

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

Body Of Oldmeldrum Trampers & Stompers



Programme  
for  
2019-2020



2019

September 27 <sup>th</sup> / 28 <sup>th</sup> w/e	<b>Lake District</b>	
	OS Maps 77, 83	H, M, A
Depart Fri.	John Hughes	01651 873135

Sun Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dava Way</b>	
	OS Map 28	F, A
Depart 08:00	The Johns or Helen	See 'phone numbers overleaf

Sat Nov 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Loch Dallas</b>	
	OS Maps 26, 27	F, A
Depart 08.00	The Johns or Helen	See 'phone numbers overleaf

Sun Dec 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Tap o Noth</b>	
	OS Map 37	F, A
Depart 08:00	The Johns or Helen	See 'phone numbers overleaf

Thurs Dec 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Boxing Day Walk</b>	
	OS Map 38	F, A
Depart 10.00	John Hughes	01651 873 135

2020

Thurs Jan 2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>New Year's Walk - Ben Rinnes</b>	
	OS Map 28	- F, A, M
Depart 09:00	John Baillie	01651 872 827

Sun Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Cromdale Hills</b>	
	OS Map 36	M
Depart 08:00	The Johns or Helen	See 'phone numbers overleaf

Sat Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bennachie</b>	
	OS Maps 37, 38	F, A
Depart 09:00	The Johns or Helen	See 'phone numbers overleaf

Sat Feb 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BOOTS' Nicht Oot</b>	
	Arrive 19.00 for 19.30	
Venue The Redgarth	Ian Shewan, Sandra Baillie	01651 872 431 01651 872 827

Sun Mar 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Glen Callater</b>	
	OS Maps 43, 44	M, H, A
Depart 08:00	The Johns or Helen	See 'phone numbers overleaf

Sun Apr 19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Dubh Loch &amp; Broad Cairn</b>	
	OS Maps 43, 44	H, M, A
Depart 08.00	Helen Wilcox	01651 851 645

May 7 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> w/e	<b>May Weekend – Venue Gairloch/ Poolewe</b>	
	OS Maps ??	H, M, A
Depart Thurs	Helen Wilcox	01651 851 645

Sat May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Speyside Way, Fochabers &lt;-&gt; Spey Mouth</b>	
	OS Map 28	M
Depart 08.00	The Johns or Helen	See 'phone numbers overleaf

Sun June 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Glas Tulaichean</b>	
	OS Map 43	H, M, A
Depart 07:30	The Johns or Helen	See numbers overleaf

Sat July 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Derry Cairngorm</b>	
	OS Map 43	H, M
Depart 07.00	The Johns or Helen	See 'phone numbers overleaf

July 25 <sup>th</sup> / 26 <sup>th</sup> Weekend	<b>Strathconon Forest Sgurr a Mhullain, Meallan nan Eun, Bac an Eich</b>	
	OS Map 25	H, M, A
Depart Fri.	John Hughes	01651 873 135

Sun Aug 16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Angus Glens</b>	
	OS Map (43), 44	M
Depart 07:30	Jeremy Goodyear	01674 830 145

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>Planning Meeting - Redgarth</b>	
	Start 19.00 for 19.30	

Sat Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Braeriach</b>	
	OS Map 36	H, M, A
Depart 07:00	The Johns or Helen	See 'phone numbers overleaf

# 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, prospective members must confirm their experience and current level of fitness with John Baillie or John Hughes and contact the walk organiser to gain his or her agreement to take part. See 3.1 below.

## 3. RESPONSIBILITY

### 3.1 YOUNG AND INEXPERIENCED WALKERS

Minors (i.e. younger than 16) should be accompanied by a parent or nominated adult guardian who will take responsibility for them.

If the walk organiser decides that the going could be beyond their ability, younger or less able or experienced members may be excluded from strenuous walks or parts of walks and, if available, given an easier option on an outing. 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. Contact may be done by telephone, via the Yahoo Group common email address or, for non-members, by clicking on the email hotspot for John Baillie or John Hughes at the bottom left hand side of the website on the menu page.

### 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

AYOA – Arrange your own accommodation

Website: <http://www.bootshillwalkers.org.uk/>

Yahoo! Groups:

<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/BOOTSHillwalkers/>

**For impromptu walks additional to the programme, please 'phone or email other members, preferably using [BOOTSHillwalkers@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:BOOTSHillwalkers@yahoo.co.uk)** (email address available to Yahoo!Group members only)

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