



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: Stob a'Choire Odhair & Stob Ghabhar (SORRY - CANCELLED DUE TO VERY LITTLE DEMAND)

DATE: Saturday, 29th May, 2021

WALK LEADER: Gordon Grant

WALK GRADE: Extra Hard

WALK DISTANCE: 16 km

Two dramatic Munros and a fine ridge on the Black Mountain range. From the car park just short of Victoria Bridge the route goes along Abhairn Shira river to the mountain hut, then along the right side of Allt Toaig burn before climbing the zig zag path up southern spur to the summit of Stob a' Choire Odhair (945m). The view from our first summit shows the wide expanse of Rannoch Moor to the east, Bridge of Orchy in the south and the southern Glen Coe hills in the north. The route then goes east to the summit of Aonach Eagach (991m) before traversing the ridge in a north westerly direction to the summit of Stob Ghabhar (1090m). The descent is back to the waterfalls east of Allt Toaig and then back to Victoria Bridge.

MEETING POINT: OS Grid Re: Car park off C class road from Bridge of Orchy to Victoria Bridge, Loch Tulla NN270418

For 2021 only - and to ensure we all comply with current COVID social distancing rules - the meeting point for all walks will be at the start of the walk (usually in a designated car park). Please ensure that you are at the car park a few minutes before the published start time of the walk. At the start point, you will meet your Walk Leader - and your fellow walkers. On completion of the walk, we anticipate getting back to the car park at approx - 4:00 pm.

MEETING TIME: 9:00 am

CAR PARKING

As indicated above, we are all meeting at the designated car park, which will also be the start point for your specific walk. As this is a public car park - it is suggested you might wish to arrive a few minutes prior to the start time - to assist you in securing a parking space.

ON COMPLETION OF WALK

Once all walkers are accounted for - the Walk Leader will release you. You are then at liberty to return home - or to your specific accommodation i.e. just to re-iterate there will be no collective arrangements for any part of the transport cycle. Please note that 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:

Start and return to car park south of Victoria Bridge. This is a demanding day requiring stamina and a good head for heights. Full hill walking gear including boots, waterproof jacket and over trousers, hat, gloves, spare fleece, packed lunch and spare food and water.

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 15th May. After 15th May booking fees are not refundable because we cannot be sure of re-selling cancelled places. However, 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.

- Prior to 6pm on the Friday evening prior to the start of the Festival Weekend (both Festival Weekends start on a Saturday), please email us at: droverstryst@gmail.com.
- At any time after 6pm on the Friday 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, **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 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 the Tryst should be aware of and accept this risk and be responsible 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 to weather conditions or circumstances beyond the organisers' control, and alternative walks 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 inadequately attired.
- 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 but no refund or price reduction will be given.
- The walk fee now includes all costs associated with travelling to the start point and for returning back to Crieff, whether by minibus or private car.