



# 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:** Benvane, Balquidder to Brig o' Turk

**DATE:** Sunday, 6th October, 2019

**WALK LEADER:** Andy Willis

**WALK GRADE:** Hard

**WALK DISTANCE:** 14.5 km

Starting from the head of Glen Buckie by Ballimore farm we cross the old stone bridge towards Immeroin Farm and immediately up the steep bank on the right to take the FP heading SW.

Crossing the field we come to a farm gate which may need to be climbed. Almost immediately after the gate the path splits, take the left branch and keep following the fence. After a second gate there is an ATV track which can be followed otherwise continue uphill following a small burn. As height is gained the views north along Glen Buckie open up. Soon the ATV track from lower down can be picked up, this follows a line just east of the main ridge before heading for Lianach (NN5247 1570) where the broad northern ridge of Benvane is picked up. Loch Lubnaig can be seen slightly east of south. We now follow the gently climbing ridge past Creag a Mhadaidh (NN5294 1444). We keep to the left of the fence line that runs along the ridge until a stile at a corner is reached. After the stile the route runs SE up slightly steeper ground on a vague path. Most of Loch Lubnaig can now be seen below to the east, the summit of Ben Ledi should also be visible away at the southern end of the ridge. There is a cairn marking the summit of Benvane (NN5352 1371). We will now have covered approx' 4.5km.

From the summit we pick up the line of the old boundary fence along the ridge to a point slightly north of Stuc Dubh near NN5505 1269 where we will pick up LRT for our descent into Glen Casaig. The ridge path is boggy in places but firm ground under lies the wet top and most areas can be by-passed. Following the LRT S then SW we will soon reach the shores of Glen Finglas reservoir near NN 5308 0902. We now follow the eastern shore past the dam and power station to join the dam access road and the final 1km in to Brig o' Turk and our pick up near the Tea Rooms..

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**MEETING POINT:** Crieff Visitor Centre, Muthill Road, Crieff, Perthshire PH7 4HQ [See a Map here.](#)  
Please go to the Tryst meeting area in the restaurant for a briefing with the walk leader and to meet the rest of the group before travelling together to the start of the walk. Complimentary tea and coffee is available.

**MEETING TIME:** 8:45 am

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Please join the walk group at the meeting point by this time for travel to the start of the walk by Minibus provided.

The walk itself will start from Head of Glen Buckie (NN5289 2752), small parking area near Ballimore Farm. at approximately 10:00 am and finish at approximately 4:00 pm.

#### **RETURN TO CRIEFF:**

The walk group will travel back to Crieff Visitor Centre for approximately 5:00 pm but please note that the length of time that a walk takes 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:**

Walk duration - 6hrs. The initial path out of Glen Buckie is likely to be boggy as is the ridge path from Banvane to Stuc Dubh. Alternative walk in the event of adverse weather preventing advertised walk: Start at head of Glen Buckie as planned but instead of climbing over Benvane we detoure around Bealach a Chonnaidh following FP to join hill track/ LRT near NN5187 4104. Then follow LRT to eastern shore of Glen Finglas reservoir. Join Glen Finglas access road near dam and follow out to A821 . Distance approx 14km.

#### **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 12th September. After that date 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 the start date of the Tryst, please email droverstryst@gmail.com.
- From the start date of the Tryst, up to 7pm on the day prior to the walk, please email droverstryst@gmail.com, or contact the Tryst co-ordinator on **07522 841673**.
- On the day of the walk, if you cannot take part or are delayed 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 contact us.

#### **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.

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- 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.
  - Where walks involve car sharing, drivers often appreciate it when a voluntary contribution is made by passengers. A suggested level of donation, per person, is up to £3-£4, depending on length of journey.

**PARKING INFORMATION, CRIEFF VISITOR CENTRE:**

If you're parking in the Crieff Visitor Centre car park, please observe the following guidelines:

- Monday - Friday: Please park on the **far left hand side** of the car park, well away from the main entrance of the Crieff Visitor Centre.
- Saturday - Sunday: Please go in the **first** (southernmost) entrance, and **take the first right** to park in front of Images on Glass / The Scottish Tartan Authority.