

Culter Hillwalking Club

NEXT WALK – SUNDAY 3rd March 2019

Mount Battock

Distance 16 km. Ascent 730 metres.

OS Map 44 Ballater & Glen Clova

This is a circular walk taking in Mount Battock (778m), one of the most easterly Corbetts in the eastern Mounth as well as several smaller tops. The plan is to do the route anti-clockwise unless the weather makes it more favourable to go clockwise.

The walk starts at the parking area near Milden Lodge (NO 540789), just off the minor road in Glen Esk. The route heads NW up a lane to Mill of Aucheen then E at the junction to cross the Hazel Burn and on to cross the Burn of Turret. The track heads steeply E to join another track up the Hill of Turret and on to the Hill of Saughs (656m). There is a short descent to a col before the final ascent to the summit of Mount Battock (778m). The route then heads SW, taking in Wester Cairn (717m), Bennygray (558m) and Mount Een (529m) before returning SE down the shoulder, passing Blackcraigs farm and back to the car park.

Refreshments in Edzell (TBC). Total Time: Approx. 6.5 hours

Note: Some steep climbing on good tracks most of the way. Requires a moderate level of fitness

Meet at St Peter's Church, Culter at 8:30 am. Banchory folk meet at Bellfield Car Park at 8:30am and travel independently to starting point. Transport by shared cars.

Contact Geoff Weighill to book on the walk (Tel: 01224-869115) and indicate if you would be willing to drive. Closing date Wednesday 27th February.

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.

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