

Aberdeen and Shire Hillwalking Club 2023 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 8 Jan	Pitfour Lake and Forest of Deer, near Mintlaw	
Weekend	20-22 Jan	Glen Prosen (Burns Supper weekend)	
Day Walk	Sat 4 Feb	Coyles of Muick, Ballater	
Weekend	17-19 Feb	Peebles - Cleikum Mill Lodge, Innerleithen	
AGM	Thu 23 Feb, 7.30 – 9.00pm. The AGM will be held on Zoom, please attend if you can.		
Day Walk	Sun 5 Mar	Forvie Sands Circuit	
Weekend	17-19 Mar	Aberfeldy – The Bunkhouse	to
Weekend	7-9 Apr	Ratagan Youth Hostel	to
Day Walk	Sat 15 Apr	Coreen Hills, near Alford – Navigation Training Day	
Long Weekend	5-8 May	Island of Rum	to

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Training Day & Day Walk	Sun 14 May	Scrambling course, location tba. Note – only 4 spaces. Cairnwell Munros Shorter walk: Suie Hill & Knock Saul, near Alford	 
Camping	19-21 May	Wild camping, location tba. Please volunteer if you can coordinate this weekend.	
Day Walk	Sat 3 Jun	Ben MacDui and Loch Avon Shorter Walk: Loch Lee & Glen Esk Waterfalls	 
Week	11-18 Jun	Kinlochewe Lodge	 to 
Weekend	30 Jun-2 Jul	Loch Ossian Hostel, near Rannoch Moor	 to 
Day Walk	Sun 9 Jul	Lochnagar Tops Shorter Walk: Meikle & Little Conval, near Dufftown	 
Oversea Week	15-22 Jul	Chamonix Area	 to 
Annual BBQ	Sat 29 Jul	Shorter walk (location tba) & BBQ	
Day Walk	Sat 5 Aug	Mayar and Dreish from Glen Clova	
Weekend	11-13 Aug	Strontian (SW of Fort William)	 to 
Day Walk	Sun 3 Sep	4 Munros in Glen Lyon (camp on Sat night at Aberfeldy)	
Weekend	15-17 Sep	Skye – Glen Brittle Memorial Hut	 to 
Day Walk	Sat 7 Oct	Creag an Sgor, Glenbuchat	
Weekend	13-15 Oct	Kirk Yetholm Hostel, Borders	
Day Walk	Sun 5 Nov	Morrone, Braemar	
Weekend	17-19 Nov	Annual Dinner – location tba	
Day Walk	Sat 16 Dec	Pudding Walk – location tba	