

B.O.O.T.S. OLDMELDRUM HILLWALKERS

Body Of Oldmeldrum Trampers & Stompers



Programme
for
2009-2010



2009

Aug. 30 th	Mount Keen – OS Map 44	
Sunday	Depart 07.00	- M A
	Helen Wilcox	01651 851645
Sept. 19 th	Bynack More – OS Map 36	
Saturday	Depart 07.00	- M, A
	Tom Barratt	01467 629249
Oct. 11 th	Tom Buidhe, Tolmount, Carn an t-Sagairt Mor – OS Maps 43,44	
Sunday	Depart 07.00	- H, A, B
	Kevin McPherson	01467 624933
Oct. 24 th	An Socach, Carn an Rìgh, Beinn Iutharn Mhor – OS Map 43	
Saturday	Depart 07.00	- H, A, B
	John Hughes	01651 3135
Nov. 15 th	Crossing Glen Gairn – OS Map 37	
Sunday	Depart 08.00	- A, M
	Judith Bellfield	01651 872678
Dec. 6 th	Gordon Way – OS Maps 37, 38	
Sunday	Depart 08.00	- A, F, S
	Claire Wallace	01464 841341
Dec. 19/20 th	Faindouran Bothy Christmas Party & Creag Mhor – OS Map 36	
Weekend	Depart Sat. 08.00	- M, B
	John Hughes	01651 873135
Dec. 26 th	Boxing Day - Bennachie – OS Map 38	
Friday	Depart 09.30 –ish	- A, F, S
	John Hughes	01651 873135

2010

Jan. 9 th	Fungle – OS Maps 44, 45	
Saturday	Depart 08.00	- A, F, S
	Sheila Robertson	01651 873020
Jan 24 th	Coastal Walk	
Sunday	Depart 08.00	A, F, S
	Geraldine Adamson	01651 872851
Feb. 6 th	Speyside Way - Boat o Brig to Craigellachie – OS Map 28	
Saturday	Depart 08.00	- A, F
	Sandra Baillie	01651 872827
Feb.	X-Country Skiing or Ice Axe Training	
If snow	Timing TBA	- A, F
Sunday	John Hughes	01651 873135
Feb 19 th	Boots Annual Nicht Oot	
Friday	Members & Guests	Venue TBA
	Ian Shewan	01651 872431

Mar. 14 th	Dreish and Mayar – OS Map 44	
Sunday	Depart 07.30	-M, A
	Tom Barratt	01467 629249
Apr 3 rd / 4 th	Forcan Ridge, Ben Sgritheall – OS Map 33	
Weekend	Depart Friday 2 nd	- H, M
	John Baillie	01651 872827
Apr 18 th	Around Clachnaben – OS Map 44	
Sunday	Depart 08.00	- A, M
	Simon Knowles	07811898839
May 1 st / 3 rd	May Weekend – Killin – OS Maps TBA	
Weekend	Depart Friday 30 th	- A, F, S, M
	Judith Bellfield	01651 872678
May 15 th	Monadh Mhor, Beinn Bhrotain – OS Map 43	
Saturday	Depart 07.30	- H, M
	Kevin Docherty	01651 882760
May 29 th / 30 th	Paps Of Jura – OS Map 61	
Weekend	Depart Friday 28 th	- H, M, A
	Robert Bellfield	01651 872678
June 13 th	Derry Cairngorm, Carn a Mhaim – OS Map 43	
Sunday	Depart 07.00	- H, M, B
	Jeremy Goodyear	01674 830145
July 3 rd	Brown Cow Hill – OS Maps 36, 43	
Saturday	Depart 07.00	- M
	Robert Bellfield	01651 872678
July 25 th	Ben Avon – OS Maps 36, 43	
Sunday	Depart 07.00	- M, H, A
	Judy Patterson	01467 624572
Aug 14 th	Lairig Ghru – OS Map 43	
Saturday	Depart 07.00	H, M
	Ian Shewan	01651 872431
Aug 18 th	Annual Planning Meeting – Redgarth Inn	
Wed.	19.00 for 19.30	
	Wild Camping Weekend	
Sept. 4 th / 5 th	Stalking-Free Area – TBA	
Weekend	Depart Friday 3 rd	H
	Caroline Watt	07786 262601

WHAT BOOTS IS ALL ABOUT

BOOTS (Body Of Oldmeldrum Trampers and Stompers) is a hillwalking group based in Oldmeldrum.

