



Strathearn Ramblers

Future Walks

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JOINING WALKS

Guests are welcome on walks. Please make yourself know to the walk leader and pay £1 day membership for insurance purposes.

If you would like any information about walks in advance, or if it is a linear walk requiring a place to be booked on the bus, please contact one of the following:

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HILL WALKS

Please note the main walk Leader for each Hill Walk will decide whether it will take place on the Sunday in the programme or on another nearby day if the weather forecast is better.

He or she will communicate this to all Ramblers who have previously indicated an interest in participating in the walk, usually 3-4 days ahead, so please email or phone the Chairman advance to note your interest and be kept up-to-date.

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Photo above: Crail Harbour on the 19 May walk

FUTURE WALKS

12 May HILL WALK

Beinn a' Ghlo

Distance: 11-12 miles

Ascent: 1100m

Time: 7-8 hours

Start: at the end of the public section of the Monzie road near Loch Moraig

Depart Comrie School car park at 7.45am and Crieff Coop at 8.00am

Pay drivers: £5

More a range of hill rather than a single peak, Beinn a' Ghlo has three munro summits, a decision will be made on or near to the day depending on weather and the abilities of those walking to do one, two or all three tops. The tops are rounded but with steep flanks. This great massif makes for a memorable day out. Mostly good paths with steep descents between the peaks and some rough ground.

Please contact the Chairman, Irwin Keith, if you're interested in this walk, as the date and time may change, depending on the weather forecast.

Phone 01764 652541 or email i.keith@btinternet.com.

Trip to the seaside – Fife Coastal Path

19 May STROLL

Crail to Kingsbarns

Distance: 6 miles

Start: Crail

Finish: Kingsbarns

Bus departs Comrie School car park at 9.00am and Crieff Coop at 9.15am

Starting in the picture-postcard fishing village of Crail, this lesser known section of the Fife Coastal Path rounds Fife Ness, the far eastern point of the 'Kingdom', then runs up the remote east coast to the beach of Cambo Sands by Kingsbarns. The Strollers will share a coach with the Walkers and will disembark further up the coast (so they cover less distance).

19 May WALK

Anstruther to Kingsbarns

Distance: 10.25 miles

Start: Anstruther

Finish: Kingsbarns

Bus departs Comrie School car park at 9.00am and Crieff Coop at 9.15am

This lovely section of the Fife Coastal Path passes the Hermit's Well and the site of old salt pans while heading northeast to the pretty harbour of Crail. It will then continue on the route being taken by the Strollers (see above). The Walkers will share a coach with the Strollers and will disembark first (so they cover more distance).

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Sat 8 June Long Walk Dunalastair Water to Loch Tay

Start: Lassintullich

Finish: Kenmore

Distance: 14 miles

Bus departs Comrie School car park at 8.00am and Crieff Coop at 8.15am

Please contact the Chairman, Irwin Keith, if you are interested in this walk, as places need to be booked on the bus in advance (01764 652541 or i.keith@btinternet.com).

This route leaves Lassintullich, on the south side of Dunalastair Water, and follows a track that passes below the steep west face of Schiehallion, the 'fairy hill of the Caledonians'. It then drops down to sheilings on the Allt Mor burn, beside the limestone cave of Tom a'Mhor-fhir, which is reputedly an entrance to the 'otherworld'. After that it follows another track south, rising up past Glenmore Bothy, over a col and downhill into Fortingall, where walkers could opt to be picked up by the bus. The final section is over forested Drummond Hill and down into Kenmore.

23 June STROLL Brig O' Turk and The Trossachs Viewpoint

Distance: 6 miles

Start: Brig O' Turk

Depart Comrie School car park at 10.00am and Crieff Coop at 10.15am

Pay drivers: £4

This stroll is on forestry paths with some good view points. A few paths may be tricky to see and also boggy. The A821 is crossed and also the bridge over the Easan Gruamach, taking the path back into the woodland. There are views of Loch Katrine, Ben Venue, Glen Finglas and Loch Achray. The stroll finishes along the shore of Loch Achray on the return to the Brig O' Turk.

30 June WALK Falls of Bruar and Glen Banvie

Distance - 11 miles

Start: House of Bruar car park (at the top near the play park)

Depart Comrie School car park at 9.00am and Crieff Coop at 9.15am

Pay drivers: £5

The walk starts on the path up to and around the Falls of Bruar. Walkers will notice changed scenery here, as considerable swathes of forest have been felled on this part of Atholl Estates. The walk continues on a forest road up Glen Bruar then, at the edge of the forest, it turns right to descend through attractive Glen Banvie. The return track has views over Blair Castle and Strath Garry.

