



SPINDRIFT

PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Message

Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

I would like to start by extending a warm welcome to you all, and welcome also to all new members who have recently joined.

I hope everyone finds our selection of walks this coming quarter to be interesting and enjoyable.

As normal our summer weather is proving to be quite varied; let's hope for some fine and settled weather over the next few months.

I am sure you all know that the success of our monthly walks is made possible by our able group leaders, who do a great job month by month. We are looking for volunteers to come forward as trainee leaders, (no one would be asked to lead without help) to learn the ropes as seconds to existing leaders, to give back-up and help on walks.

All walkers on all grades of walk, should carry a map and compass, and have a good idea of how to use them, as leaders do appreciate group members giving confirmation and input.

So please, if you are interested in improving your skills, let your leader know.

I'm hoping to meet all of you at some time in the coming months.

Ian

Calendar 2009 – 2010

30th August	Monthly Walk (September brought forward 1 week)
4th, 5th 6th September	Weekend Meet Ratagan
4th October	Monthly Walk
1st November	Monthly Walk
20th November	Slide & Buffet Night – Bells Sports Centre – Inch Restaurant
6th December	Monthly Walk
10th January 2010	Monthly Walk
7th February	Monthly Walk
12th, 13th February	Weekend Meet Loch Lochy
7th March	Monthly Walk
12th March	AGM Inch Restaurant
4th April	Monthly Walk
2nd May	Monthly Walk
7th, 8th, 9th May	Weekend Meet Torridon

Monthly Walks

Please send the booking fee (£10) and form at least 10 days in advance and only book for 1 walk at a time to:

Elsie Wilke

18 Fairhill Crescent, Perth PH1 1RR

Tel. 01738 631811

Weekend Meets

Bookings for all weekend meets should be sent to:

Ian Swan

35 Dunsinane Drive, Perth PH1 2DU

Tel. 01738 634441

ALL CHEQUES PAYABLE TO PERTH AND DISTRICT HILLWALKING CLUB

Walk Programme September, October, November 2009

Challenging Plus, Challenging, Less Challenging

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
30 th August (Sept) Challenging Plus	0700hrs	41	349790	350782	Nr Fersit – SW, SSW – Stob a Choire Mheadhoin (M) – SW – Stob Coire Easain (M) – Bealach (312732) – NW, N, NE – Allt Laire – Old Tramway – Start & Fersit	1030m/3378ft	17km/10.6ml
30 th August (Sept) Challenging	0700hrs	41	350782	350782	Fersit – Road E for 0.5km – S – Sron na Garbh-bheinne – Stob Coire Sgriodain (M) – S, SE – Bealach (367734) – E, NE – Chno Dearg (M) – NW - Start	950m/3116ft	13km/8.1ml
30 th August (Sept) Less Challenging	0700hrs	41	350782	350782	As Chall. to Stob Coire Sgriodain (M) & Bealach (367734) – N – Lochain Coire an Lochain – N, NW - Start	790m/2591ft	12km/7.5ml
4 th October Challenging Plus	0700hrs	50	132283	077269	Junction B8077/A85 – Track NNW – W, SW – Monadh Driseig – Beinn a Bhuiridh (C) – N – Stob Diamh (M) – W – Ben Cruachan (M) – S – Meall Cuanail – S, SE – Dam – Power Station Car Park	1555m/5100ft	15km/9.4ml
4 th October Challenging	0700hrs	50	132283	077269	Start as Chall. Plus - Track NNW, NW – Bridge (122297) – NW, W – Sron an Isean – Stob Diamh (M) – Continue as Chall. Plus to Finish	1400m/4592ft	12.5km/7.8ml
4 th October Less Challenging	0700hrs	50	114267	077269	Start Lochawe Village – Hydro Board Road W, NW – Dam (W Side) – Track N – Coire Cruachan (083294) – NW, W – Coire Dearg – Bealach (069298) – Ben Cruachan (M) – As Chall. Plus to Finish	1140m/3739ft	12km/7.5ml
1 st Nov Challenging Plus	0700hrs	44	285761	327732	Glen Doll Forest – Jocks Road – 874m Top – Tom Buidhe (M) – Meikle Kilrannoch – Mayar (M) – Over Shank Drumfollow – Dreish (M) – Hill of Strone – Cairn Links – Clova Hotel	1235m/4050ft	24km/15ml
1 st Nov Challenging	0700hrs	44	285761	327732	Glen Doll Forest – Corrie Fee – S – Mayar (M) - As Chall. Plus – Finish	1022m/3352ft	19km/11.9ml
1 st Nov Less Challenging	0700hrs	44	285761	327732	Glen Doll Forest – Shank Drumfollow – Dreish (M) – As Chall. Plus to Finish	845m/2772ft	13km/8.1ml

