Out and about with the Bailies of Bennachie

WALKS

Hill guardians the Bailies of Bennachie will be leading a free walk on the Aberdeenshire landmark tonight.

The group has organised a series of outings over the coming months to look at different parts of the hill and learn about the local and natural history of Bennachie.

Tonight's two-and-a-half-hour trek will set out from the Bennachie Centre, near Chapel of Garioch, at 6.30pm and visit the English Quarry.

People should wear suitable outdoor footwear and clothing.

Dogs are welcome as long as they are kept under control.

On June 12, a walk will take in the Turf Table area of the hill before visiting the Lintel Quarry on Little Oxen Craig. Parts of the walk will across arduous terrain, with the five miles route leaving pathways to cross areas of rough heather.

On July 10, walkers will head across the Maiden Causeway to the summit of Mither Tap, with the three-and-a-half hours outing, over well-maintained paths, providing panoramic views.

The final outing, on August 14, will follow a circular six-mile route around Millstone Hill.

Places on the walks programme must be booked through the Bailies on 07423 121400.

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