

Aberdeen and Shire Hillwalking Club 2024 Programme

Website: <https://www.aberdeenandshirehillwalking.com>



We need volunteers to coordinate day walks and weekend trips. The responsibilities of the coordinator are not onerous, essentially acting as a focal point for the practical arrangements (note they do not lead the walks). Please contact any member of the committee if you can help or just want to know more.

Assess risks, stay safe and enjoy your hillwalking.

The “boots” grading applies mainly to day walks. For weekends it indicates the general type of walking in the area. However, easier walking (one to two boots) is available in all locations.



Easier walks, mostly on well defined paths, with no special difficulties.

Slightly harder walks. Paths may be indistinct, navigation skills required.

Moderate hillwalks. Terrain will be steep, map reading skills essential. This grade includes the most straightforward and popular Munros.

Harder hillwalks. Can include longer walks and pathless sections calling for more careful navigation. There may be scree and minor scrambling. This grade is quite broad and includes the bulk of the Munros.

Tough by hillwalking standards; these routes can be very arduous or include trickier scrambling. This grade includes the hardest or most strenuous Munros.

For day walks, an email will be sent about 2 weeks in advance with details. We have a number of shorter walks in our programme – these are in green type.

For weekend meets an email will be sent to members about 2 months in advance with details. Bookings then open on the 1st of the preceding month, by email to bookings.ashc@outlook.com. Bookings may open earlier for more complex weekends.

Social Evenings

We usually have a social evening at a pub in Aberdeen on the last Thursday of the month (LTOM). An email will be sent a week or so in advance to tell members.

Day Walks and Weekends

Day Walk	Sun 7 Jan	Hill of Barra, Oldmeldrum	
Weekend	19-21 Jan	Muir Cottage, Linn of Dee (Burns Supper weekend)	to
Day Walk	Sat 3 Feb	Poldhu & Auchnerran Circuit, Logie Coldstone	
Weekend	23-25 Feb	Aviemore Youth Hostel	
AGM	Thu 29 Feb	7.30 – 9.00pm via Zoom	
Day Walk	Sun 3 Mar	Carnfeg Circular Walk, Aboyne	
Week	16-23 Mar	Laxford House, Laxford Bridge	
Day Walk	Sat 6 Apr	Coastal Walk, Portneckie – Portsoy	
Weekend	19-21 Apr	Callander Hostel (Alastair Govan’s Donald Completion)	
Long Weekend	3-6 May	Craignure Bunkhouse, Isle of Mull	to
Day Walk	Sun 12 May	Cook’s Cairn & Corryhabbie Hill <i>Shorter walk: Carn Daimh Circuit</i>	

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Training Day	Sat 18 May	Navigation training (6 spaces)	
Camping	18-19 May	Wild camping, location tba. Please volunteer if you can coordinate this weekend.	
Weekend	31 May–2 Jun	Corran Bunkhouse	 to 
Week	9-16 Jun	Kinlochewe Lodge	 to 
Day Walk	Sat 22 Jun	Loch Avon Shorter walk: The Socath from Glen Ernan	 
Weekend	6-7 Jul	Linn of Dee – Coylumbridge – Linn of Dee	
Day Walk	Sun 21 Jul	Carn Liath & Culdaroach from Keiloch Shorter walk: Birsemoor Hill, near Aboyne	 
Annual BBQ	Sat 27 Jul	Location tba	
Day Walk	Sat 10 Aug	Carn a Gheoidh & Ben Gulabin from Glenshee	
Weekend	23-25 Aug	Ullapool SYHA Hostel	 to 
Day Walk	Sun 1 Sep	Ben Lawers Munros (camp in Killin on Sat night)	
Overseas Week	7-14 Sep	Italian Lakes	 to 
Weekend	20-22 Sep	Oban SYHA hostel	 to 
Day Walk	Sat 5 Oct	Creag nan Gabhar from Glen Callater	
Weekend	11-13 Oct	Pitlochry SYHA hostel (Graeme Reid's Corbett Completion)	
Day Walk	Sun 3 Nov	Morrone, near Braemar	
Weekend	15-17 Nov	Annual Dinner – location tba	
Day Walk	Sat 14 Dec	Pudding Walk	