

Culter Hillwalking Club

Sunday August 6th 2023

Long Walk - Ben Avon 1171m from Keiloch

Ben Avon can only be tackled by a very long walk. This “lollipop” route avoids the usual tourist there-and-back (Plan B for poor weather) yet only adds a couple of km. Start Keiloch car park (NO 188912), fee £3. Speedy tarmac/track northeast to Altdourie, then well-defined/track path up Glean Slugain. Deviating at NO140946 turn North on track, quad bike trail, off path (peat hags) over watershed into upper reaches of Glen Gairn, downstream on path, then northerly path at NO157996 up burn Allt an Eas Mhoir before finally off-path reaching the highest tor on Ben Avon. Return on good tourist path off summit southwest to the bealach, The Sneck, then south down Glas Allt Mhor, ultimately turning southwest over the minor watershed to enter Glean Slugain and morning route back to the car park.

Total distance 33 km, Ascent 1420 m, Approx. 10 hrs. Very good fitness required for off path sections/long day.

Meet at St Peters Heritage Peterculter 7.30am or Keiloch Car Park 8.45am.

Book, indicating driving/lift/meeting point preference through Long Walk Coordinator **James Brownhill** by end of **Thursday 3rd August.**

Short Walk - Creag an Dail Bheag (863m)

Creag an Dail Bheag is the new name for the western summit of Carn Liath after re-measurement found it to be higher than its eastern summit. So for some this may be a new Corbett!

We will park at Keiloch (NO188912, parking fee £3) and walk towards Invercauld House before turning right on a track to the bealach between Carn Liath and Culardoch. Here we head west on a faint path to the summit of Carn Liath and then on to Craig an Dail Bheag (NO157982) which lies about 800m north-west of the Carn Liath summit. There are good views across to Ben Avon. We descend off-path along the ridge and down to the stalker's path at NO155966 and follow the path and then tracks back to the start.

Total distance 22km, Ascent 600m, Time approx. 8 hours at a leisurely pace. OS Map 43. Moderate level of fitness is required.

Meet at St Peter's Heritage Centre car park, Peterculter at 8:00am. Book through Walk Co-ordinator **Jackie Potts** by **Thursday 3rd August. Please indicate if you are willing to drive or need a lift.**

Sunday Saunter - Tom Odhar 583m, Glen Gairn NJ262037

Starting from Braenaloin NJ280000 on the B976 where there is car parking, the track to Tullochmacarrick NJ277015 is followed and onward to Tom Odhar with uphill and down hill sections none of which are too long or steep. The descent goes past another deserted farm, Easter Sleach NJ263020 and the north bank of the River Gairn is followed back to Tullochmacarrick and Braenaloin

Total distance 10 km. Ascent 380m Approx. 4.5 hrs. Meet at the car park at 10.00am.

Bookings by Friday August 4th.

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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