



SPINDRIFT

PERTH HILLWALKING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Message

Dear Friends and Fellow Members,

Summer (such as it was !) has gone and shorter days are with us again. As usual, we can expect some wetter, windier and colder conditions. As it's time to be looking out the winter gear again, I thought it was worthwhile to list here some of the more important items to be carried on club walks. A useful reminder for us all, but especially for newer members of the club:-

Map, Compass, (possibly GPS) Head Torch, Whistle
 Boots, stiff enough for fitting Crampons (for Challenging walks)
 Wicking Base Layer(s)
 Outer Waterproof / Windproof Layer(s) Hat(s), Gaiters, Goggles, Gloves & Overgloves
 Survival Bag & Basic First Aid Kit
 Ice Axe & Crampons, if required by conditions in the area, with crampons adjusted to fit the boots before the walk ! (for Challenging walks)
 (Note:- Both suitably protected to avoid damage & detached from rucksacks, whilst in the bus !)

Trekking Poles can certainly be useful

I certainly hope we have some reasonable weather for the December, January and February walks, and I look forward to seeing you all.

Ian

Calendar 2009 – 2010

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

REMINDER:- Please remember the closing date for bookings is 10 days before the meet date. The cancelled monthly walks in February and October, along with the Midsummer Outing, would all have gone ahead if all members had booked by the date when we had to confirm the coach !

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 December 2009, January, February 2010

Challenging Plus, Challenging, Less Challenging

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
6 th December Challenging Plus	0700hrs	42	632756	637843	A9 Lay-by – Track WSW – S – Bealach 614737 – Sgairneach Mhor (M) – SW, NW, SW – Bealach 582728 – W, N – Beinn Udlamain (M) – NE – Bealach (Fraoch Choire) – N – Geal Charn (M) – N, NE – Track by Loch Ericht - Dalwhinnie	1010m/3313ft	21km/13.1ml
6 th December Challenging	0700hrs	42	628792	637843	Balsporran Cottage – SW – A` Mharconaich (M) – WNW – Bealach 592766 – N, NE – Geal Charn (M) – Dalwhinnie as Challenging Plus	810m/2657ft	15km/9.4ml
6 th December Less Challenging	0700hrs	42	628792	637843	Balsporran Cottage – W, SW – Geal Charn (M) – Dalwhinnie as Challenging Plus	565m/1853ft	12km/7.5ml
10 th January 2010 Chall. Plus	0700hrs	56	353882	359931	Junction A817 / A82 – W, NW – Balcnock, Beinn Tharsuinn, Beinn Chaorach – N, E – Old Shielings – Bridge 315933 – Track to farm & minor road to Luss car park	920m/3018ft	18km/11.2ml
10 th January 2010 Challenging	0700hrs	56	345980	359931	Inverbeg – Glen Douglas – Bridge 317982 – Doune Hill – Beinn Lochain – Beinn Eich – ESE – Edentaggart – Minor road to Luss car park	910m/2985ft	15km/9.4ml
10 th January 2010 Less Chall.	0700hrs	56	359931	359931	Luss car park – A82 footbridge – NW – Beinn Dubh – NW, WNW – Coire na h-Eanachan – Mid Hill – SE – Minor road to Luss car park	700m/2296ft	12km/7.5ml
7 th February Challenging Plus	0700hrs	43	138832	110699	Baddoch – S – Carn Aosda – Cairnwell – Carn a Gheoidh – SW, SE – Carn Mor – S – Creagan Bheithe – S, SW - Ben Gulabin – SE, S – Spittal Hotel	1075m/3526ft	19km/11.9ml
7 th February Challenging	0700hrs	43	138832	110699	As Challenging Plus – Creagan Bheithe – S, SE – Main road – Spittal Hotel	870m/2854ft	18km/11.2ml
7 th February Less Challenging	0700hrs	43	138832	110699	As Challenging Plus – Carn Aosda – Bealach 127782 – Carn a Gheoidh – Spittal Hotel as Challenging	740m/2427ft	16km/10ml

