

# Culter Hillwalking Club

**NEXT WALKS – SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

## **Long Walk - Falls of Damff and Hunt Hill**

**Distance 19 km. Ascent 600 metres. OS Map 44**

This is a circular walk in the Invermark Estate to the Falls of Damff on the Water of Unich and Hunt Hill overlooking upper Glen Lee.

The walk starts at the car park at the end of Glen Esk (NO 447804), heads west along Loch Lee on good track, crosses the Water of Lee and heads up the Shank of Inchgrundle, above the corrie of Carlochy and on to the summit near Cairn Lick (682m). We continue downhill, leaving the track, continue over rough heather, cross a good foot bridge then on to the Falls of Damff (NO 385791). We continue above the gorge. branch NW and ascend Hunt Hill (NO 380806, 705m) with fine views down Glen Lee and across to Mount Keen. We descend across rough moorland past Bruntwood Craig, down to Glen Lee, crossing the Water of Lee on a narrow footbridge comprising a single metal girder with a wire handrail before continuing back to the car park on good track. **Total Time: Approx. 6.5 hrs + breaks.**

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

**Long Walk - Meet at St Peter's Church, Culter at 8:30 am and return around 6:30 pm. Banchory folk meet at Bellfield Car Park at 8:30am and travel independently to starting point. Transport by shared cars.**

**Long Walk - Contact Geoff Weighill to book on the walk (Tel: 01224-869115) and indicate if you would be willing to drive. Closing date Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.**

## **Short Walk – Queens Well, via Invermark Castle & Lodge**

To kick off the Summer Short Walk Season an easy walk of 9km and 110m vertical ascent all on landrover track. The outward route will start with the Long Walkers for 1km past Invermark Castle, but then turning north to skirt the front of Invermark Lodge before heading up the western side of Glen Mark, crossing a bridge to the eastern side and onto Queens Well. Return is back down the glen on the eastern side and if we wish, a pop-in to the current LochLee church. Refreshments afterwards at The Retreat (closes at 5.00pm)

**Short Walk Contact James Brownhill to book (Tel: 01224-897273) and indicate if you would be willing to drive. Closing date Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Plan on departure 8.30am with final departing location, Peterculter/Banchory, dependant on walkers/drivers**

*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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