

# Culter Hillwalking Club

## Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

### Long Walk – Mount Battock 778m (NO550845)

We are returning to Glen Esk, by coach, for the first walk of spring. This walk is an A to B starting at Tarfside, (NO494796) visiting Craig Soates, Mount Een, Bennygray, Wester Cairn and finally Mount Battock. Return is to Millden (NO540789) where hopefully a fully functioning coach awaits us. This walk is mostly on track, some rough off path. Winter conditions may prevail on the higher tops with lying snow and ice quite possible. If the weather intervenes a lower route is planned.

**Total distance 17.5km, duration 6 hrs, ascent 673m OS map 44 Ballater**

**Meet at Culter Village Hall 8.00am**

**Book with long walk coordinator Sue Callan by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

**Bus fee £12 for members, £16 for non members**

**Requires a good level of fitness, some steep ascents and may be winter conditions**

### Saunter – Learney Hill NJ629049

The views from this hill are excellent and the fact that views need to be seen to be appreciated makes this a most rewarding Saunter.

The café, Platform 22 in Station Road, Torphins is the start of the route and a short wander through residential streets takes it to the edge of Torphins Wood at NJ627022 where a fine path runs round the edge of the woods and emerges on the roadside at NJ626028. Good roads take it in the direction of Learney House at NJ634047 but our path leaves the main estate road just before the house and the Saunter route goes through the trees to meet a forest road at NJ636050. The road branches left after about 500m and from here the summit can be gained off path after short, optional climb over rough and touselled ground. Back on the road around the south side of the hill the path goes gently downhill and round the shoulder of Chapelwell Hill at NJ625035 and down to meet the main estate road completing the circuit of Learney Hill.

From here the route back is the same as outward with a stop at Platform 22 for a refreshment.

Meet at Platform 22 at **10:30. Total distance 13K; duration 4 hrs; ascent 245m; OS Sheet 37**

Booking by Fri Feb 28<sup>th</sup>.

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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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