NB. Bus Fare is now £10.00 for all members

Walk Programme December 2009, January, February 2010

Moderate, Moderate/Easy, Easy

	Time of Departure	O.S. Map	Starting Point	Finishing Point	Description of walk	Height m/feet	Distance Km/miles
6 th December Moderate	0800hrs	56/57	495072	404102	Trossachs Pier – Cycle Track ACW Round Loch Katrine - Stronachlachar	100m/328ft	20.5km/12.8ml
6 th December Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	56/57	433037	404102	Blairuskinmore (B829) – NW (Track W Side Loch Chon) – X B829 @ 413076 – Path NE – Royal Cottage – Track WNW - Stronachlachar	170m/558ft	10km/6.3ml
6 th December Easy	0800hrs	56/57	404102	404102	Walks from Stronachlachar		
10 th January 2010 Moderate	0800hrs	66	272768	162667	Leith – Canonmills – Dean Village – Slateford – Colinton – Juniper Green – Currie – Balerno High School	-	19.5km/12ml
10 th January 2010 Moderate/Easy	0800hrs	66	272768	224711	Leith – Canonmills – Dean Village - Slateford	-	11km/7ml
10 th January 2010 Easy	0800hrs	66	272768	272768	Walks around Leith		
7 th February 2010 Moderate	08.00hrs	51	743273	571324	Invergeldie – Track/Path NW (Loch Lednock) - NW (Ruadh Mheall) – Track by Allt Meall nan Damh – Lochan Breaclaich – Track WNW Thru Forest & Road W – Falls of Dochart, Killin	500m/1650ft	22km/14ml
7 th February 2010 Moderate/ Easy	08.00hrs	51	575211	571324	Balquhidder Station (by Caravan Park) – N, NE (Glen Ogle Railway Track) – NNW (Nat. Cycle Way 7) – Lochan Lairig Cheile – X A85 & Follow Cycle Way N, NE Thru Forest – 561303 – NW – 555307 – NE – Falls of Dochart, Killin	200m/650ft	16km/10ml
7 th February 2010 Easy	08.00hrs	51	571324	571324	Walks Around Killin		

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September Weekend Report

27 members booked for this weekend, and 24 attended from 4th to 7th September. The weather was very wet, misty and windy for Saturday and Sunday, but it didn't deter 4 members from doing 2 Munros on Saturday ! 7 members, in 2 groups, each tackled a Corbett on Sunday, and others did low level walks. The Falls of Glomach were popular on Saturday and Sunday, and spectacular due to the volume of water. Despite the adverse weather, a good weekend was had by all.

Slide and Buffet Night

As reported in the May & August Spindriffs, this is being 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 are available now. 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.

Introductory Winter Skills Courses

Weekend courses are being run this winter by Glenmore Lodge (Aviemore) and 1 day courses by the Ancrum Centre, (Dundee) and may be of interest to newer members of the club.

Glenmore Lodge (01479 861256 & .

website)

30th Jan, 6th Feb, 13th Feb, 20th Feb,
6th Mar, 13th Mar (Cost:- £230)

Ancrum Centre (01382 435911 & website)

9th Jan, 30th Jan, 6th Mar, 12th Mar

(Cost:- £45)

Spindrift

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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Please submit by the beginning of the month before publication is due; for example, for the February Spindrift, please send by early January 2010.

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

February 2010 Weekend – Loch Lochy

The February weekend on the **12th & 13th**, will be at The Great Glen Hostel. (Formerly the Loch Lochy Hostel) The cost will be **£16** per night. Bookings to Ian Swan as soon as possible please.

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 Spindrift is available for this purpose. Please let George know about items to be advertised, within the timescale mentioned above.

RSGS Talks at Perth Concert Hall

(Royal Scottish Geographical Society)

10th Nov - John Dunn – "Cordillera Crossing"

15th Dec - Stephen Venables – "Higher Than the Eagle Soars"

12th Jan - Dee Caffari – "Around the World and Back Again"

9th Feb - Dr Iain Stewart – "How Earth Made History"

9th Mar - John Pilkington – "Royal Road to the Incas"