

Culter Hillwalking Club

Sunday 2nd June 2024

Long Walk (with bike) – Carn An Fhidhleir and An Sgarsoch

Cycle W on Land Rover track via White Bridge, past the renovated Red House Bothy, W alongside the Geldie Burn. Ford a couple of tributary burns, prior the big ford NN957872 before the ruined Geldie Lodge. Bikes will be left and we continue on foot. Be prepared for wet feet at the ford. Path W to burn Allt a'Chaorainn, crossing it head SW up across/heather/bog until summit Carn An Fhidhleir. Path down until the boggy bealach, then up to summit of An Sgarsoch. N off the summit to rejoin the stalkers path and retrace our steps, reunite with the bikes and cycle quickly back to LoD.

Please note: Overall a longish route with some steep up and downs. No recce other than the bike leg has been done. Both bike and biker need to cope with roughish LR track, loose gravel in places. All rideable with minor exceptions. Poles, spare socks perhaps for burn crossings recommended.

Total dist' 42km, Ascent 1060m, (25km, 200m are by bike). Time approx. 8 hrs. OS Map 43

Meet 9:00 am Linn of Dee Car Park NO065898 (£4/car, card/cash, free with NTS membership card)

Book with Long Walk Coordinator David Soden by Wednesday 29th May, stating if you are happy to offer a lift to passenger + bike or are looking for a lift. Bikes not provided!!

Short Walk – Morrone – Corriemulzie Circuit

Start at the Braemar Duck Pond Car Park (NO143911) and head off in a clockwise direction to the viewpoint at Tomintoul then to Morrone summit (859m). Continue SW on track then off path to Carn na Drochaide (830m), along ridge to the top at NO115861 and descend N following the Corriemulzie Burn. Pass the mini hydro scheme dam then NE into the woodland and return to the car park. **Note:** we may do the route anti-clockwise, depending on weather conditions on the day.

Total Distance 16 km, Ascent 725m, 6 hrs. OS Map 43. Moderate level of fitness required. Meet at St Peter's Heritage Centre Car Park at 08:30am and indicate if willing to drive or need a lift.

Book with Short Walk Coordinator Geoff Weighill by Wednesday 29th May

Sunday Saunter - Forest of Birse

This Saunter starts from the car park at the end of the Forest of Birse road NO532906 and after a kilometre of road the track at NO543908 is taken to the junction at NO549922 where the track rises close to the summit of Corybeg NO561922. A left turn downhill all the way past Murley and left again onto a track at NO568939 that runs parallel to the Burn of Cattie; not shown on the 1:50,000 map. A faint path crosses the burn (a stepping stone) and up to the track in the trees at NO559940. Go left. The track joins the Glencat road and the hill track is followed past the farmyard, over the shoulder of Brackenstake to the car park

Total dist' 11km, Ascent 250m, 4.5 hours. Meet at the start-of-walk car park at 10:00am

Book through Malcolm Smith at by Thursday 30th May

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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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