



## DUNNET HEAD EDUCATIONAL TRUST



### CAITHNESS & SUTHERLAND WALKING FESTIVAL

1-8 MAY 2010

#### BOOKING FORM

Saturday, 1st May - Dunnet Head to Castle of Mey, Caithness - A magnificent coastal walk from Brough village on Dunnet Head to the Castle of Mey. Stupendous views across the turbulent Pentland Firth to the Orkney Islands. Points of historical interest include a sites of Brough and St. John's Castles and a Pictish house. Includes a visit to the Castle of Mey. Grade: Moderate. Cost: £12 to cover entrance to the Castle and return transport to Brough village. Places limited. Book early to avoid disappointment - 12 places only.

Sunday, 2nd May Murkle to Castletown, Caithness - A coastal walk from the pretty village of Murkle to the flagstone village of Castletown with the Caithness Field Club. History, great views, birds. Time to visit the Castletown Heritage centre and Dunnet Forest. Grade: Moderate. Booking essential.

Monday 3rd May Learable Hill, Strath of Kildonan, Sutherland - One of the best preserved upland prehistoric landscapes in the north of Scotland. Sites include standing stones, stone rows, stone circle, cairns to the later pre-clearance farming settlement and 19th century sheep enclosures. Grade: Moderate. Booking preferred.

Tuesday 4th May RPSB Forsinard, Sutherland - A great walk at Forsinard nature reserve with the RSPB. Set in the vast wild peatlands of North Scotland, visitor centre, unique flagstone trail through shimmering bog pools. Start time: 2.20pm. Tel: 01641 571225 during office hours. Email: forsinarad@rspb.org.uk.

Wednesday 5th May Halkirk, Caithness - A riverside walk at Halkirk. Visit the site and history of the Gerston Distillery and the 14th Century Braal Castle. The walk is mostly flat. Views of Thurso River, Morven and Dorrery. Time taken: 2.5 hours. Grade: Easy. Distance: about 4km. Start: Ross Institute, Bridge Street, Halkirk at 10.30a.m. Finish at 1p.m.

Wednesday 5th May Rosal Clearance Village, Sutherland - A walk with the Forestry Commission to the Rosal Deserted Township (from the Viking hrassa vall - horse fields) is the remains of a once thriving Highland village, which was cleared of its inhabitants to make way for sheep. Great views of Ben Loyal over the Strath holding the River Naver. Start time: 10 a.m. Time taken: about 1.5 hours. Grade: Moderate. Distance: 3.5km. Booking essential.

Thursday 6th May Forsinain, Sutherland - Led by the RSPB – details to follow

Friday 7th May Walk and wildlife cruise at John o Groats, Caithness - A walk on the wildside! Magnificent walk from Duncansby Stacks to John o Groats followed by a wildlife cruise in the afternoon. Grade: Easy. Distance: about 5km. Time taken: about an hour. Cost: £15 adults, £7.50 children under 16. Booking essential.

Saturday 8th May            Ports Kerrera, Sutherland - Ports Kerrera / Melvich audio walks - self guided but map led audio walk along the coast from Ports Kerrera. Route one leads towards Baligill and around the village of Ports Kerrera and Melvich beach. Route two leads around Melvich beach, Bighouse Lodge, through the peat track and along the coast and back to the old Toll pillar of the drovers route between Caithness and Sutherland. Both have stories by local people of the area and their lives. Magnificent coastal views.

Saturday 8th May            Dunbeath, Caithness - Dunbeath coast and strath led by local natural historian and photographer. Woodland borders the stream and the rocky gorge whilst the open moors above provide expansive views. There is a wealth of archeological remains along the way. Opportunities for photographic tuition. Grade: Easy. Distance: around 8km. Cost: £5 per person. Book early to avoid disappointment. Booking essential:

PLEASE TICK THE BOXES FOR THE WALKS YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO AND SEND THE COMPLETED BOOKING FORM TOGETHER WITH YOUR PAYMENT AS NECESSARY TO MONLETTIE CROFT, STREET OF MONTEACH, METHLICK, ABERDEENSHIRE, AB41 7JS. CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO THE DUNNET HEAD EDUCATIONAL TRUST. PLEASE NOTE ALL CHILDREN UNDER 16 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

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