



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: Tyndrum to Bridge of Orchy (return via train)

DATE: Monday, 31st May, 2021

WALK LEADER: Chris McIntosh

WALK GRADE: Medium

WALK DISTANCE: 11 km

A low level walk following the route of the West Highland Way from the village of Tyndrum to Bridge of Orchy. The well surfaced path follows the West Highland railway line and takes in the Auch viaduct. The latter part of the walk leads below the spectacular pyramid hill that is Beinn Dorain. The walk passes through a very picturesque part of Southern Grampian mountains between Strath Fillan and Rannoch Moor. At Bridge of Orchy we will catch the train back to Tyndrum (will travel on part of this historic railway line over the famous Auch viaduct). Walk timings are inevitably governed by the train timings (to be confirmed once new timetable published).

MEETING POINT: OS Grid Re: Tyndrum - old Visit Scotland Car Park NN 328304

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 – 1:00 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:

None specified.

GEAR NOTES:

None specified.

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.