Choire Bhoidheach

Total distance 22km, ascent 1150m, 8.5Hrs OS Map 44

Here is a chance to climb Lochnagar by a slightly different route. We start in the Pay & Display car park in Glen Muick, then follow the track alongside the Alt-na-giubhsich. After passing the Clais Rathadan ravine we take the well constructed path to the bealach between Meikle Pap & Lochnagar. Those who don't want to climb up the scree gully can take the normal route, round the coire and meet at the summit. For those that do, we head down to the mountain rescue box close to Lochan na Gaire and head up the Black Spout scree gully bringing us out on the plateau, close to Cac Carn Beag. From here it is over past The Stuic before heading south onto Carn a' Choire Bhoidheach. Then it is pathless heading ESE over the 1068 top, over Creag a' Ghlas-uillt before joining the track past the waterfalls and onto the main Loch Muick track back to the cars.

Note: This walk does have quite a bit of ascent, steep in the gully, so requires a good level of fitness.

Meet at St Peter's Heritage Centre 8.30am. Transport by shared cars. Contact Graham Neish (Tel 01975 962052, Mob 07905 843704) indicating if you would be willing to drive, and which route you want to go on. Closing date Wednesday 31st July

Short Walk - Sandy Hillock 768m

Total distance 16km, ascent 460m, 5-6hrs. OS44 Ballater

As a nod to the long walkers, we too will travel to Glen Muick, where we will take the Capel Mounth track south, then stride off path over easy ground high above Glen Clova, summitting Dog Hillock, Broom Hill and finally Sandy Hillock. Arriving at the stables, we can take either the Streak o Lightning path or the zigzag pony track to descend to Loch Muick and stroll back to the cars.

Walk requires a moderate level of fitness.

Meet St Peters Heritage Centre 8.30am. Transport by shared cars. Contact Catherine (Tel 01224 733710) indicating if you would be willing to drive. Closing date Wednesday 31st July.

Sunday Saunter – Mill of Dinnet to Tarland via Kieselguhr

Total distance 10km, negligible ascent. OS37

An A to B through walk, all on path/track.

Contact Della Russell Tel: 01330 820376. Closing date Wednesday 31st July

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.