

Culter Hillwalking Club

NEXT WALK – SUNDAY 3rd May 2015

Longer walk: Corgarff to Gairnshiel via Loch Builg

Distance 23 km. Ascent 400 metres. OS maps 36 and 37

This is a through walk from the Corgarff Castle car park, grid ref. NJ 255089 finishing at Braenaloin on the B976 near Gairnshiel Lodge, grid ref. NJ 280000 via Meikle Geal Charn (802m) and Loch Builg. The walk starts west along the River Don then SW from Inchmore up the valley of Meair Veanmaich and on to Meikle Geal Charn before descending to the southern shore of Loch Builg. The route then heads east on an estate track following the valley of the River Gairn and finishes at Braenaloin on the B976.

The route is on good track or path for much of the way but has off path sections across rough / boggy moorland during the descent from Meikle Geal Charn. The walk offers fine views across Glen Builg, Ben Avon and the eastern Cairngorms and south to Lochnagar. Total Time: Approx. 7.0 hrs + breaks.

Note: Some moderately steep climbing and rough terrain off path. Requires a moderate level of fitness.

Shorter walk: Circular Walk from Braenaloin via Tom Odhar

Distance 13 km. Ascent 488 metres. OS map 37

Start at Braenaloin, grid ref. NJ 280000, up to Tom Odhar (583m) down past Easter Sleach taking in Cnoc Chalmac (489m) on the return.

Meet at Culter Village Hall at 8am and return around 7:00 pm. Transport by coach. Contact Geoff Weighill for both walks Tel: 01224-869115. Closing date Wednesday 29th April.

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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