

Culter Hillwalking Club

Sunday February 5th 2023

Long Walk – Airlie Monument to Glen Clova Hotel (with hired coach transport)

This is a high-level A to B moorland walk along the ridge that starts at the Airlie Monument at the bottom end of Glen Clova, precisely NO371607 at a memorial to Robert Falcon Scott (Scott of the Antarctic). The coach will probably need to stop on the road itself, so we will need to be booted up and leave the coach quickly. A track through trees leads to the monument, built to commemorate the 9th Earl of Airlie who died in the Boer War. A moorland ridge track traverses The Goal (459m), Craigs of Lethnot (493m), Hill of Couternach (our high point of the day at 512m), Hill of Balbae (494m), Cairn Leith (439m) and finally, Elf Hillock. A deviation is required around storm Arwen windfall before following a forest track down to and across the B955 and on path northward to a bridge over the River South Esk. We walk alongside the road on the other side (still the B955) for just over 1km to the Glen Clova Hotel, for refreshments and then our coach for the return home.

Total distance 16km, Ascent 400m, Time approx. 6.5 hours. OS Map 44. Moderate level of fitness is required.

Meet 8:00am for coach embarkation North Deeside Road, opposite Culter Village Hall, Peterculter.

Coach Subsidy: £12 for Club Members, £15 for guests to be collected as cash on the coach.

Book through walks Co-ordinator **Jackie Potts**, by **Sunday 29th January** (to allow numbers for bus to be confirmed)

Saunter – Hill of Couternach (512m) (car sharing)

This walk gets off to a good start NO371605 with a short, steep path through the forest before the open ground with the Airlie Monument is reached. The path follows the broad ridge over minor bumps in the landscape and is an easy walk to the top of Couternach NO356659 with views of the Glen Doll hills and Cat Law. The return will be the same as the ascent until the 459m point NO362639 where the track turns off to Cotgibbon Plantation and the Glen Prosen road. A further 1.5km will see us back at the car park.

Total distance 12km, Ascent 300m, Time approx. 4.5 hours.

Meet at car park (NO371605) at 10:00 am. The car park is small so car sharing is recommended.

Book through walks Co-ordinator **Malcolm Smith**, by Thursday February 2nd.

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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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