



# 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:** Carn Liath and Beinn a' Ghlo Circuit (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN START TIME - NOW 08:00)

**DATE:** Monday, 31st May, 2021

**WALK LEADER:** David Clark

**WALK GRADE:** Extra Hard

**WALK DISTANCE:** 21 km

An opportunity to climb three impressive munros in the Beinn a'Ghlo massif to the northeast of Blair Atholl. This walk starts at the Loch Moraig car park, a short drive off the A9 at Bridge of Tilt.

We walk along an estate track before heading northeast up the steep flank of Carn Liath. The going is hard work but we have the benefit of a path newly repaired so we can expect to reach our first munro, Carn Liath (975m) without difficulty. From the rocky summit we see the walk we have for the rest of the day unfold. We move in a generally northerly direction following the broad summit ridge of Beinn Mhaol. From this height we will be able to see the full extent of the Grampian Highlands; the Cairngorms in the north, Glenshee hills in the east and the Perthshire munros in the west. After a couple of kilometres we will drop down to the bealach before starting our ascent of the second munro of the day, Briaigh Coire Cruinn-bhagain (1070m). We continue the high ridge route and then drop down to the Bealach an Fhiodha before starting to climb up to Carn nan Gabhar (1120m) our last munro and highest point of the day.

For our return we retrace our steps to the bealach then follow the burn south until we reach a well maintained path following the Alt na Beinne Bige burn. This takes us round the flank of Beinn Bheag where we rejoin the estate track that leads back to our start point at Loch Moraig.

This walk is a long day, covering a significant distance and altitude. Walkers looking to participate need to be fit, have appropriate equipment and footwear and have experience of walking for several hours in the Scottish hills over open and rough terrain.

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**MEETING POINT:** OS Grid Re: NN 905 671 Parking at Loch Moraig, end of road above Old Bridge of Tilt

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 - 5:00 pm.

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**MEETING TIME:** 8:00 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:**

Walk duration - 8 hrs Easy walk in and out for 5km; otherwise steep climbing up to a broad ridgeline.

**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, rucksac, 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, rucksac 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

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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.