

# B.O.O.T.S. OLDMELDRUM HILL WALKERS

Body Of Oldmeldrum Trampers & Stompers



Programme  
for  
2011-2012



## 2011

Aug. 27 <sup>th</sup> / 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Skye - All Areas – OS Maps 23, 32</b>	
Weekend	Depart Friday	- H, M, A, F
	John Baillie	01651 872827

Sept. 17 <sup>th</sup> / 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Glen Affric – OS Maps 25,33</b>	
	Depart Friday	- H, M, A
	Tom Barratt	01467 629249

October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Morven – OS Map 37</b>	
Sunday	Depart 08.00	- M, A
	John Baillie	01651 872827

October 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ben Rinnes – OS Map 28</b>	
Saturday	Depart 08.00	- A, F
	Janet Styles	07802 708302

October 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Clachnaben – OS Maps 44, 45</b>	
Sunday	Depart 08.00	- A, F
	Helen Wilcox	01651 851645

November 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Meall a' Bhuachaille – OS Map 36</b>	
Saturday	Depart 08.00	- M, A
	Tom Barratt	01467 629249

December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Isla Way – OS Map 28</b>	
Saturday	Depart 08.00	- A, B, F
	Sheila Robertson	01651 873020

December 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cairns of Balmoral – OS Map 44</b>	
Saturday	Depart 08.00	- A, F
	Tom Barratt	01467 629249

December 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Boxing Day Walk – OS Map 38</b>	
Monday	Depart 09.30	- A, F, S
	John Hughes	01651 873135

## 2012

January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Turriff and the Deveron – OS Map 29</b>	
Tuesday	Depart 09.30	- A, F, S
	John Baillie	01651 872827

January 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Western Delights of Inverurie – OS Map 38</b>	
Saturday	Depart 08.00	- A, F, S
	Tom Barratt	01467 629249

January 29 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Carn Mor (Lecht) – OS Map 37</b>	
Sunday	Depart 08.00	- M, A
	Steve Campbell	01467 671881

February 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Nordic Skiing and/or Bin Forest Walks – OS Map 29</b>	
Saturday	Depart 08.00	- A, F
	Steve Campbell	01467 671881

February 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BOOTS' NICHT OOT</b>	
Friday	Arrive 19.00 for 19.30	
	Ian Shewan,	01651 872431
	Sandra Baillie	01651 872827

February 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Coastal Walk, Cullen to Portsoy – OS Map 29</b>	
Sunday	Depart 08.00	- A, F
	John Baillie	01651 872827

March 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Glen Tanar – OS Map 44</b>	
Saturday	Depart 08.00	- A, F
	Judy Patterson	01467 624572

Mar. 24 <sup>th</sup> / 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Glen Carron – OS Map 25</b>	
Weekend	Depart Friday	- H, M
	John Baillie	01651 872827

April 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Coastal Walk, South of Stonehaven – OS Map 45</b>	
<b>Postponed</b>	Depart 08.00	- A, F
	Jeremy Goodyear	01674 830145

April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Beinn a' Bhuird – OS Maps 36, 43</b>	
Sunday	Depart 07.00	- H, B
	Tom Barratt	01467 629249

May 5 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Glen Coe – May W/E OS Map 41</b>	
Weekend	Depart Friday	- H, M, A, F
	Helen Wilcox	01651 851645

May 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Correen Hills – OS Map 37</b>	
Saturday	Depart 08.00	- A, F
	Geoff Robson	01467 670260

June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Creag Meagaidh – OS Maps 34, 42</b>	
Sunday	Depart 07.00	- H, M
	John Baillie	01651 872827

Jun. 16 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Isle of Arran – OS Map 69</b>	
Weekend	Depart Friday	- H, M, A, F
	Robert Bellfield	01729 825636

June 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Glen Tilt and Carn a' Chlamain – OS Map 36</b>	
Saturday	Depart 06.30	- H
	John Hughes	01651 873135

July 14 <sup>th</sup> / 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Ullapool – OS Maps 15, 19, 20</b>	
Weekend	Depart Friday	- H, M, A, F
	Judy Paterson	01467 624572

August 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Morrone – OS Map 43</b>	
Sunday	Depart 08.00	-M, A
	John Baillie	01651 872827

Aug. 18 <sup>th</sup> / 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Knoydart – OS Maps 33, 40</b>	
Weekend	Depart Friday	- H, M
	Tom Barratt	01467 629249

August 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Annual Planning Meeting – Redgarth Inn, Oldmeldrum</b>	
Wednesday	19.00 for 19.30	

September 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Pitfichie, Featuring Cairn William – OS Maps 37, 38</b>	
Saturday	Depart 08.00	- M, A
	Garry Oliver	01651 873396

# 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**

**Children (i.e. younger than 18) should be accompanied by a parent or nominated adult guardian who takes responsibility for them.**

Younger or less able or experienced members may be excluded from strenuous walks or parts of walks and given an easier 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, picking up en route as appropriate.

## **4.4 BOOKING**

Persons intending to go on a walk should 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. In any event, passengers should offer to 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 are payable on the day.

Weekends away allow excursions further afield than the local hills. Accommodation used on trips away includes B&B, chalets, hostels, bothies and camping. The organiser can help to co-ordinate transport and accommodation bookings, but unless otherwise agreed, it is up to the individual to arrange his/ her transport and accommodation.

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

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:-
  - a) Flask of warm drink, food and emergency rations;
  - b) Spare jersey, socks, hat gloves etc.;
  - c) Basic 1st aid, plasters, crepe bandage etc.;
  - d) 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. On routes with river crossings, spares in a sealed bag

## **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

Yellow - Amendment

## **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, preferably to [BOOTSHillwalkers@yahoogroups.co.uk](mailto:BOOTSHillwalkers@yahoogroups.co.uk)**

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