



# 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:** Glenshee - 4 Munros

**DATE:** Saturday, 11th May, 2024

**TRANSPORT:** Own transport required

**WALK START TIME:** 9:00 am For '**own transport required**' walks, this is the time you must meet the walk leader and others at the walk start place.

**WALK LEADER:** James Haggart

**WALK GRADE:** Extra Hard

**WALK DISTANCE:** 18.4 km

**WALK START PLACE** - The small car park 3k north of the Glenshee ski centre. There is another car park also available 400 m further north on the left-hand side of the road. NO 148 799 You must be prepared to make your own way to the walk start place, usually requiring a car. Please ensure that you are there a few minutes before the published start time of the walk (9:00 am). 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 cars at approx - 6:00 pm.

This walk will be a fantastic day out to get four Munros for the price of one! Well, that's an exaggeration but we will be able to get four ticks on that list in one go.

It will demand a certain level of endurance as we will be on our feet for over eight hours walking, a lot of it over trackless land and down steep grassy slopes.

From the cars we climb up Carn an Tuirc, easily at first and then picking our way over the boulder field to the top. The descent east to the bealach is straight forward and from there we take a bearing across the spongy grass to above the coire at the head of Glen Callater. Picking our way now over peat hags we will reach the slopes up to Tolmont for Munro number 2.

Tom Buidhe to the south is, shall we say, not the prettiest of hills and seems nothing more than a wee lump above the moor but we will walk over to it undeterred; Munro number 3.

On the way back now, we cross back over the plateaux and up to the boulder field on top Carn of Claise, by which time we will be a bit weary and so the quickest descent to the start will be down the steep grassy slopes of Sron na Gaoithe.

**OWN TRANSPORT REQUIRED TO GET TO WALK START POINT**

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## 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:

There are no technical difficulties but it will be a long day out. Please bring enough food and water to sustain you for the entire trip. Walking poles could be useful for the final steep descent when already tired. Gaiters will also add to your comfort as we have to cross peat hag. Please bring water proof trousers as well as your jacket.

## GEAR NOTES:

Gear recommended as following: 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 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 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

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- reasonable level of walking fitness.
- Dogs are not allowed on Tryst walks, except for guide-dogs.
  - 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.