**Strathearn Ramblers.**

Guests are very welcome join in on walks. Please introduce yourself to the walk leaders 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 seat on the bus please contact one of the following:

Chairman; Irwin Keith 01764 652541, i.keith@btinternet.com

Vice – chair; Fiona Penfold 07875 281591, fionapenfold57@gmail.com

**Hill walks**

Please note that the main walk leaders for each 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.

They will communicate this to all Ramblers who have previously indicated an interest in participating in the walk, usually 3-4 days ahead, so please e-mail or phone in advance to let them know you are interested.

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**15th September. Bonhard Circular. Stroll.** Distance 6 milesStart: South Scone car park. Follow the A94 from Perth toward Scone. As you enter Scone take the first left turning into Burnside Rd. At the T junction go left and the parking area is at the end of the road by the Old Parish Church. Finish at same point.Depart Comrie school car park at 10am and Crieff Co-op at 10.15amPay drivers £2.50.

This stroll leads out of Scone and takes us through some of the fine farmland to the east of the village and up the slopes of the Sidlaw hills before returning through the Den of Scone.

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**22nd September. Loch Venachar Circuit. Walk.** Distance: 12 miles Start: Glen Finglas Visitor Gateway, a car park with toilets just off the A821, after Lendrick Lodge and before Brig O'Turk.  Finish: as above. Depart Crieff Coop at 8.45am and Comrie School car park at 9am , Pay drivers: £4.
A lovely Trossachs walk around beautiful Loch Venachar on paths, cycle tracks and very minor roads. There are good views of the loch and surrounding countryside most of the way with opportunities for a good cup of tea from a tearooms near the end of the walk or on the way home. The outward leg is on the Great Trossachs Path, which undulates high above the loch, the return is on a track beside the water.

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**13th October. Glen Tarken and Creag Ruadh. Hill walk.** Distance: 9.5 miles Start: Lay-by by Glen Tarken farm. Finish: as above. Approx time: 5-6 hours. Height gain: 1825ft/650m. Depart Crieff Coop at 7.45am and Comrie School car park at 8am . Pay drivers: £1.
This walk combines a circuit of the good tracks around Glen Tarken with a climb of remote Creag Ruadh (712m), a rocky summit that is a great viewpoint and has a delightful hidden loch below crags on its southeast side. The hill section is pathless walking on reasonably short vegetation.

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 **20th October. Black Spout and Black Castle. Stroll.** Distance : 6 miles. Start: Come off the A9 at Pitlochry and park at the Black Spout Car Park, approx. 1/2 a mile from the A 9. We finish at the same car park. Pay drivers £5

We go through Black Spout Oakwood, pastures, on to a duck pond and along the shores of Loch Faskally, a waterfall, some good views, and the ruins of Caisteal Dubh.

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**27th October. Aberfeldy to Kenmore. Walk.** Distance 10 miles. Start: Birks of Aberfeldy car park. Finish Kenmore**.** Depart Comrie School Car Park 9am & Crieff Co-op 9:15am**.** Coco bus - If you wish to go on this walk please fill in Bus Booking form at end of newsletter.

A high level linear walk above Strath Tay. We will be going through the Birks of Aberfeldy & then following the Rob Roy Way on good tracks & paths with good panoramic views over river, loch, woodland & mountain, There are two spectacular waterfalls along the way and a hermit’s cave. The walk takes us down to Acharn then along the South Loch Tay road passing the Crannog Centre and on to Kenmore.

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**17th November. Moncreiffe Hill and Forts. Stroll.** Distance :5.5 miles. Start: Starting from the car park between Leitchhill and Grange. Take the A912 south out of Perth, going uphill through Friarton and turning left for Rhynd immediately before the M90 slip road. The Woodland Trust car park is on the right in just over a mile. Depart: Comrie School Car Park 10.00 and Crieff Coop 10.15. Pay Drivers £3.00

This is a circular walk around Moncrieff Hill which is a beautiful woodland managed by the Woodland Trust. Moncreiffe is from Gaelic meaning Hill of the Tree. There are many trails around this hill most of the main trails are on stone-surfaced forest tracks or narrower, firm paths, but these can be muddy at times. Gradients are generally moderate but can be steep in places which will be assessed on the reccie.

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**24th November. Bennybeg & Drummond Loch Circular. Stroll**. Distance 7 miles. Start Crieff Visitor Centre 09.15. Leave Comrie School Car Park 09.00
Pay drivers £1.

The walk starts along the River Earn and heads to the Loch at Bennybeg. From there we cross the road to Drummond Loch then up towards Drummond Castle. Leaving  Drummond Castle by the east entrance the walk returns to Crieff Visitor Centre by the way of Drummond Woods and the Balloch Road.

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