

Culter Hillwalking Club

Sunday 2nd February 2025

Long Walk – Ben Newe 565m NJ381143

Access to car parking is off the A97 at NJ397139, a short drive up the forestry road and on the right. The walk follows the track that zig zags up the hill to NJ387141 where the track is enveloped by forest. A clear path emerges from the trees, turns sharp left onto a faint uphill track that follows the edge of the forest until a distinct path on the right and leads to the summit. From the summit its mostly downhill and at NJ383139 the route turns right between Ben Newe and Hill of Greenstyle on good path down to the River Don bridge at NJ390129. To avoid a walk along the road the bridge is crossed, and the edge of the field is followed. Here it may be necessary to gain the path at NJ403135 to avoid a burn and grassy paths take us to the bridge at NJ398141 close to the car park.

Coffee, tea and fine pieces are to be had in Alford on the way home.

Total distance 11km, duration 4 hrs, Ascent 482m.

Meet at St Peter's Heritage Centre Car Park at 08.45am or the start of walk car park and ready to walk by 10.00am

Book with Long Walk Coordinator Nick Varley **by Friday 31st Jan** indicating whether you are willing to drive and offer lifts, or prefer a lift, or plan to drive to the start parking area.

Saunter - Hound Hillock NO621792

Start the walk at the at the lower car park at Clatterin' Brig Café at NO664782 and follow the good track all the way up to the Loch of Muchrae at NO642784. En-route the stream has to be crossed several times mostly on good bridges but there are two fords to be negotiated where care is needed. Just beyond the loch a junction of tracks is encountered with tracks going off in several directions. Turn left and follow the track to a gate on your right at NO645779. Through the gate and down the hill to a junction at NO 634779. Turn right and follow the path up the Shank of Cardowan. This will meet another path at NO 617785 where you turn right and the trig point for Hound Hillock is close by, off the track a little at NO622793. Return to the path and turn left. Follow the path to a junction at NO625797 and turn right. Follow the path to Loch of Muchrae and then follow the path back to the cars.

Refreshments can be had in the Clatterin' Brig Café afterwards.

Total Dist 10km, Asc 390m, approx 4 hrs + coffee stop.

Meet at starting point car park car park at 10:30 am.

Bookings by Friday Jan 31st

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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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