



Strathearn Rambler

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Chairman's Report

The summer so far has been mixed but has not deterred the Ramblers from getting out and enjoying the varied scenery which we are lucky to have on our doorstep. The programme for the next set of walks, which will take us to the end of the year, are detailed in this newsletter and I must commend the walk sub-committee for the effort they expend in developing the walks.

One of the issues we have experienced in the recent past is the lack of participants on the hill walks. From our recent survey it is obvious that there is a good appetite for hill walking within the club especially amongst the newer members and the committee would be very reluctant to reduce the number of hill walks. However, our lack of hill walk leaders is a major problem as we cannot keep relying on the same faces all of the time and I would urge any members who would like to help to come forward. Also, to try to increase the numbers we are trialling the concept of being flexible on the day we walk thus avoiding the hazardous weather on the designated Sunday hill walk. The suggestion is that if the weather on the designated Sunday for the hill walk is inclement, making the walk hazardous, it will be postponed to a better weather day as the alternative. For each hill walk the principal leader will also be the designated coordinator for the walk and if you wish to

participate on the day contact them in the first instance and they will communicate with you regarding a postponement.

Obviously this is a trial and the success of this approach will be monitored and any decisions resulting from this trial will be communicated to you soon are possible.

The Strathearn Ramblers is not only a walking organisation but also enjoy having a social. To that end we are organising a social evening with dancing and a buffet meal on 20th October in the White Church, Comrie. The evening will start at 19.00 for 19.30 till late and the buffet will be served around 20.30. The cost is £20 per head and transport will be provided from Crieff. I would invite as many of you to come as possible as it is always a good night.

Although it is months away the Christmas Lunch is on Sunday 10th December and I would encourage you to diary this date. The elves have to get organised early with mulled wine and baking duties so please don't disappoint them as Santa's waistline is getting bigger having to eat the leftovers.

Finally you will see that we are trialling a slightly different format for the Newsletter. Felicity has worked hard on this new format and we would appreciate your feedback.

Irwin Keith

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Ramblers' BBQ at Myra Robertson's garden

Friday, 4th August

Myra is generously opening her garden at Catonia Cottage, Nurses Lane, Comrie for the Ramblers' Annual BBQ on 4th August 2017.

The charcoal should be at a perfect temperature at 6.00pm. Bring your own food, refreshments and seating. Come and join us for a great friendly evening.

Ramblers' Xmas stroll & lunch

Sunday, 10th December

Christmas lunch is at Auchingarrich on 10th December at 1pm. All members and guests are welcome to join us for the stroll and lunch, or just come along for the lunch. Either way, **please book your lunch** using the form on page 18.



Anyone for a caption competition?

Send your suggestions to the newsletter editor. Any silly photos would be welcome for future editions.

*Ramblers on Meall
a'Bhuiridh, Glencoe*
© Felicity Martin

Walk Reports

30th April WALK Amulree & North Glen Quaich

After parking by the old Amulree Hotel, 25 of us set off on a morning that felt colder than it had in Crieff but was a really nice temperature for walking. After crossing the old Wade bridge which was built in the 1730's, we followed the River Braan towards Loch Freuchie and then continued on a track above the loch with some great views.

We passed lots of sheep with young lambs and even two newborns with the younger not yet up on its legs. At the end of the loch we turned to go uphill following the route of the Turrerich Burn. What was probably not too much of a hill was made a lot more difficult by a strong headwind (at least for some of us)!

Lunch was in a nice sheltered spot beside a burn that was fortunately out of the wind, which had got much stronger and colder.

I was interested to learn that the traps we saw mounted on branches or planks of wood crossing burns were probably to catch stoats or weasels to help protect the breeding grouse.

Our walk continued after lunch on an easy and enjoyable downhill route and we made good time back to the cars. A very enjoyable walk with the usual great company and lovely scenery. Thanks to Ken, Val and Robert for a good day's walking.

Sandra Campbell

14th May STROLL Gartmorn Dam

Eleven ramblers arrived at the Gartmorn Dam Country Park on a bright and breezy morning.

Before we set off, Margaret Shankland enlightened us with a short history of the dam explaining that the sixth Earl of Mar inherited the Alloa Estate in 1689 and in 1710 he secured a customs house for the port of Alloa – this resulted in the start of a boom in local industry, particularly in coal.

A solution to flooding in the deep coal mines of Sauchie was found by building a weir on the River Black Devon and a lade being dug out two miles to the marshy hollow that was then Gartmorn. An earthen dam held back the water, providing a constant supply necessary for the Sauchie mine pumps and creating the largest artificial body of water in Scotland at that time.

