

Perth and District Hillwalking Club Monthly Bulletin September 2015

October 2015 Monthly Walks Reminder – Combined Coach Outing

These will be held on **Sunday 4th October**, with the coach going to the Ballachulish area. The walks are planned to be as in the August Spindrift, and mainly feature traverses from the Kentallen area back to Ballachulish. Bookings to Elsie Wilke by **Thursday 24th September** please.

Information on Deer Stalking

As we're in the season again, the website lists information (where available) by area and hills. Please do a Google search on; "Heading for the Scottish Hills".

Slides and Buffet Evening 20th November

Details are in the Spindrift, but this is just a reminder that we can't have a show without presenters! Please let George know if you are able to show some photos. **Also, tickets (£12) will be available on the coach next month, so don't forget your money!** As an alternative, please send a cheque for £12, along with an SAE to Elsie Wilke.

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`A` Coach Report for Sunday 6th September 2015 – Mamores

The walks were run from Glen Nevis (Polldubh) over the Mamores to meet our coach in Kinlochleven. We originally had 21 book, but after 2 cancellations, and 2 others (1 member & 1 guest) showing up on Sunday, we had 21 on the coach. The weather forecast was mainly for a cloudy and dry day with light winds, but we had a mainly clear sunny day, with cloud sometimes clearing even the high hills. This was probably the best weather this year!

After the usual list of group changes, we had the following numbers:

Challenging Plus: 8 Challenging: 5 Less Challenging: 8

All groups were dropped off at Polldubh car park, and the Challenging Plus and Challenging groups walked east up the road to the upper car park.

All walks in the Mamores are tough, starting from near sea level, but the Challenging plus and Challenging groups reached the Tail Race Pub in Kinlochleven in good time; 17.00 and 17.15 respectively. (This was the pub stop, where our coach was conveniently parked). The Less Challenging group were delayed after a member was struck by a dislodged rock on a steep scree

slope, resulting in a leg injury. However, they arrived at 17.30 and had time for refreshments. This emphasizes again the need for group discipline, and staying close together on loose surfaces.

Everyone enjoyed their day in lovely weather, with plenty of opportunities for taking photographs, and helping to make up for the many poor weather outings this year.

George Smart 7th September 2015

`B` Coach Report for Sunday 6th September 2015 – Tarfside to Edzell

Original bookings numbered 18; after 2 cancellations and the arrival of one unexpected member, we had 17 on the bus, divided into 2 groups; Moderate 1 with 8 walkers led Susan Duguid and Moderate 2 with 9 walkers led by Cris Bonomy. We arrived at Tarfside at 0835, and all 17 walkers set off in 2 groups at 0850.

Moderate 2 arrived back at the coach at Edzell at 1500 and Moderate 1 came in at 1610, having slightly increased their mileage by taking the road bridge at Millden instead of the pedestrian bridge (reported by a local farmer to be locked), then continuing on the river path as far as the ‘shaky bridge’ at Edzell, rather than using the same shortcut path as the faster group.

The walkers then visited various refreshment stops - the Panmure Arms, the ice-cream shop and the coffee shop then regrouped at the coach at 1700. After a smooth journey back to Perth we arrived at South Inch just after 1800.

Weather conditions were warm, sunny and cloudless all day, with only light breezes, so shady spots were welcomed for taking rehydration and refreshments along the way. A pair of kingfishers was spotted, a young hedgehog lifted to safety from the road, and a large bull was given a wide berth by all! The varied scenery of Glen Esk was much admired, and the shady path along the riverbank into Edzell was particularly appreciated on this unseasonably warm September day.

Susan Duguid and Cris Bonomy 7th September 2015

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