

Culter Hillwalking Club

NEXT WALK – SUNDAY 1st MARCH 2020

Long Walk - PANNANICH HILL

Total distance 10km, ascent 410m, 4.0 hrs, OS 44.

Glorious views from almost the first steps on this relatively low level but still challenging walk. We start on the south Deeside Road at Tornacraig, Mill of Bellamore, map reference 416967. After a short distance on a track, we head into the hills via the Coire of Corn Arn. No path, just lots of heather to bash on our way up to the trig point at the top of Pannanich Hill. It's then more heather, boulders and rocks on the way down past Bellamore Craig and Headinch. We then re-join the path from which we ascended and head back to our cars and to Ballater for a well-deserved cuppa.

This is not an easy walk in winter conditions, but is truly memorable for the spectacular views. If the weather is good, we will extend the walk, probably to Craig Vallich on good paths. If conditions are not considered suitable, we will head to Glen Tanar for a lower level stroll. I look forward to seeing lots of you there to celebrate St. David's Day in style!

Note: This walk is fairly straightforward in good weather, more difficult in winter conditions, and requires a moderate level of fitness.

Meet at Culter Village Hall at 08:30 am and return around 4pm.

Contact David Gair Tel: 07787 154849 or 01224-867285, davidgair@me.com.

Sunday Saunter TYREBAGGER HILL, 250M (and beyond)

Total distance 5 miles, ascent 145m, 2.0 hrs, OS 38.

Mostly on track. Starting from NJ853116, the car park North of the A96, we follow a track mostly through the forest to the lowly summit of Tyrebagger Hill from where, all being well, there is a fantastic 360 degree panorama with plenty of hills to identify. We leave the top via a path down to a track which skirts round the forest and eventually re-joins our original track near to the car park. Even for us saunterers, this seems a bit of a short walk so, if we feel the urge to do more, we can take our life in our hands and cross the A96 to the forest car park the other side of the road from whence there are other good walks to enjoy after lunch.

Contact Della Russell (tel. 01330 820376) by Wednesday 26th February 2020.

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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