

**Perth & District Hillwalking Club**  
**Monthly Bulletin June 2016**

**July Monthly Walks Reminder – Combined Coach Outing on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

We are going to Arran via Ardrossan, and all walks are shown in the latest walk tables. The “Help Notes” give more information on bus times, and some of the easier walk options. The Challenging walks will use different Corbett hill routes, and the moderate walks will include glens below the Corbetts, and also a coastal walk option. Bookings to Elsie Wilke by **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June** please.

**September Weekend Meet at Ullapool SYHA Hostel (16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>)**

As club bookings are now closed, anyone wanting to attend, needs to book directly with the hostel or SYHA. ([www.syha.org.uk](http://www.syha.org.uk) Tel: 08452937373 or with the hostel. Tel: 01854 612254. ([ullapool@syha.org.uk](mailto:ullapool@syha.org.uk)) Please let the SYHA or the hostel know you are with the Perth Hillwalking Club group, and also let Margaret Band know.

**Navigation Training with the Ancrum Centre – Dundee**

We are able to organise a 1-Day training course for a group of 8 club members, along with an instructor from the Ancrum Centre. The course level can be set to suit the group, as it would be specifically for our members. Their courses are run in the Sidlaw Hills, and transport is provided from the Ancrum Centre. The cost for the day would be £25, and if you are interested in improving your skills, please let a committee member know.

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**Ariundle weekend, by Strontian, Ardgour 13-16 May 2016**

Thirteen members enjoyed a weekend of almost unbroken sunshine in Ariundle. All but one stayed at the hostel, with a slightly lower number on the Sunday night. There are no nearby Munros, although some were climbed during the weekend. Much Corbett bagging took place, including Sgurr Dhomhnuill, the highest peak in Ardgour, which was climbed by 10 members. Some coastal walks took place on the Sunday. The weather deteriorated on Monday but some people still tackled higher level walks.

The Ariundle Centre has an excellent restaurant where some partook of all their meals. The bunkhouse kitchen is small and basic, with just one sink, cooker, kettle and microwave. The sitting area was congested on the Friday evening as another party was staying in the hostel, but there was plenty of room for the rest of the weekend. Not particularly clean, quite a lot of minor things were not working properly, and no evidence of a drying room, but everyone said they would happily return as the situation and restaurant are excellent.

Frances Berry, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2016

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**Combined Coach Report: Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2016 – Southern Cairngorms**

We were based at Linn of Dee, and all walks were a bit longer than usual, due to long track walks to reach the hills.

We originally had 32 bookings, increasing to 39 by the end of the week, and lower than expected considering the excellent weather forecast. Two members cancelled, and 2 failed to show Sunday, leaving us with 35 on the coach.

The weather was cloudy and misty as we left Perth, but as we reached Glenshee the sun broke through, to give hot and sunny conditions all day.

We ran 2 Challenging walks (without a Challenging Plus walk) and there were 6 in each group. The Less Challenging group numbered 7, with 8 in each of the 2 Moderate groups. The Moderate/Easy walk was not run due to the small number bookings and the lack of a leader! We had cloud and a few drops of rain on some of the higher walks, but this cleared later in the afternoon.

All groups completed their walks in good time, although one of the Moderate groups had to take extra breaks, to allow recovery time for a couple of members who were suffering with the effects of the high temperature. All groups arrived back at the coach around the same time, between 17.00 and 17.15.

We were limited in our choice of pub stop, as the Fife Arms Hotel in Braemar is closed for major refurbishment, but the Invercauld Arms hotel is open to non-residents at present (although owned by the Shearings Coach Group!).

We had a great day out in much sunnier and hotter weather than we are used to, but long distances on hard tracks always make for tougher walks.

George Smart                  6<sup>th</sup> June 2016

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