



ELLON HILLWALKING CLUB

Newsletter July 2015

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Programme:

Please note - No Monday Evening Meeting in July or August

Sun 19th July 2015

Derry Cairngorm

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Community Centre Car Park 07:00

Derry Cairngorm (OS Map 43)

Mike Taylor

At 1155m Derry Cairngorm is number 20 in the top twenty Munros. The mountain used to be called An Carn Gorm, the blue hill, along with many other Scottish hills. It became known as Carn Gorm an Doire particularly to distinguish it from the Cairn Gorm, the 4,000 footer not far away. Doire - grove or thicket - represents the name of the beautiful wooded glen out of which rises Derry Cairngorm. Doire moved from suffix to prefix and became Derry, hence Derry Cairngorm.

The walk will start at the Linn of Dee car park, thence for 5km along the track to Derry Lodge. The summit of Derry Cairngorm is only another 5 km away via Carn Crom and Little Cairngorm but does include 750 m of ascent. There are some fine viewpoints on the way up particularly looking into Coire na Saobhaidhe (corrie of the fox's den) from Carn Crom and Coire an Lochan Uaine (corrie of the green lochan) from the east side of the summit cone of Derry Cairngorm. The return is made by retracing our steps. The total walk is about 20km with 750m of ascent which is likely to be a 7 - 8 hour walk.

This is a reasonably hard walk so is really only suitable for members of the club who are 'mountain fit'.

If you are interested in taking part in this walk please let Susan Robertson (07774 755440) know by Thursday 16 July.

Forthcoming Events

Aug 16th Lairig an Lui
Sep 20th Shelterstone
Oct 18th Cairnwell Three
Oct 24/25th Loch Ossian bunkhouse weekend

Ossian Bunkhouse Weekend

The Ossian bunkhouse weekend in October is now full.

Details of transport options and possible plans for the weekend will be sent out soon. However, I thought those going might like to see a few photos taken from the SYHA website of this beautiful part of Scotland just to whet the appetite.



Club Facebook Page and Website

A reminder that the Club now has a Facebook page which will be used to upload pictures from recent walks and give more up to date information on Club events. Why not visit the page and "like" us?

Also, why not take a look at the club website: www.ehwc.org.uk Our webmaster, Dan Carr, updates the information regularly so you can find out what's going on and get notice of any changes to the programme from there.

Monday Evening Meetings July/August

Experience over recent years has shown us that Monday evening meetings in July and August are particularly poorly attended so for the past two years we have decided not to organise anything for these months. We will start again in September with a talk from Allan Brown on his trip to New Zealand. However, hopefully we will see most of you out on one of the hillwalks over the summer months.