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14 July HILL WALK Tarmachan Ridge

Distance: 8 miles; Ascent: 1100m

Time: 7-8 hours

Start: the Monzie road near Loch Moraig

Depart: Crieff Coop at 7.45am and

Comrie School car park at 8.00am

Pay drivers: £3

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Lying at the western end of the Lawers range, this is a fine ridge walk. The route starts from the Lawers car park and heads north over a subsidiary top then climbs up to Meall nan Tarmachan (1044m), the high point of the walk. After this we traverse westwards along the ridge over Meall Garbh (1026m), Beinn nan Eachan (1000m) and Creag na Callich (916m). The views are dramatic and one section requires hands to step down a rocky knoll. We will descend to a hydro intake and return along a vehicle track.

21 July STROLL Inchewan Path, Birnam

Distance: 5 miles

Start: Birnam, opp. hotel in village centre

Depart Comrie School car park at 9.00am and Crieff Coop at 9.15am

Pay drivers: £3

Following the Inchewan Path, we will pass the Beatrix Potter Garden and walk up under the A9 road and the railway. This varied and wildlife-rich walk follows the banks of the picturesque Inchewan Burn into the woodland of Birnam Glen then crosses it into Ladywell Plantation. Beyond the birches of Tomgarrow Wood, it crosses open pasture around Balhomish farm before returning to Birnam Glen.

28 July WALK Chairmans Walk for Comrie Fortnight Crieff to Comrie via Auchingarrich

Distance: 9 miles

Start: Crieff Visitor Centre

Depart: Comrie School car park in CoCo bus at 9.00am

Transport provided (free). Please book on the walk as per Comrie Fortnight programme.

A linear walk from Crieff along the high ground on the south side of Strathearn with super views over farmland and wooded hills to rugged mountains. There are no long hills but the walk does have several ups and downs, progressively climbing 350m over its length. The route passes the mast on Torlum as it traverses the northern slopes of it and Lurgan Hill, before descending through woods to Auchingarrich Wildlife Centre. There is the option to continue down to Comrie via Bogton Braes from Auchingarrich.

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30 July STROLL

Vice-Chair Stroll for Comrie Fortnight Glen Artney to Comrie

Distance: 6.5 miles

Start: Glen Artney car park opp. church

Depart: Comrie School car park in CoCo bus at 10.00am

Transport provided (free). Please book on the walk as per Comrie Fortnight programme.

This stroll is on a good track down the now uninhabited side of Glen Artney. It is fairly flat with some short inclines, and one wet and muddy section. The views of the surrounding hills and Glen Artney are stunning. The Coco bus will drop walkers at the Glen Artney Church car park.

11 August HILL WALK

An Caisteal and Beinn a'Chroin

Distance: 8.75 miles

Ascent: 1045m

Time: 6-7 hours

Start: lay-by off A82, 4km south of Crianlarich

Depart: Crieff Coop at 7.45am and Comrie School car park at 8.00am

Pay drivers: £3

Two fine Munros with rewarding ridge walking and great views over a wide expanse from Loch Lomond to Ben Nevis. The walking is mostly on good grassy ground underfoot with a final section that can be boggy.

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18 August STROLL

The Glen Rd and The Darn Road

Start: Dunblane Cathedral car park

Distance - 5.5 miles

Depart Comrie School car park at 10.00am and Crieff Coop at 10.15am

Pay drivers: £2.50

This is a circular from Dunblane to Bridge of Allan with a 'low level' outward leg and a 'high level' return. The paths are good with some road walking and short climbs, crossing the Kippenrait Burn. Superb views northwards towards the highland hills and northwest to Callander and the Trossachs.