Just as we set off walking in an anti-clockwise direction round the dam, a sack of bird feed was being scattered on the shore, and it was amazing to see so many swans and ducks devouring it. On good level paths through pleasant woodland we came to a vantage point – however the clear view of the dam, as had been seen on the recce, was no longer visible due to the incredible spring growth on the trees.

We looked at an interesting wooden erection containing carved images representing all the industries of the area, past and present. Further on we stopped to take photos of another beautiful sculptural piece containing fused glass panels representing birds, flowers and insects found in the area.

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We spotted an old carved out wooden canoe and decided it could be utilised as a seat – so the ideal place to have lunch!

Afterwards we continued on for a short distance and then followed a path which looped round away from the dam and this eventually led us onto the north bank path. An information plaque on the coal mines which had been in the area near to the dam was the next point of interest. The structural remains of the railway used to transport the coal and a large coal 'bing' could be seen nearby – legacies of a once thriving industry.

Further along the path we came to a bird hide, which was unfortunately locked – though the display boards gave information on the wide variety of migratory wildfowl and bird species to frequent the dam.

Turning off to the right of this north bank path we came into a lovely woodland area – home to a diverse variety of trees, wild life and a rich mix of woodland flowers. Gartmorn Hill Woodlands dates back to the 18th century – an alternative name being Coalpot Woods – a testimony to the more recent coal mining legacy. The woodland path led us back to the car park and it was decided that we would head back via the Allanwater Cafe for a some of their superb Italian ice cream.

A really enjoyable stroll in perfect weather conditions!

Many thanks to our leaders Margaret Shankland, Margaret McVicar, and Myra Robertson.

Margaret Greer

21st May HILL WALK The Cobbler & Beinn Narnain

Two Canadian visitors and Leaders plus one member met up at the car park at Arrocher with a weather forecast that was not promising, but we decided to press on. Having emerged from the woods to the open moor the weather turned wet and windy making conditions rather unpleasant.

The well trodden path up the Cobbler was taken to the summit but nobody lingered as the mist was down and visibility limited.

David McLeod



*Lismore Ferry © Ken Heiser
(see over for Stroll and Walk reports)*

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28th May STROLL Port Appin circuit and Lismore Island: Port Ramsay circuit

A full bus of 33 combined ramblers set off for Lismore. At Port Appin, to allow the Walkers to cross to Lismore by the Ferry, the nine Strollers did the 2-mile Port Appin circular taking in Appin Rocks, an unusual through cave on the path, and rounding Airds Bay. A small number of Strollers ventured up to Druimneil House set amongst beautiful gardens.

We caught the 12 o'clock Ferry over to Lismore and the 3-mile Circular Stroll started immediately on disembarking from the Ferry, making our way northwesterly around Rubh Aird Ghainimh. The path was particularly rocky in parts and care had to be taken around the cliff. The walk continued along a stony beach, at this point we were able to find a sheltered spot to have our lunch, as although good sunshine, we had a cool northwesterly wind.

We approached Port Ramsay, a delightful small village with the obligatory red phone box, still taking coins, a rarity indeed! The path back to the Ferry crosses the island in a southeasterly direction on old tarmac meeting the main road at Stronacroibh before heading northeasterly back to the Ferry jetty.

We returned to Port Appin ahead of the Walkers and took full advantage of the Appin Hotel Hospitality with Beers, teas, coffees and recommended scones. A lovely day out. Thanks to my assistant leader Margaret Shankland. *Ken Heiser*

28th May WALK Isle of Lismore - 'The Big Garden'

A full bus-load of Strathearn Ramblers set off for this West Coast excursion at an early enough hour to be able to reach Port Appin and catch the 10am ferry onto the Island. This included those going on the walk, led by Myra and Val (Irwin missed out by sadly being ill on the day – commiserations....!), and a stroll led by Ken and Margaret Shankland (see previous report).

The weather forecast was a bit iffy, and as we drove through Glen Coe, the clouds began to look very ominous. But that must have been to add atmosphere to the Glen Coe experience as, when we neared the coast, the clouds lightened and brightened, and then pretty much disappeared all together!

Those of us on the walk caught the tiny passenger ferry with its friendly crew of two at 10am (22 of us meant it took two crossings to get us across). We were off up the small rise and away from the pier by 10.30am.

