

Perth & District Hillwalking Club
Monthly Bulletin November 2020

Monthly Walks Reminder for Sunday 6th December 2020

In December we are running 2 coaches (**note different coach times**):

The 2 **Challenging** groups are heading up towards Drumochter, leaving at different start points to do 5 different Munros (*between* the 2 groups, not all at one go!).

The Challenging group coach will leave Broxden at **07:00**

The 2 **Moderate** groups will head up to Blair Atholl to start and finish together, but to walk different routes around the Falls of Bruar and the River Tilt.

The Moderate group coach will leave Broxden at **08:00**

Please make your bookings/payment (preferably) online via **Entry Central** (type in "Perth" to find walks link), or by post to Elsie Wilke. All bookings, through either method, **by Thursday 26th November** at the latest.

Combined Coach Report - Sunday 1st November 2020 – Glenshee

(Venue Change from Northern Cairngorms – Gales, High Risk of Flooding!)

We originally had a total booking of 23 and with 3 cancellations, we finished up with 20 on the coach. Whilst the weather was very poor for wind and rain in most areas, the Cairngorms were much worse than Glenshee. We decided to organise 4 walks travelling south to North, and finishing in Braemar. We previously checked that all routes either had bridges over rivers or were feasible to cross, considering the high amounts of recent rainfall.

It was very wet in Perth and the journey up Glenshee had varying levels of rainfall. The forecast was for strong winds all day, but a possibility of dry conditions from around 09.00 until 15.00. Whilst all groups started in the rain, the weather was much as forecast with a mainly dry day, with the winds nowhere as strong as predicted. We had 5 in the Challenging, 8 in the Less Challenging, 4 in the Moderate, and 3 in the Moderate/Easy groups.

We left Perth at 07.05, and dropped off the Challenging group just north of the Ski Centre, at 08.20. All other groups started at Baddoch shortly after. The coach then travelled to Braemar, where it parked for the day. All walks were completed in fast times, and the Moderate/Easy group reached the coach at 14.00. The other groups

met up on the Corbett Morrone, reached the coach between 15.00 and 15.20, just as it started to rain! We left at 15.30, and reached Broxden at 17.00. Everyone appeared to enjoy the outing, in much better weather than originally forecast. As long as the club can carry on with monthly walks, we will continue to issue a list of our `Logistics`, and an updated `Risk Assessment` each month. The rules we have to abide by on the coach are set by Transport Scotland, and the coach company, and all members appeared to manage well on Sunday.

George Smart 2nd November 2020

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Reminders / Requests

Winter walking gear As usual, there is no way of telling what the weather forecast will be on the day, but if it looks like winter walking conditions, the Challenging groups should be aware to bring ice axe and crampons. A reminder of the correct winter walking gear/equipment required is attached to this months email.

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

Spare gear request Regarding the relevant winter gear required if anyone has any sets of crampons or ice axes in safe working order but no longer needed, would you please consider donating them to the Club? If you have, please inform one of the committee members.

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And finally a big thank you to both George and Doreen for their efforts in recce-work of various routes when due to weather we've had to go through Plans A, B C etc!! Your input has been much appreciated :)

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