



ELLON HILLWALKING CLUB

Newsletter October 2010

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Programme:

Monday 11th October 2010

Costa Rica – Allan Brown

Station Hotel Ellon 20:00

Sunday 17th October 2010

Morrone

Focal Pt Allan Brown (01358 722438)

Community Centre Car Park 08:00

Sat / Sun 30/31 Oct 2010

Bridge of Orchy Bunkhouse Weekend

Morrone

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Mike Taylor

Morrone (Mor Shron – big nose), rising to the SW of Braemar, is a rather featureless hill in itself but its summit provides a fine view of the high Cairngorms.

The usual ascent starts at the Car Park at the top of Chapel Brae in Braemar, near the pond. A private road is followed to an indicator near the croft of Tomintoul. A close inspection of this indicator, which was built by the Deeside Field Club, will reveal that not all the points on it are visible from its present position. This is because its intended site was on a knoll about 17 m higher. None of the guide books explain why it was sited in the wrong place!

The path from here is a further 2km, with an ascent of 360m, to the summit – this should take about one and a half hours.

The return could be made by retracing steps or by following a Land Rover track south then east to Glen Cluanie opposite Auchallater Farm and returning to Braemar by the minor road on the west side of the river – a total of 7km from the summit, 2 hours or so of walking.

As with all our winter walks this walk is suitable for any reasonably fit member of the club bearing in mind the need for warm clothes etc in winter.

If you want to take part in this walk let Allan Brown (01358 722438) know by Thursday 14th October.

Forthcoming Events

Oct 30/31st Bunkhouse Weekend

Nov 14th Meall a Buchaille & Bar Supper

Dec 19th Ben Rinnes

October Weekend 29-31 Oct - Bridge of Orchy

Mike Taylor

This year, the club is going to a bunkhouse in the old railway station at Bridge of Orchy for the October weekend. Details can be found on their website;

<http://www.westhighlandwaysleeper.co.uk>

This is a first for the club but some of our members have visited it and given a good report.

The cost is £17 per person per night which includes duvet, bed linen, towel and tea/coffee. There are no self catering facilities but an evening meal can be provided for £10 - £13 and breakfast for £4-6. Special rates for groups and dinner, bed and breakfast packages are offered. Once I know how many people are going, and how many of these want to take all their food there, I will find out what sort of deal we can get.

There are plenty of very interesting walks in the area. A few people have expressed an interest in Ben Cruachan, a fine mountain off the Oban road, which is not too far away.

If you are interested in joining this club weekend please send £34 to Mike Taylor (Loch an Eilein, Newmachar, Aberdeen, AB21 0UQ) as soon as possible indicating which meals you would like to take in the bunkhouse. Beds will be allocated on a first come, first served basis on receipt of the £34, which is non-refundable.