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25 August Walk The Scurran

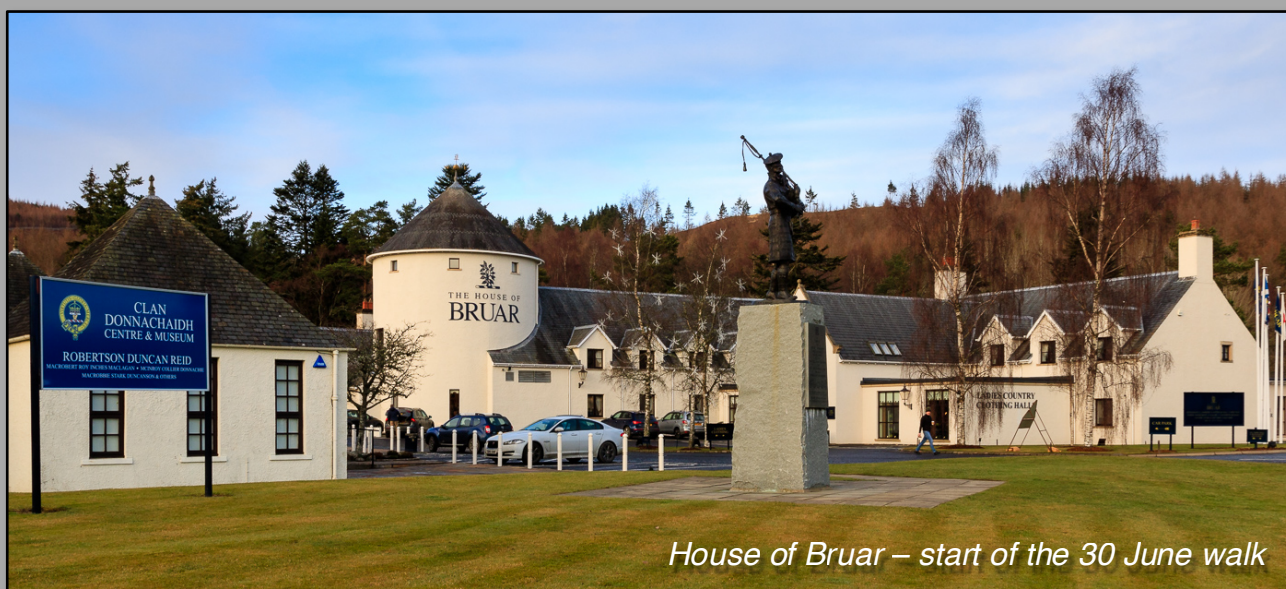
Start: Foulford Inn

Distance: 6 miles

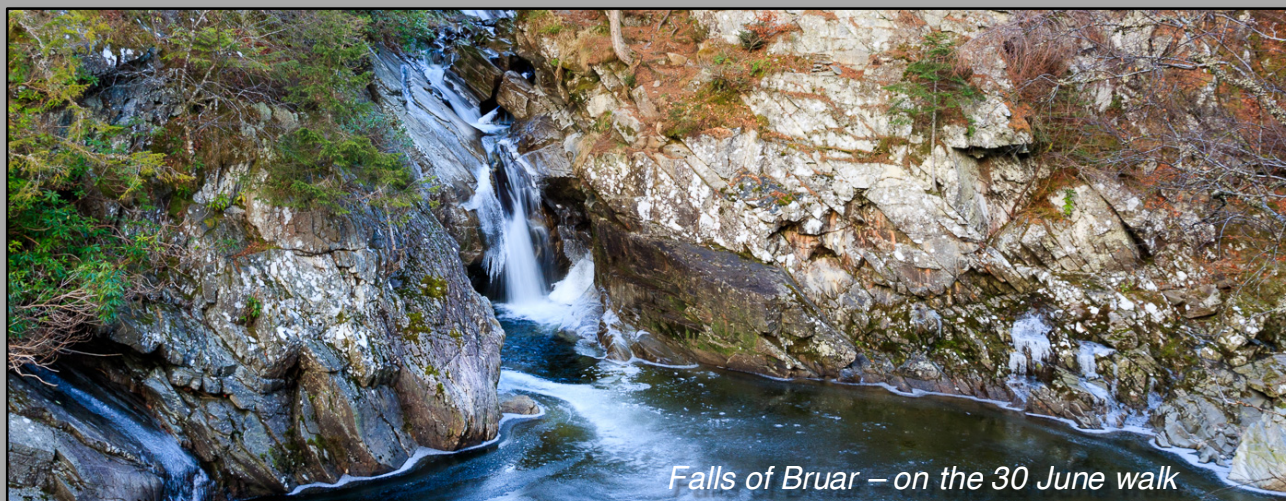
Depart Comrie School car park at 9.00am
and Crieff Coop at 9.15am

Pay drivers: £1

The route takes a track opposite the former Foulford Inn up to the The Scurran and the ancient cairn (613m), overlooking the beautiful Sma' Glen. Returning the same way.



House of Bruar – start of the 30 June walk



Falls of Bruar – on the 30 June walk