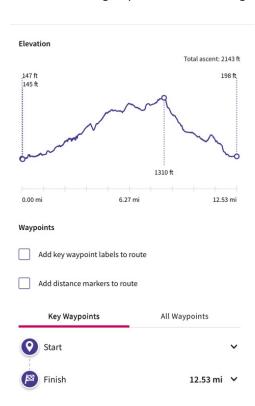
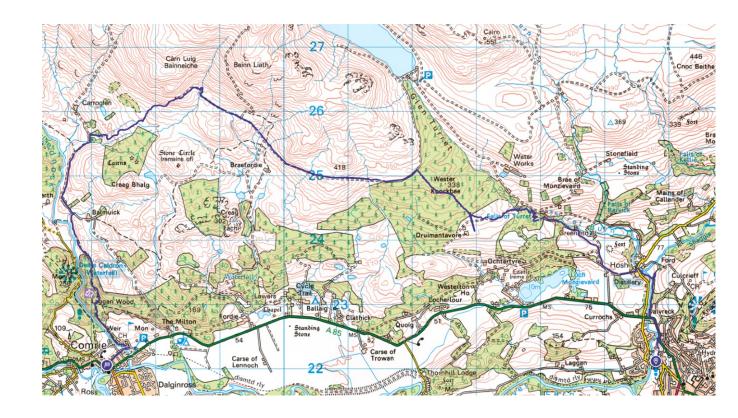
Crieff to Comrie - linear Walk on Thursday 29th December

Since there is a long gap between the completion of the late Autumn programme and the commencement of the Winter programme, the group decided to fit in an extra walk over the Xmas holidays. Consequently, 9 members met at Broxden at 8.30 taking four cars to transport all the walkers to Comrie at what would be the finish for the walk. Two cars were left and all 9 walkers were transported back to the walk start at Crieff and the walk start at MacRosty Park. The walk then commenced moving first towards the Glen Turret distillery via woodland paths. After walking past the distillery buildings we took a path across pasture towards Greenend Farm. The route then took us through mostly deciduous woodland with spectacular views of the Falls of Turret. We then emerged into open moorland before moving into dense confer plantation, however stopping first for a muchneeded coffee break. The path in the woodland was a mix of forest rides that skirted around the hill known as Wester Knockbae. The path then followed a fence line leading past a somewhat unusual structure, that seemed to provide no obvious function. Following extensive debate, we continued to finally emerge into open moorland and a clear track that took us all the way to a position below Carn Luig Bainneiche. Following a lunch stop, we then began the decent over broken ground to meet the main north-south track leading down the slope past Balmuick and hence to Laggan Wood to finally emerge back in Comrie.

We made a welcome stop at the Royal Hotel for coffee and refreshments before making the return to Broxden. The weather proved to be very kind to us, with only some very light showers punctuated by a few welcome glimpses of the sun. A great day in the Perthshire hills.







After leaving the distillery at Crieff, we head up the hill towards Greenend Farm



We enter in to the woodland with the Turret burn to our right



Higher up the Falls of Turret come into view down with the deep gorge that runs along the path



Following a coffee break we enter into the plantation following a series of forest rides



Discussion on the purpose of this rather strange shelter. The deer fence goes through the middle of the structure making its use as an emergency shelter limited.



After emerging from the forest, we reach the main track that leads us across the open moor to above Balmuick and Comrie, providing fine views across the hills.

Some extra photos were available from a recent youtube video of the area (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-XZJqSfwXs) showing the area around the Falls in more detail: -









