

Perth Perth & District Hillwalking Club
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January 2017 Monthly Walks Reminder on Sunday 8th

The `A` coach (leaving Broxden at **07.00**) goes to Dalwhinnie, where 2 walks are planned. The `B` coach (leaving Broxden at **08.00**) travels to Loch Kennard and Aberfeldy, with 2 walks going to Pitlochry via the Rob Roy Way.

Bookings to Elsie Wilke by Thursday 29th December please.

2017 Club AGM & Committee for 2017 – 2018

The AGM will be on Friday 10th March 2017. Please make an effort to attend this important event, and have your say concerning the future direction of the club. Also there will be vacancies on the committee as usual, and if you would like to assist with the running of the club, please let George know.

Winter, it Soon Comes Round!

This is just our usual reminder about winter equipment and clothing, especially for `A` walks. Please see the club website for our suggestions. Remember for `A` walks, ice axes and crampons should be carried, as soon as there is likely to be snow on our choice of hills. If, on the day, it's decided they won't be required, then they can be easily left in the boot of the coach.

Winter Skills Courses

Ancrum Centre, Dundee. See their website for the course calendar, but there are 2-day courses on 4th and 18th February. They are also offering 5-day Winter Mountaineering courses on 20th - 24th February, and 6th - 10th March.

Glenmore Lodge, Aviemore. See their website, and there are a range of 2-day introductory courses.

Christmas is approaching fast, and the Committee would like to wish you all the compliments of the season, and good walking in 2017.



Combined Coach Report: Sunday 4th December 2016 – Ochils to Alva

We had a booking total of 27 for this outing, the second of our 2 additional combined coach outings for November and December. One guest cancelled, leaving 26 on the coach, including one guest. We left Broxden on a lovely clear morning for our short journey to The Ochils. We only had 3 groups for this outing, and they all had a bright and sunny day on the different routes finishing at Alva, where the coach was parked.

With no Moderate/Easy bookings, and no Challenging Plus walk, we eventually had 11 in the Challenging group, 12 in the Less Challenging, and 3 in the Moderate group. Our first stop was Glenhead Farm (Glendevon) to drop off the Less Challenging group, then to the Castlehill Reservoir, the starting point for the other 2 groups. One member travelling by car joined us at this point. The coach was then parked in the parking area in Alva, near to where all walks finished.

All groups completed their walks in good time, reflecting the very good weather conditions. Everyone took time to enjoy the views, and take plenty of photos. The Challenging group reached Alva at 14.45, and the Less Challenging at 14.30. The Moderate group reached Alva at 15.15.

We made use of several pubs and tearooms in Dollar. What a good day out in lovely weather.

George Smart 5th December 2016



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