NB. Bus Fare is now £10.00 for all members

Walk Programme September, October, November 2009

Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
30 th August (Sept) Moderate	0700hrs	44	448804	327732	Auchronie – Loch Lee – Glen Lee – Falls of Unich – Falls of Damff – Ruin – Muckle Cairn – Ben Tirran (C) - Craigs of Loch Wharral – Green Hill – The Snub – Loch Brandy – Clova Hotel	640m/2099ft	19.5km/12.2ml
30 th August (Sept) Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	44	448804	448804	Auchronie – Westbank – Tarfside - Milton Cottage – Badalair - Start	250m/820ft	13.5km/8.4ml
30 th August (Sept) Easy	0700hrs	44	448804	448804	Walks from Auchronie		
4 th October Moderate	0700hrs	67/73	693572	530475	Longformacus – Watch Water Reservoir – Twin Law – Braidshawrig – Wanton Wells - Lauder	300m/984ft	20km/12.5ml
4 th October Moderate/Easy	0700hrs	66	545653	508533	Longyester – Blinkbonny Woods – Crib Law – Tollishill – Carfraemill Hotel	330m/1082ft	14km/8.7ml
4 th October Easy	0700hrs	66	530475	530475	Walks around Lauder		
1 st Nov Moderate	08.00hrs	51	549565	587475	Camghouran (S Loch Rannoch) – Track SW – Bridge (534544) – Track E – Bridge (583548) - 588552 – Track SE, S, SSW – Track SE – Innerwick (Glen Lyon)	450m/1476ft	18.1km/11.3ml
1 st Nov Moderate/Easy	08.00hrs	51	617572	587475	Carie (S Loch Rannoch) – Track SW – 594543 – As Moderate – Innerwick (Glen Lyon)	383m/1256ft	12km/7.5ml
1 st Nov Easy	08.00hrs	51	587475	587475	Walks around Innerwick (Glen Lyon)		

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Later start time from November !

September Walk

The September walk has been brought forward 1 week to avoid clashing with this years September weekend, on 4th, 5th, 6th September.

Mid – Summer Walk

Please note that the outing to **Glenmore** on **21st June** was cancelled due to insufficient members booking by the 7th June deadline, when we had to confirm the coach. Had the people booking after the deadline booked on time, then we would have had more than the minimum number for the coach !

May Weekend to Carbisdale Castle

24 members and Montgomery the dog attended this meet on 8th, 9th & 10th May. We all enjoyed walking in better weather than was forecast, which, along with the spectacular setting of the castle, made for a great weekend. A wide variety of hills were climbed, including; Foinavon, Ben Hope, Ben Klibreck, Ben Loyal, Seana Bhragh, Carn Chuinneag.

September Weekend

As the 17th July deadline is now behind us, any members still wishing to go to **Ratagan** on the **4th, 5th, 6th September** should book directly with the hostel.

Slide and Buffet Night

As reported in the May Spindrifft, this will be held on the **20th November**. Please note that the venue will be the **Inch Restaurant, Bells Sports Centre**. The cost of a ticket is **£10** and they will be available from September. Please send an SAE along with a cheque to Ian Swan. Guests are also welcome to come along. The theme will be; “Hills and Mountains Anywhere”, with a guideline of 50 photos, and/or 20 minutes, for each participant. Please let Ian Swan know if you intend to show photographs.

Navigation Courses

1 Day courses are being run this summer by the Mountaineering Council of Scotland and the Ancrum Centre, and may be of interest to newer members of the club.

MCofS (01738 493942 & website)

Sat 12th & Sun 13th Sept – Edinburgh (£25)

Sat 19th & Sun 20th Sept – Glasgow (£25)

Ancrum Ctr. (01382 435911 & website)

Introductory – Sat 5th Sept (£31.5)

Advanced – Sun 16th Aug (£42)

Winter Skills Courses

Some information on courses available will be in the November Spindrifft.

Spindrifft

This is your newsletter so please use it !

If you have any articles that you would like to submit to be included in it, or have any comments about the presentation, please send them to:-

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Perth, PH1 4EX Tel. 01738 710425

george.smart3@btopenworld.com

Please submit by the beginning of the month before publication is due; for example, for the November Spindrifft, please send by early October.

Please note that the current Spindrifft is always posted on the club website, along with information on the current programme of events.

Website

www.perthhillwalkingclub.co.uk

Anyone who has photos that they would like to show on the website please send on a disc to Ken Ward.

Monthly Walks

The route planning group are always looking for new ideas, so we would welcome any suggestions from members.

Surplus Equipment for Sale

From time to time items are advertised and this is just a reminder that Spindrifft is available for this purpose. Please let George know about items to be advertised, within the timescale mentioned above.

I have a couple of Karrimor rucksacks going free to a good home;

- Lynx (65litre)
- Cougar (65–80litre – as new !)