# Aberdeen and Shire Hillwalking Club
# 2027 Programme

**Website:** https://www.aberdeenandshirehillwalking.com

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| Day Walk | Sun 10 Jan | Hill of Wirren and Craigendower | 🥾🥾 |
| Weekend | 22-24 Jan | Ballater Hostel (Burns Supper) | 🥾🥾 to 🥾🥾🥾🥾 |
| Day Walk | Sat 6 Feb | Forest of Birse (navigation training) | 🥾🥾 |
| Weekend | 26-28 Feb | Balavil Hotel, Newtonmore | 🥾🥾🥾 |
| AGM | 4 Mar | 7.30 – 9pm online | |
| Day Walk | Sun 14 Mar | Cateran Trail, Blairgowrie to Kirkmichael | 🥾🥾 |
| Weekend | 19-21 Mar | Moness Resort, Aberfeldy | 🥾🥾🥾 |
| Day Walk | Sat 10 Apr | Ballater Tumps from Tulloch | 🥾🥾🥾 |
| Week | 24 April-1 May | Coill-mor, Clonbur, Co Mayo, Ireland | 🥾🥾🥾 |
| Day Walk | Sun 9 May | Mayar and Driesh | 🥾🥾🥾 |
| Wild Camping | 14-16 May | Glen Nevis | 🥾🥾🥾🥾 |
| Weekend | 21-23 May | Ariundle Centre, Strontian | 🥾🥾🥾 |
| Week | 6– 13 Jun | Kinlochewe Lodge | 🥾🥾 to 🥾🥾🥾🥾🥾 |
| Day Walk | Sat 26 Jun | Glen Ey Munro's (shorter option Ben Rinnes) | 🥾🥾🥾 |
| Weekend | 9-11 Jul | Kintail Outdoor Centre, Morvich | 🥾🥾🥾 |
| Annual BBQ | Sun 18 Jul | Location TBC | 🥾 |
| Day Walk | Sat 24 Jul | Keiloch to Tomintoul<br>(two day option to return by Beinn a' Bhuird) | 🥾🥾🥾🥾 |
| Weekend | 30 Jul – 2 Aug | Durness SYHA (3 nights) | 🥾🥾🥾 |
| Day Walk | Sat 21 Aug | Mona Gowan / Bunzeach | 🥾🥾🥾 |
| Week | 28 Aug–6 Sep | Hut to Hut trek in the Austrian Tirol, Alps | 🥾🥾🥾🥾 |
| Day Walk | Sun 19 Sep | St Combs & Rattray Head | 🥾🥾 |
| Weekend | 24-26 Sept | Saddle Mountain Hostel, Invergarry TBC | 🥾🥾🥾 |
| Day Walk | Sat 9 Oct | Hill of Saughs & Mount Battock | 🥾🥾🥾 |
| Week | 15-22 Oct | Orchard Barn, Applethwaite, Keswick | 🥾🥾 to 🥾🥾🥾🥾 |
| Annual Dinner | 20-21 Nov | Annual Dinner – Park Hotel, Montrose TBC | |
| Day Walk | Sun 28 Nov | Bennachie summits | 🥾🥾🥾 |
| Day Walk | Sat 11 Dec | Pudding Walk – coordinator decides | 🥾🥾 |

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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 italics.

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.

**Risks**

All hillwalking activities carry some risk of injury, though of course this can be minimised. Please ensure you have read and understood the Risk Assessment on the club website.

https://www.aberdeenandshirehillwalking.com/risk-assessment.php

**Dogs Policy**

We welcome well behaved dogs on day walks but we do not allow dogs in overnight accommodation.

**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.**

## 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.