

WESTHILL WALKERS PROGRAMME APRIL – DECEMBER 2026

Please note routes and/or locations can change closer to date depending on suitability following a recce by the leader.

We can only operate **B** walks when there is a leader available to take the **B** walk.

Date	Location	Distance	Grade	Leader
Sunday 12 Apr	Scolty Hill (299 metres) from Banchory via Deeside Way & Blackhall Forest	11km / 7 miles	Easy to Moderate	Tony Forster
Sunday 26 Apr	Burn o'Vat and Cambus O'May Woods via Dinnet and Loch Kinord circuit	16km / 10 miles	Moderate	Peter Watts
Sunday 10 May A walk – CANCELLED	Clachnaben (589 metres) and Mount Shade (507 metres) from the north. A new route for the club	12km / 7.5 miles	Moderate to Strenuous	Niall Macbeath
Sunday 10 May B walk will take place as planned	Clachnaben (589 metres) – Hill of Edendocher (577 metres) – Charr Bothy – Glen Dye (longer but easier standard route)	16km / 10 miles	Moderate	Peter Watts / Lynda Eddie
Sunday 24 May	Mona Gowan (421 metres). A little known hill, lying west along an open moorland ridge from the better known Corbett, Morven.	11.5km / 7.5 miles	Moderate	Susan Watts
Sunday 7 June A walk	Ben Macdui (1309 metres) from Aviemore (Coire Cas ski carpark) This Munro is the highest peak in Cairngorm National Park and second highest mountain in Scotland	17km / 11 miles	Strenuous	Niall Macbeath
Sunday 7 June B walk	Carnferg (525 metres). Circular from Aboyne. This hill is east of the Fungle Path on south side of River Dee	14km / 9 miles	Moderate	Tony Forster

Sunday 21 June A walk	Spittal of Glenshee – Creag an Dubh Shluic (728 metres) – Ben Earb (802 metres) – Meall a’Choire Bhuidhe (868 metres). Return via Glen Lochsie. Fine ridge walk taking in part of the Cateran Trail. Great views.	16km / 10 miles	Moderate to Strenuous	Tony Forster
Sunday 21 June B walk	To be decided. Will only take place if a leader is available			
Saturday 4 July or Sunday 5 July (to be decided) Traverse plus Refreshments /Meal at Cullen Hotel Bus or Mini Bus. Booking essential with payment up front. (Further info to follow) ONLY OPEN TO MEMBERS	An excellent low level traverse. Fochabers to Spey Bay via Speyside Way then Moray Coastal Trail Spey Bay to Findochty or Portknockie Further information to follow in due course	19km / 12 miles to Findochty or 22km / 13.5 miles to Portknockie	Moderate	Peter Watts / Susan Watts
Sunday 5 July B walk For those not doing the traverse	To be decided. Will only take place if a leader is available			
Sunday 19 July A walk	Carn an Tuirc (1019 metres) and Carn of Claise (1064 metres) from Monega Road Pass. Opportunity to do 2 Glenshee Munros . Option for third Munro, Glas Maol (1068 metres)	13km / 8 miles Can be extended to take in third Munro.	Strenuous	Niall Macbeath
Sunday 19 July B walk	Gentle walk Ballater – Cambus O’May bridge on South Deeside paths; return via Deeside Way. Refreshment stop at Cheese Factory on return section	13km / 8 miles	Easy	Graham Denyer

Sunday 2 Aug	A summer mystery walk. Some more detail to follow			Lynda Eddie
Sunday 16 Aug	Lecht mine – College of Scanlan circuit via Tom Trumper (582 metres). A walk in the Ladder Hills leading to a secret 18 th century Catholic training college	13km / 8 miles	Moderate	Tony Forster
Sunday 30 Aug A walk	Carn na Drochaide (818 metres) circuit from Linn of Quoich. Fine views from this Corbett towards Beinn a’Bhuird and Ben Avon	13km / 8 miles	Moderate to Strenuous	Peter Watts
B walk	Glen Tanar circuit from Braeloine carpark, Glen Tanar Estate.	16km / 10 miles	Moderate	Susan McKay / Heb Nicoll
Sunday 13 Sept A walk	Glen Doll and Corrie Fee / Waterfall from Glen Doll Lodge, near Glen Clova. A dramatic location to visit. A massive bowl scooped out from the rugged mountainsides by a glacier during the Ice Age	13km / 8 miles	Moderate with Strenuous section to waterfall.	Peter Watts / Lynda Eddie
Sunday 13 Sept B walk	To be decided. Will only take place if a leader is available			
Sunday 27 Sept	Arbroath to Lunan Bay coastal walk (This requires cars at either end) Route follows section of Angus Costal Trail	16km / 10 miles	Easy	Graham Denyer or Peter Watts
Sunday 11 Oct	Coyles of Muick (601 metres) from Loch Ullachie (south Deeside Road near Ballater)	12km / 7.5 miles	Moderate	Niall Macbeath
Sunday 25 Oct	Clashmach Hill (368 metres) circuit from Huntly. Pleasant walk with extensive views	10km / 6 miles	Moderate	Susan McKay / Susan Watts

Sunday 8 Nov	Fetteresso Forest – Hill of Three Stones (291 metres) circular from Fetteresso Forest car park. Peaceful trail through Fetteresso Forest west of Stonehaven with some brilliant views	12km / 8 miles	Easy to Moderate	Tony Forster
Sunday 22 Nov	Elrick Hill (202 metres) and Brimmond Hill (266 metres). Two hills local to Westhill. Good views from Brimmond Hill	10km / 6 miles	Easy to Moderate	Tony Forster
Sunday 6 Dec	Udny Station – Newmachar – Tillygrieg – Udny Station following sections of the Formartine Buchan Way	11km / 7 miles	Easy	Susan Watts
Saturday 26 Dec	Annual Boxing Day walk Bridge of Don to Footdee and return. Refreshments at beach café.	7.5km / 4.75 miles	Easy	

Stand-by B walks

Deveron Valley circuit from Milltown of Rothiemay (approx 10km north of Huntly). Outward leg along a well-defined, high level track above the river, return is along a lane. Fine extensive views of the winding River Deveron and across the valley to surrounding hills. **Distance 11km / 7 miles. Grade Easy to Moderate.**

Collieston and the Sands of Forvie from Cransdale car park, Collieston. Coastal walk from Collieston harbour along cliff top path across heather grass and dunes to Forvie Nature Reserve and remains of 12th century church. Return by same route then divert via Sand Loch and Little Collieston. Superb views along the coast. **Distance 10km / 6 miles. Grade Easy.**