

Culter Hillwalking Club

SATURDAY 27th April 2024

Long Walk – Ballater to Tarfside via Mount Keen

The bus will drop us off by the cairn just past Bridge of Muick NO366947. (Boots can be put on during stop at Ballater Square as the bus will make only a brief stop at the drop off point). We follow the track up past Craig Vallich, descending on a narrow track to Glen Tanar. We cross a bridge at NO406895 and ascend on the Mounth Road to the summit of Mount Keen (939m). We descend the track to the Queens Well, on track to Invermark then east passing between Cairn Robie and Hill of Rowan to the Tarfside finish NO492797.

Please note: This is a long route with some steep ascents and requires a good level of fitness. No recce has been done.

Total distance 23km, Ascent 1115m, Time approx. 9 hours. OS Map 44.

Meet 07:30 for bus pick up Culter Village Hall return around 19:00.

Bus fee £12 For members, £16 for non-members.

Book through Long Walk Coordinator Sandra Steel by Wednesday 24th April.

Short Walk – Mount Keen (939m) from Invermark

As ascent of Mount Keen from the Invermark car park at the end of Glen Esk (NO 447804). From the car park we walk briefly on the road before taking the track past the House of Mark and up the glen to the Queen's Well. Passing the cottage at Glenmark we cross the Ladder Burn and climb the flank of Couternach to reach open ground that rises steadily to the summit of Mount Keen (939m) with great views. Return is by the same route. Track and good path all the way.

Total distance 17km, Ascent 680m, Time approx. 6 hours. Moderate level of fitness required.

Meet 09:45 for bus pick up (having dropped off the Long Walkers) at Culter Village Hall, return around 19:00..

Bus fee £12 For members, £15 for non-members.

Book through Short Walk coordinator John Adams by Wednesday 24th April.

Sunday Saunter

There is no Saunter scheduled for this date, but watch out for news of a Saunter later in May.

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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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