

OCTOBER 31 – BRANDY CIRCUIT GLEN CLOVA

Distance	9.7 km ↔
Time spent moving	3:00 h ⌚
Ascent	704 m ▲
Descent	710 m ▼
Avg. speed (throughout time spent moving)	3.3 km/h ⌚
Date	October 31, 2022 09:23 AM 🇬🇧

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10 hardy souls met at Scone Park & Ride to head to Glen Clova for a high level circuit of Loch Brandy extending over Boustie Ley and Ben Reid. The weather forecast was not very encouraging, with low cloud, some rain and high winds forecast. Arriving at the car park at Clova the forecast turned out to be accurate, with the cloud base even lower than expected. Undaunted we set off on the climb to Loch Brandy on a generally well-made path. Ascending into the clouds and increasing wind we reached the path around Loch Brandy, the Loch being only vaguely visible through the mist. Turning eastward we crossed the outflow from the Loch and started the climb to Green Hill. A coffee-stop halfway up the climb refreshed us and we pressed on. Reaching a large cairn as the climb eased off we went the short distance east to the cairn that marked the summit of Green Hill. Returning to the first cairn and deciding that we would cut short the walk from that planned, we picked up a path westward and headed round the rim of the corrie, with the wind gusting to over 38mph making progress a little tricky at times. We reached the large cairn that marked the top of The Snub. This was our escape route from the windy weather. The descent of The Snub was not the easiest with the wind buffeting us and the stone steps being wet and slippery in places. Eventually we reached the point where we had ascended to, near to Loch Brandy. Some shelter was found from the wind, which was easing as we lost height, for lunch. Loch Brandy was still only vaguely visible through the mist. Descending back towards the start we came out of the clouds and could admire the autumnal colours of Glen Clova below us. After leaving rucksacks etc. at the cars we went into the Glen Clova Hotel for teas, coffees and scones, before heading for home. The walk was 9.75 km long, with a climb of 750m.

Unfortunately the spectacular Loch Brandy and the extensive views from the high-ground were hidden in the clouds this time, so a return to do this walk in clear weather would be worth considering in the future.



At the start of the walk, in good conditions after leaving the car park.



Early into the walk, looking back down the valley towards the Clova Hotel



At the top of Green Hill enjoying the breezy conditions.



On the return, we leave the cloud and enjoy the open views of Glen Clova.