

Perth & District Hillwalking Club
Monthly Bulletin August 2019

Monthly Walks Reminder for Sunday 1st September

'A' coach (leaving Broxden, Perth at **07:00**) is going to Kinlochleven, Lochaber where 3 Challenging walks are planned and a choice of 2 Munros. The 'B' coach (leaving Broxden, Perth at **07:00**) is going to Rannoch/Glen Lyon where 2 walks are planned.

Either make your bookings/payment online via **Entry Central** or by post to Elsie Wilke. Either method by **Thursday 22nd August** at the latest please.

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

19 members have booked for the weekend so it's a good turn out and hopefully will be a great weekend. Booking via the club is now closed so if you wish to join us please contact the Inchnadamph Hostel directly, it looks like there is availability <http://inchnadamph.co.uk/>

"Slides and Buffet Night - Friday 15th November.

Please contact George if you would like to show around 50 photos, fitting the theme: *Hills and Mountains Anywhere*. Tickets £12 inc. buffet at Craigie Hill Golf Club, Perth 7:30pm.

Combined Coach Report - Sunday 4th July 2019 - Glen Esk

We changed the venue from Glen Tromie/Glen Feshiet to Glen Esk, as a result of weather warnings for heavy rain and thunderstorms: the Glen Esk forecast was for a cloudy day with outbreaks of light rain, there were no weather warnings. Booking total of 40 for this outing, (25 'A' and 15 'B') and after 3 cancellations we had 37 on the coach (including 4 guests).

We travelled via Dundee to Edzell, to Glen Esk, and dropped off both Moderate groups at Tarfside, before travelling to Auchronie for both Challenging groups. The weather was cloudy all the way with patches of drizzle. The Moderate group had cloudy conditions, with some drizzle, all day. The Challenging (11) and Less Challenging (12) groups had cloud and thick mist all day, and drizzle at higher levels, and poor visibility. The walks had all been run before, some years ago, and would have been used in November, had we not opted for a 2 coach outing.

The Moderate (14) group had to change route to avoid a landslip, and also to avoid a fenced off private property. They finished their walk in Edzell, and most folks went to the Panmure Arms hotel. Due to a misunderstanding, the coach travelled back to Edzell before the Challenging groups returned. In an area without a phone signal, it was fortunate that a member of the Moderate group alerted the coach in Edzell, and it returned to Auchronie!

The Challenging group reached Auchronie at 15:30, and the Less Challenging at 14:40, (having left out Hunt Hill due to poor visibility) The Moderate group reached Edzell at 15:40, after extending their walk as a result of the restrictions mentioned above. Leaving Edzell at 18:05, we all had refreshments in the Panmure Arms hotel, where we were well received, considering we were 37 in total. Arrived back in Perth at 19:15. Another very good turnout month, considering the weather, and the change of venue.

George Smart

What's On

Hosted by Dundee Libraries: Cameron McNeish, a well-known author and hillwalker, is giving a talk called "There's Always the Hills". Held at Dundee Central Library 2.30pm on Saturday 5th October, tickets £5 and can be booked through Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cameron-mcneish-theres-always-the-hills-tickets-64593146841>

For more info, please contact Fiona Elder (Library and Information Worker) tel: 01382 435936

Crieff & Strathearn Drovers' Tryst Walking Festival, from 5th to 12th October 2019. Further info on their website: <https://www.droverstryst.com>

Reminders / requests

Health on the hill If the forecast looks good, don't forget your suncream and carry plenty of fluids. For preventative measures and how to deal with any ticks you find on your skin, check out this link on Mountaineering Scotland, under Safety and Skills / Health and Hygiene <https://www.mountaineering.scot/safety-and-skills/health-and-hygiene/ticks>

Ordnance Survey Maps Don't forget you can use the link to our walks on OS Maps, via the club website and Facebook page.

Weekend Meets 2020 If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for the weekend meets in February and May 2020, please inform the committee, as initial plans are already being drafted.

Photos Please email your best shots from the walks to Stephen Ross if you are happy for him, Margaret and Fiona to use them for publicity purposes/website/Facebook.

Publicity / new members We are still looking out for new members to join the Club so do continue to spread the word. Email if you need a poster you can print out to advertise the Club.

Re: rare and endangered plants Request from Mountaineering Scotland for all walkers and climbers to assist location of these plants. Please see details on link <https://www.mountaineering.scot/news/extreme-botany>

For sale / Wanted

1. **For Sale** - pair of mens Altberg walking boots, brown, size 8.5 wide. Only worn a couple of times around the garden and in excellent condition. Looking for around £80. For details or viewing contact Krista 07925 052019.

2. **For Sale** A little out of season! but: Salomon Ski Boots Performa 7.0 hardly used, v good condition. £30 ono. Can email pictures if required. Errol based but could bring into Perth. Contact Ali ali@atsrus.com or 07967 623188.

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.

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step." Lao Tzu

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