



# CRIEFF and STRATHEARN DROVERS' TRYST

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Thank you for booking to take part in a Drovers' Tryst walk. Information about the walk is as follows:

**WALK:** Lawers Eastern Three

**DATE:** Sunday, 11th May, 2025

**TRANSPORT:** Minibus provided

**MEETING TIME IN CRIEFF:** 7:45 am This is the time you must be at the **lower** Leadenflower Car Park in Crieff for a **MINIBUS** walk. PLEASE LET US KNOW when you book, either on the booking form, or by email, if you do not wish to come to Crieff to go on the minibus. In this case, the walk leader will inform you directly beforehand of where the actual walk start place is, and when to be there,

**WALK LEADER:** Rob Kinder

**WALK GRADE:** Extra Hard

**WALK DISTANCE:** 15.5 km

**WALK START PLACE** - Leadenflower Road car park. Grid reference NN 867 214 If different from Leadenflower carpark, this is just info on where the minibus will drop walkers off to start their walk.

All walkers should meet at the **LOWER Leadenflower Road Car Park in Crieff**. There are 2 car parks in Leadenflower Road, the minibus will be in the lower car park at the bottom of the street. Please ensure that you are at the car park by the meeting time noted above (7:45 am), so that you have time to meet your walk leader and fellow walkers. The walk leader will contact all participants before the walk day, and give an approximate time to be at the walk start place to those who are making their own way there instead. The minibus will drop walkers off at the same car park on return to Crieff.

A fantastic round trip, taking in the three most easterly Munros in the Ben Lawers range (Meal Greigh, Meall Garbh and An Stùc). The route circles a dramatic corrie with the picturesque Lochan nan Cat.

The walk involves a scramble up the north-east side of An Stùc and a steep descent to Lochan nan Cat.

Having met in Crieff, we will travel by minibus to the start of the walk, close to the Ben Lawers Hotel. The path leads up through woodland, into the open hillside, past a number of shielings, and then steeply upwards to the first Munro of Meal Greigh. This is a lung-busting start to the day but on a clear morning, we will be rewarded with excellent views back towards Loch Tay and across to Ben Lawers (and the rest of our route). A straightforward 3km takes us to the second Munro, Meall Garbh, at 1118m.

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From here we drop down into the bealach before An Stùc, a mountain that looks more intimidating than it is, but nevertheless involving a short scramble up the north-eastern slope. After taking-in views from the cairn, we will descend to the Bealach Dubh. This walk will not include the summit of Ben Lawers, as we turn left, descending down a very steep section, towards the Lochan nan Cat. We will follow the burn eastwards and regain the path back to the start point.

The walking pace will be sociable (not fast). However, please only join this walk if you are confident of being fit enough for a walk of 6-7 hours (including breaks) on some steep and rocky terrain, including an easy scramble.

### **WALK FINISH TIMES**

Please note that finish times are all approximate. The duration of any walk can vary significantly, depending on the group, the weather and a number of other factors, **so return times are not guaranteed, and we advise that you plan accordingly.**

### **SAFETY NOTES:**

The walk involves a scramble up the north-east side of An Stùc and a steep descent to Lochan nan Cat. Duration 6-7 hours.

### **GEAR NOTES:**

For Medium, Hard and Extra Hard walks we ask walkers to make sure they have full hillwalking gear, by which we mean definitely the following: Boots, warm clothing, warm/quick drying trousers (not denim jeans), waterproof jacket and over trousers, rucsac, hat, gloves, spare fleece, packed lunch, spare food and drink, small personal first aid kit including any medications, mobile phone, headtorch, and bivvy bag if you have one, and possibly also these other items, depending on personal preference: Gaiters, rucsac cover, walking poles, spare socks, map, compass, GPS, lipsalve, camera. Please bring any personal medication and an "In Case of Emergency" number. You may also wish to bring binoculars and a camera.

### **CANCELLATION OR DELAY:**

Cancellations can be made free of charge up to 14 days after booking. For cancellations outwith that period a charge of £2 per walk place will be made until two weeks before the walk date. **AFTER THAT DATE THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS** because we cannot be sure of re-selling cancelled places at such short notice. We would be grateful if you could let us know if you are unable to take part in a walk for which you have booked - that lets us know who to expect or not on the day. Please do so in the following way:

- Prior to 6pm on the Thursday evening before the start of the Festival Weekend on the Friday, please email us at: droverstryst@gmail.com.
- If cancelling after 6pm on the Thursday evening please email us at: droverstryst@gmail.com **AND contact the Tryst Co-ordinator on 07522 841673.**
- If you cannot take part or are delayed for any reason on the actual walk day, **please contact the Tryst Co-ordinator on 07522 841673.** Although we try to reach group members who have not turned up on the day, it is really helpful if you can try and contact us first.

### **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- The organisers of the Crieff and Strathearn Drovers' Tryst recognise that hill walking is an activity with the danger of personal injury. Participants in Drovers' Tryst walks should be aware of, and accept this risk, and take responsibility for their own actions. It is recommended that individuals provide their own accident insurance cover.
- The walks are led by experienced leaders on a voluntary basis. Walks may be cancelled due

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- to weather conditions or circumstances beyond the organisers' control, and alternative walks will be offered wherever possible.
- Children are welcome on Easy and Medium walks but must be accompanied by a responsible adult and be capable of completing the walk. Minimum age for Medium walks is twelve and minimum age for Hard and Extra Hard walks is sixteen.
  - The Tryst reserves the right not to accept participants on a walk if they are not appropriately dressed/kitted out for the level of walk they have signed up for.
  - Extra hard walks are not suitable for inexperienced hillwalkers and hard walks do require a reasonable level of walking fitness.
  - Dogs are not allowed on Tryst walks, except for guide-dogs.
  - On walks for which minibus transport is included walkers may choose not to travel on the minibus (and therefore meet at the designated walk start place), but no refund or price reduction will be given. Please email us after booking, or leave a 'comment' on the booking form, to let us know that you will not be meeting others at the Leadenflower carpark minibus meet point in Crieff.
  - The walk fees now include all costs associated with travelling to the start point and for returning back to Crieff, whether by minibus or private car.