

Culter Hillwalking Club

Sunday September 4th 2022

Long Walk – Firmouth Road (Glen Tanar to Tarfside)

The Firmouth is an old drove road between Deeside & Angus, used around 200-300 years ago to transfer cattle to the markets of Laurencekirk, Crieff & Falkirk.

From the parking area at Glen Tanar (480965) we cross the Water of Tanar by the hump-back bridge passing St. Elmo's chapel and onto the Firmouth Road. We climb steadily past the east side of Craigmahandle (574m) before passing the east side of Hill of St Comb (700m) and onto the highest point of the day Gannoch (731m). From here it is over the top of Tampie (723m) before joining up with the Fungle Road. It is now a steady descent of approx. 7km to Tarfside where the bus will be waiting for us. If time allows a refreshment stop will be had on the way home.

Total distance 21km, Ascent 700m, Time approx. 7 hours. OS Maps 44. This walk involves steady climbing on paths. **Good fitness level** is required.

Meet 8.00am at bus stop opposite Culter Village Hall, Peterculter. Walks Co-ordinator is Graham Neish by Sunday 28th (to allow numbers for bus to be confirmed)

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Saunter - Mortlich NJ536018

This walk will start from the easy parking on the slip road just off Golf Road, Aboyne NO533989. The route passes through the golf course and skirts the loch before heading into the wooded country typical of this part of Deeside. Well-trodden paths, not all on the 1:50,000 map lead to the summit of Mortlich, the last short section is steep. The descent will take us north giving good views of the Northern Cairngorms and past Coull House NO523012. The lie of the land takes us towards Aboyne but the route turns in to the policies of Aboyne Castle along an avenue of lime trees that runs through woodland to Golf Road.

Total distance 10km, Ascent 250m, Time approx. 4-5h. OS Map 37

Meet 10.30am at car park NO533989. Walks Co-ordinator are Malcolm and Susie Smith by Fri Sept 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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