

Culter Hillwalking Club

Sunday 1st September 2024

Long Walk – White Mounth Munros

A superb route that climbs the five Munros round Loch Muick and the Dubh Loch, Lochnagar, Carn a Choire Bhoidheach, Carn an t Sagairt Mor, Cairn Bannoch and Broad Cairn. Starting at the Spittal of Muick car park (charge), the walk starts on the estate track beside the Allt -na- giubhsaich, (river crossing), up the path to the col below Meikle Pap, up the improved path over the boulders and round the ridge to the top of Lochnagar (1156m). Then head southwest towards the Stuic, up the path to Carn a Choire Bhoidheach (1110m) and continuing westwards round to Carn an t Sagairt Mor (1017m). Our return starts by heading southeast to Cairn Bannoch (1012m) and onto our last Munro, Broad Cairn (998m). We will then return east along the broad ridge picking up the return track that zig zags down to Loch Muick and back alongside the loch to the carpark. **Very good level of fitness required.**

Total Distance of the walk 30km, ascent 1300m, approx. 9-10 hrs, OS map 44 Ballater.

Meet 6:30am, St Peters Heritage Centre, Peterculter or at Spittal of Glen Muick car park at 8am, NO 308850.

Book with Long Walk coordinator Alison Paterson, by end of Thursday 29th August, indicating your preferred meeting point (St Peters or Spittal of Glen Muick), and whether you are able to offer a lift or looking for a lift.

Short Walk– Lochnagar (1156m)

Start from **Spittal of Glenmuick car park (the new one nearest the Visitors Centre)** (£5 cash/card with funds going fully to footpath repair) we follow the “tourist” route across the glen to Allt-na-Giubhsaich upward, (burn crossing) on the eroded vehicle track, upward on well-engineered path to the bealach at the foot of Meikle Pap, onward using the subtle path through the boulder field (the Ladder), across the plateau to the summit. Standard return is down the path to Glas Allt Shiel (where footpath repairs are in progress), and back along the Loch Muick track.

Total Distance 19 km, duration 7 hrs, Ascent 939m. Good level of fitness

Meet at St Peter’s Heritage Centre Car Park at 08:00am. Please indicate if willing to drive or need a lift.

Book with Short Walk Coordinator by end of Thursday 29th August, indicating whether you are willing to drive and offer lifts, or prefer a lift.

Saunter - Craig of Prony NJ352989 Circuit

Start from the Station Square Ballater NO370960, go through the housing and pick up the footpath that skirts the open ground next the games park until the Pass of Ballater road is reached at NO372970. A short stretch of the road leads to the track at NO376972 that’s followed up the hill into the woods until the junction of the track at NO375985. A kilometre or so of this track over Creagan Riabhach to NO364995. Here the path dips down and up again to NJ360005; at this junction Peter’s Hill NJ364008 can be ascended and the circuit is continued by going west and then south passing Abergairn NO354974. After crossing the Pass of Ballater road a short footpath at NO358969 goes past Craigendarroch and through to the A93 and it’s downhill all the way to Ballater.

Total Dist 15 km, Asc 395m, (500m if St Peter’s Hill ascended) approx 5 hrs. Meet Station Square Ballater 10:00am.

Booking with Jackie Potts by Friday Aug 30th.

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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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