

Aberdeen and Shire Hillwalking Club 2022 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.

For weekend meets an email will be sent to members about 6-8 weeks 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 in the Old Blackfriars pub on the last Thursday of the month (LTOM). An email will be sent a week or so in advance to remind members.

Day Walks and Weekends

Day Walk	Sun 9 Jan	Loch Kinnord /Burn O’Vat circular walk	
Weekend	21-23 Jan	Tomintoul - Smugglers Hostel (Burns Supper weekend)	
Day Walk	Sat 5 Feb	Mona Gowan, near Ballater	
Weekend	18-20 Feb	Peebles - Cleikum Mill Lodge, Innerleithen	
AGM	Feb, date tba	The AGM will be held on Zoom, please attend if you can	
Day Walk	Sun 6 Mar	Coastal walk, Buckie to Portknockie	
Weekend	11-13 Mar	Invergarry – Saddle Mountain Hostel (Potential Winter Munro Completion weekend for David Wolfe)	to
Training Day	Sun 20 Mar	Winter skills course, location tba	
4 nights	29 Mar to 2 Apr	Laxford Bridge – Laxford House (Carried over from 2021 – fully booked)	to
Day Walk	Sun 10 Apr	Conachcraig from Balmoral	

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3 nights	29 Apr to 2 May	Orkney – Harbourlee House, Stromness	
Day Walk	Sat 7 May	Beinn A'Bhuird from Keilloch (Ben Avon could be added)- Shorter Walk: Aboyne tumps	
Weekend	13-15 May	Fort William – Corran Bunkhouse	to
Weekend	27-29 May	Camping weekend (location tba)	
Week	12-19 Jun	Kinlochewe – Kinlochewe Lodge (Carried over from 2021 – fully booked)	to
Day Walk	Sun 26 Jun	Beinn a'Ghlo (very early start or stay Sat night) Shorter Walk: Bennachie circuit	
Weekend	8-10 July	Kintail – Morvich NTS Bunkhouse	to
Annual BBQ	Sun 17 Jul	Will include day walk, location tba	
Day Walk	Sat 23 Jul	Tolmont & Tom Buidhe from Loch Callater Shorter Walk: Mormond Hill	
Weekend	5-7 Aug	Inverie, Knoydart – Foundation Bunkhouse	to
Day Walk	Sun 21 Aug	Mt Keen from Glen Esk	
Weekend	2-4 Sep	Inveraray – Inverary Hostel	
Day Walk	Sat 10 Sep	Ben Rinnes	
Weekend	23-25 Sep	Wild camping weekend (near Dalwhinnie)	
Day Walk	Sun 9 Oct	Clachan Yell	
Weekend	14-16 Oct	Helmsdale – Helmsdale Hostel	
Day Walk	Sat 5 Nov	Balmoral Cairns	
Weekend	25-27 Nov	Annual Dinner, Birnam Hotel	
Day Walk	Sun 11 Dec	Pudding walk (location tba)	