

Culter Hillwalking Club

Sunday 7th June 2026

Long walk – Glenshee to Spittal of Glenshee over Ben Gulabin 806m

We will start at the Glenshee ski centre (NO138783), shuffle cars to the finish at Spittal of Glenshee. The walk will head west out to Carn a'Gheoidh via The Cairnwell and possibly Carn Aosda, on track and path. From Carn a'Gheoidh we will descend over easy terrain, then on track to Ben Gulabin. From there we will descend south directly over the nose to arrive at the Spittal, collect cars and head back to Braemar for refreshments. This last descent section is steep but over tussocky grass which gives firm footing. If there has been recent rain we may reconsider descent option and use track to join the A93 just north of the Spittal.

Distance 16km, ascent 700 m, approx. 5-6 hrs. OS map 43 Braemar. Requires a reasonable level of fitness. Meet at St Peter's Heritage Hall, Culter at 8am. Book through Walk Coordinator Dave Windle by Thursday 4th June. Please say if you're happy to drive, or take a lift.

Short Walk – Craig Mellon 866m and Carn Damff, Glen Clova

This Car Parking (fee applicable) for this walk is at the now closed Glen Doll Ranger Centre NO284761 about a 1 hour 45 minute drive from Peterculter. We will ascend the hill behind the centre using an old stalkers path through what was storm Frank ravaged forestry, up to the plateau which provides extraordinary views down Glen Clova. We'll head WNW on a barely discernible path to Cairn Damff 839m, where we descend (vague path) west and south to join Jocks Road at approx. NO237776 and dropping through the gorge and eventually returning to the parked cars.

Total distance 14km, ascent 750 m, approx. 5.5hrs. Meet at St Peter's Heritage Centre for 8.30am.

Estimated return time 18.00pm. Requires a moderate level of fitness.

Book with short walk coordinator James Brownhill indicating if you are willing to drive or prefer to accept a lift by Thursday 4th June

Craig of Prony NJ352989 circuit

Start from the old station in Ballater NO370960, go through the housing and pick up the footpath that skirts the open ground next the games park until the Pass of Ballater road is reached at NO372970. A short stretch of the road leads to the track at NO376972 that's followed up the hill into the woods until the junction of the track at NO375985. A kilometre or so of this track over Creagan Riabhach to NO364995. Here the path dips down and up again to NJ360005 and the circuit is continued by going west and then south passing Abergairn NO354974. After crossing the Pass of Ballater road a short footpath at NO358969 goes past Craigendarroch and through to the A93 and it's downhill all the way to Ballater.

Meet at the Church Square car park Ballater at 10:00. 14k; 4.5hr; 460m Booking to by Fri June 5th 2026.

Walkers must wear walking boots (gaiters useful), 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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