1. AIMS

BOOTS provides residents in the Aberdeenshire area and their friends with the means of organising regular access to the hills in the company of others with a similar interest in hillwalking.

Members of the group benefit from each others' skills and experience. Walkers, and in particular the less experienced can take part in outings that they might not otherwise have tackled, developing their own capabilities in the process.

The group actively encourages the development of hillcraft amongst its members, and can organise instruction in navigating skills and safety awareness and practices.

2. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the group is open to all prepared to abide by the guidelines outlined below.

Prior to booking on their first outing, new members must confirm their experience and current level of fitness with the walk organiser to gain his or her agreement to take part. See 3.1 below.

3. RESPONSIBILITY

3.1 YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED WALKERS

A parent or guardian must accompany children younger than 16 years old during a walk.

Younger or less able or experienced members may be excluded from strenuous walks or parts of walks and given the easier walk option on an outing (if available) if the walk organiser decides that the going could be beyond their ability. Ability, however, is not necessarily dependant upon age.

3.2 LIMITS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Whereas a walk organiser will use his or her best judgement to ensure that routes taken on the hill are appropriate to the conditions prevailing and the perceived abilities of the members of the group, his/her role is advisory and to act as a focal point for the group's decision making. Every member has a moral and practical responsibility for his/ her own welfare and for that of the other members of the group. This includes communicating, agreeing and adhering to any changes of plan made during the course of an outing

All persons taking part in a walk must accept, however, that legally they do so entirely at their own risk.

4. ORGANISATION

4.1 PLANNING

Group leaders (experienced walkers) will plan in advance each walk they organise. This pamphlet gives some information about walks and the degree of difficulty. For fuller details of the intended route(s), contact their organisers.

4.2 FREQUENCY AND TIMING OF OUTINGS

Outings take place every second or third weekend, leaving Oldmeldrum at the time stated on this schedule (or for weekend outings at arranged times on Friday p.m.), returning typically from 17.00 to 19.00. Timings depend upon the length of the walk, distance from home and the time of year.

4.3 MEETING PLACE

Town Square, Oldmeldrum, possibly picking up en route.

4.4 BOOKING

It is preferable that persons intending to go on a walk contact its organiser (shown on the programme overleaf) in sufficient time to allow transport and other arrangements to be made.

4.5 TRANSPORT AND COSTS

Transport is normally by private car, but a bus may be hired when more convenient. Travellers will pay their share of the vehicle hire on the day, or may contribute towards fuel costs.

Persons who book on an outing involving hired transport or other financial commitments and cancel after arrangements have been finalised, are liable to pay their share if others would otherwise incur increased costs.

4.6 OTHER ACTIVITIES

During winter months if conditions are more appropriate, cross-country skiing will be organised in place of planned walks. Hire costs of any necessary equipment is payable on the day.

Weekends away allow excursions further afield than the local hills. Chalet hiring, hostelling, bothies and camping are used for accommodation on trips away.

Instruction in map and compass work, hillcraft and safety awareness can be organised.

Mountain biking, possibly combined with hillwalking is an option for some outings.

Other suggestions are welcomed.

5. EQUIPMENT

5.1 A good pair of sturdy walking boots is essential.

5.2 Warm comfortable clothing appropriate to the possible range of conditions

5.3 Waterproof and windproof overclothing.

5.4 A suitable rucksack to carry:-

- Flask of warm drink, food and emergency rations;
- Spare jersey, socks, hat gloves etc.;
- Basic 1st aid, plasters, crepe bandage etc.;
- Emergency survival bag, whistle, torch.

5.5 A map and compass. It is essential that 40% or more of a group is equipped and can use them.

5.6 A towel and dry clothing in the transport to change into at the end of a walk.

6. PROGRAMME NOTES

Codes entered against walks mean that the following type of walk or walks will be available.

A Walks for all comers and low level options to main walk

F Family walk

S Short walk

M Moderate duration or severity

H Longer or more severe

B Mountain Bike option available or preferable

Red – Weekend Event

7. LIST OF WALK ORGANISERS

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Any impromptu walks in addition to the programme? If so, please 'phone or email other members.