

Perth & District Hillwalking Club
Monthly Bulletin May 2019

Monthly Walks Reminder for Sunday 2nd June 2019

This is a **combined coach** outing leaving Perth at **07:00**. 3 Challenging and 2 Moderate walks are planned in the Southern Cairngorms from the Linn of Dee area.

Walk details are on our Club website, along with their respective links to the OS Maps website where you can view the walks in more detail (thanks to Stephen Ross for setting these up). Don't forget there is also a Facebook link on the "Home" page of our website: a public page for members and guests, and the group page for photographs from members only.

Please note **for this month only**, bookings should be sent by **Thursday 23rd May** to Alan Davidson (44 Innerleithen Way, Perth PH1 1RN).

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Weekend Meet - September 6th, 7th, 8th 2019 at Inchnadamph

We have reserved 14 places at SYHA Inchnadamph, at a rate of £18 per night. If you would like to attend this weekend, a cheque for the full amount must be received by Margaret Band by **21st July**, payable to **Perth and District Hillwalking Club**. (See your Club Information Sheet for Margaret's address details).

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Combined Coach Report - Sunday 5th May 2019 – Lochearnhead & Killin

We had a booking total of 38 for this outing. After 1 cancellation we had 37 on the coach, (including 2 guests, and members joining the coach at Crieff and Lochearnhead) on a dull, clear, and dry morning. The tops of the hills were clear, with spells of sunshine, and a biting NW wind at higher level. This weather persisted all day, although plenty of sunshine at lower level by mid afternoon.

Departing at 07.00, we travelled directly to Lochearnhead, to drop off the 2 Challenging groups, as well as the Moderate/Easy group. The coach then travelled to Balquhider to drop off the Moderate group at 08.30, before going south to park for the day at the Kilmahog Woollen Mill. (This was the best place to turn the coach, to pick up both Challenging groups at Ardchullarie More on the journey north) Both Moderate groups did traverse walks to Killin and all groups met up at the Killin Hotel. After the usual changes we had 11 in the Challenging group, 9 in the Less Challenging, 13 in the Moderate, and 4 in the Moderate/Easy group.

The Moderate group reached Killin by 15.30, and the Moderate/Easy by 13.30. (After doing a shorter walk) Both Challenging groups walked together for the last bit of their traverse walks, to Ardchullarie More, to arrive there between 15.50 and 16.05. After departing Killin at 17.40, we were back at Broxden for 19.00. It was good to have some decent clear weather for a change, and all members and guests appeared to enjoy their day. A good turnout once again this month.

George Smart

6th May 2019

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What's On

Until 18th May a *free* Munro Legacy exhibition at Perth's AK Bell Library, York Place, Perth to mark the centenary of the death of Hugh Munro: photos, maps, artifacts, a brief history of “Munro’s Tables”, the early “compleaters”, how numbers completing the Munros has increased over the years, and the various threats that affect the mountain landscapes today. *Open*: during library opening hours.

Film: The new documentary about Scottish mountaineering legend Hamish MacInnes “Final Ascent” now released. Bookings now available at various venues
<https://www.finalascent.co.uk/screenings>

There are only a few spaces left on walks for the 17th Angus Glens Walking Festival from 30 May to 2 June 2019. Further info on their website:
<http://archive.angus.gov.uk/walkingfestival/>.

Looking ahead but bookings now open for the Crieff & Strathearn Drovers' Tryst Walking Festival on from 5th to 12th October 2019. Further info on their website:
<https://www.droverstryst.com>

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Reminders

Monthly Walks – Group Discipline

This is just a reminder that we all have a responsibility to help keep our group together, especially when we are walking in difficult terrain or weather conditions. If we need to stop for any reason, it's obviously essential that the group leader is aware. There was an incident with the Challenging group in April, when a member became separated from the group, in very poor visibility. This resulted in significant effort, stress, and wasted time for the leader and the rest of the group, whilst they carried out a detailed search of the summit plateau area. Thankfully the missing member found their own way off the hill without significant injury. It should be noted that the group carried out a very professional search, and they should be praised for their efforts. Thankfully our club has an excellent safety record, and it's obviously very important we all do our best to maintain it. *George Smart*

Membership Renewal Membership subscriptions were due at the end of February – the annual fee is still **only £20**. For the odd one or two that may have inadvertently missed the deadline!, an application form can be downloaded from the club website. Please send completed forms and a cheque for **£20**, to Peter Lodge at Berry Cottage, Newton of Pitcairns, Dunning PH2 0SL.

Tick awareness For preventative measures and how to deal with any ticks you find on your skin, check out this link on **Mountaineering Scotland**,
<https://www.mountaineering.scot/safety-and-skills/health-and-hygiene/ticks>

If you visit Craigdon Mountain Sports store in Perth, say that you are a member of Perth & District Hillwalking Club: you can receive a loyalty card giving you a discount on most of their goods. Further info on their website:
www.craigdonmountainsportspertth.com

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And finally ...

If you have information on any Hillwalking-related events, courses, films, festivals etc. that you feel may be of interest to Club members and would like them included in the Monthly Bulletins, please email me direct with the details.

"One day's exposure to mountains is better than a cartload of books."- John Muir

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