

# Culter Hillwalking Club

**NEXT WALK & XMAS LUNCH – SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

**Kerloch 534m via Garrol**

**Followed by Xmas Lunch at the British Legion, Banchory**

**Distance 11 km. Ascent 450 m. 4.0 hours. OS Map 45 Stonehaven & Banchory**

This relatively short walk is an A-B (to avoid too much hard tarmac road). We will all rendezvous in ample car parking space on a track at NO 699 915 near Moss-side, south of the Dee and east of Strachan, this effectively being the end of the walk.. We will leave the bulk of the cars there then shuttle all walkers 2.5 km eastward along the road to off-road parking at the start of the walk at the track to Garrol Hill (NO 724 912) opposite The Nine Stanes

From the start we head along a track heading south-southwest to Garrol Hill and on through a forest, at the end of which is a padlocked gate that is easily climbed. Once over the gate we follow a path, that can be quite wet, and gradually ascends the shoulder of the hill Shillofad until reaching the boundary of some commercial forest. Here we turn sharply northwest on an old track skirting the forest and passing the headwaters of the minor Burn of Knock to a point named as Glenskinnan. Those wishing a very short walk (cutting out 3km and the major ascent) can continue along the track at this point, but to reach Kerloch we turn left and for 1.5km head steadily uphill on path to the summit where extensive views can be had, weather permitting. Our descent follows the same route back down through the forest turning left at Glenskinnan to follow a leisurely track to the end at Moss-side.

Very latest time of arrival at the British Legion is 1.30pm. Please let the walks co-ordinator know your Xmas Lunch menu choice.

**Note: This is a short walk. There is a padlocked gate to climb over (it can't be avoided), and the 1.5km, 280 metres of ascent to the summit is relentless (refreshment stop half way?). The ascent can be omitted (but the views from the summit would be missed). Some of the path can be quite wet after rain so there's a likely need for a change in shoes and socks prior to the Xmas lunch.**

**Meet at St Peter's Church, Culter at 8:30 a.m. Banchory folk meet at Bellfield Car Park at 8:40am and travel independently to rendezvous point at Moss-side NO 699915. Transport by shared cars.**

**Contact [June Barclay](mailto:junebarclay@hotmail.com) to book on the walk [junebarclay@hotmail.com](mailto:junebarclay@hotmail.com) and indicate if you would be willing to drive. Closing date Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.**

***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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