

# Aberdeen and Shire Hillwalking Club

## 2026 Programme

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



Day Walk	Sun 11 Jan	Glen Dye, Clachnaben & aircraft crash sites	
Weekend	23-25 Jan	Ballater Hostel (Burns Supper)	to
Day Walk	Sat 7 Feb	Barmekin Hill and Dunecht Estate	
Weekend	20-22 Feb	Cleikham Mill Lodge, Innerleithen	
AGM	Thu 26 Feb	7.30 – 9pm via Zoom	
Day Walk	Sun 15 Mar	Back of Bennachie	
Weekend	27-29 Mar	Glenfinnan Hostel	
Day Walk	Sat 11 Apr	Conachcraig from Balmoral	
Week	25 April-2 May	Shetland	
Wild Camping	8-10 May	Attadale	
Day Walk	Sun 17 May	Cruden Bay, Slains Castle & Bullers of Buchan <i>Shorter options available by careful parking</i>	 
Weekend	22-24 May	Torrin Bunkhouse, Skye	
Week	7– 14 Jun	Kinlochewe	to
Day Walk	Sat 27 Jun	Beinn Bhreac & Beinn a Chaorainn from Derry Lodge <i>Shorter walk: Along Cowie burn in Fetteresso Forest</i>	 
Weekend	10-12 Jul	Crianlarich SYHA Hostel	
Annual BBQ	Sun 19 Jul	Haughton Park, Alford	
Day Walk	Sun 26 Jul	Ben Rinnes from Ballindalloch <i>Shorter walk: up and down from Dufftown</i>	 
Weekend	7-10 Aug	Barrisdale, Knoydart	
Day Walk	Sat 22 Aug	Lochnagar, White Mounth circuit	
Week	29 Aug–5 Sep	Hut to Hut walk in Alps	
Week	5-12 Sep	Chalet in Chamonix Valley	to
Day Walk	Sun 20 Sep	Burn o' Vat and Loch Kinnord circuit – evening walk	
Weekend	25-27 Sep	Argyll Backpackers hostel, Ardrishaig	
Day Walk	Sat 10 Oct	Carn Ealasaid from the north	
Weekend	23-25 Oct	Aviemore – Graham Completion for Simon Sawers	
Annual Dinner	Sat 14 Nov	Annual Dinner – location tba	
Day Walk	Sun 29 Nov	Mortlich Circuit, Aboyne	
Day Walk	Sat 12 Dec	pudding Walk – Aberdeen City boundary markers	

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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 1<sup>st</sup> of the preceding month, by email to [bookings.ashc@outlook.com](mailto: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.