

# Culter Hillwalking Club

**Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023**

## **Mona Gowan 749m and Morven 872m from Glenfenzie**

A long circular walk on tracks, hillpaths and offpath. There are two burn crossings towards the end of the walk. Car parking is just north of the bridge across the Glenfenzie Burn on the A939 (GR NJ312027) in a layby beside a caravan. Note that the Bridge of Gairn is closed so the Glenfenzie burn car park needs to be accessed from Strathdon driving south along the A939.

From the car park we walk north briefly up the A939, turn east past Glenfenzie farm buildings continuing on track NNE to Cairnagour Hill 742m, then east to Mona Gowan 749m. Descending eastward we drop down to the Slacks of Glencarvie then a short uphill section to the top of Mullachdubh 681m. Turning SSE we descend to the bealach at 550m then SE and east on track ascending the west shoulder to Morven 872m. Descending the SW ridge down over rough ground takes us to a track past Morven Lodge before a final uphill to Glen Fenzie and our starting point.

**Total distance 22km, Ascent 1020m, Time approx. 8 hours. OS Map 37. Good level of fitness is required.**

**Meet at St Peter's Heritage Centre car park, Peterculter at 7:45am.**

**Book** through the walks co-ordinator **Alison Paterson** by **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March**. Please indicate if willing to drive or need a lift.

## **Saunter – Balmoral Cairns Walk (Crathie)**

We'll start from the carpark NO262949 and cross the Dee over Brunel's bridge and make our way to Easter Balmoral and visit the cairns in a clockwise circuit passing Princess Beatrice's and pausing at Prince Albert's magnificent pyramid. At this point a diversion from the conventional route is to visit Princess Royal's cairn NO239929 and return to the shorter round at Princess Alice's cairn. Easy walking enables the other cairns to be visited finishing with The Purchase cairn and Prince Leopold's. The estate road will take us back to the car park.

**Total distance 12km; ascent 400, time 4.5 hours.**

**Meet Balmoral Castle, Crathie car park 10:30am** (£5.00 cash or card – a good reason to ensure the cars are filled

**Book** through walks co-ordinator **Malcom Smith** before Sat April 1<sup>st</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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