Myra led us on a delightful coastal ramble, past the ruins of old lime kilns and amongst wild flowers. It was occasionally boggy and /or rocky, but always in sunshine and with fantastic views north and west over the Ardnamurchan peninsular (with its eyesore of a super-quarry) and with enough breeze to keep any midges away. The seascape of islands, sea, sky and clouds was delightfully dreamy and when we stopped to have our lunch below the 13th century Coeffin Castle ruins, now eerily shaped and covered in ivy, some of us nearly forgot what century we were in!

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The site was also that of a much earlier Bronze Age fort, but little remained of that.

Having refreshed ourselves, we followed a footpath back inland and then a track back to the eastern side of the island. We were graced by a sea eagle soaring over us; heard cuckoos and larks; saw orchids, yellow flag irises, ragged robins and various other rarer and not so rare country specimens, including several old red Massey Ferguson tractors!

A highlight for me was passing the magnificent 2,000-year-old Tirefour Broch, which provided – for those of us that climbed up to its well built double walls – excellent views over the mainland to the north and east, and up the Lynn of Lorne. Originally standing 15m high, it was still well over 5m in some places. It was also still possible to see the double wall construction 3m wide, which originally provided a passageway and access between the first and second floors. It is thought to have been occupied up until 11th or 12th centuries.

Sadly, we were a bit pushed for time, to get back for the 4.00pm ferry, so we had to concentrate on keeping a reasonable pace on the way back. This was along the small island road, which was often lined by fuschia bushes, so occasional time to stop for refreshment in the form of sweet nectar from the fuschia flowers was required! Of course, we hadn't reckoned on the languid west coast time keeping, so having got there at 4.00pm we still had to wait for the ferry to arrive and to share the limited boat space with other walkers and cyclists. However, we were all over by 5.00pm and ready to set off in the bus by 5.30pm. Alan, our driver, kindly took us

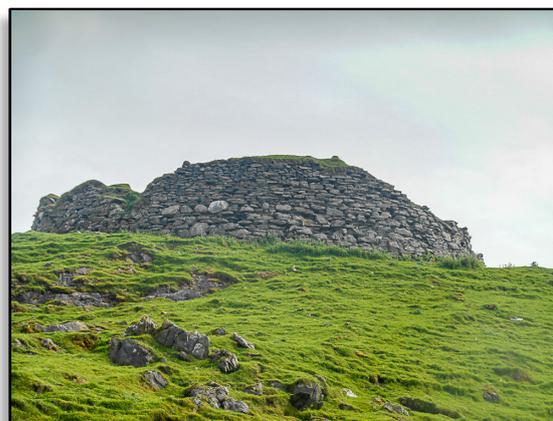
back over the Connel Bridge and Loch Awe, so we had a good round trip of varied scenery and we were back in Comrie by 7.30pm.

Many thanks to the leaders Myra and Val who led a good crowd of seemingly happy and appreciative walkers.

Stephanie Blaauw



Castle Coeffin © Stephanie Blaauw



Tirefour Broch © Stephanie Blaauw

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24th June HILL WALK Corroul to Rannoch via Carn Dearg

Only five Ramblers decided to do the hill walk. We set off from Corroul station just after 11.30. Weather conditions were variable, but with a strong wind. On reaching Peter's Rock, the hill walkers headed east following a burn up to the ridge, then turned SE heading for the summit. The wind by this time had increased in velocity and it was decided to have lunch in a sheltered area.

All agreed to continue on towards the summit, but some 120m short of the top the leaders decided it was too dangerous to progress any further. We then traversed around the ridge, and went down the heathery hillside where we joined the track at the ruined old lodge. We walked out to the end of the track where transport was waiting to return everyone to Rannoch station.

Despite the disappointment of not reaching the top, everyone enjoyed the day, particularly the hot drinks and "midgie" cake. We set off at 5.40pm and returned to Crieff just after 7 pm.

Charlie Panton

24th June WALK Corroul to Rannoch A Blustery Day

We set off from Crieff and Comrie to Crianlarich, where we were lured into the café by the smell of bacon butties. We made certain we were on the correct section of the train, which split at this station.

After a very scenic and busy journey to Corroul, which is the highest railway station in the UK, we were ready to go. We took the main track east to Loch Ossian Youth Hostel and then turned right on a new track that took us to Peter's Rock (dedicated to a young man who died in the loch) and then onto lunch at the Corroul Old Lodge. A very welcome stop out of the wind. It was originally a shooting lodge but later used as an isolation hospital – it was certainly very isolated.

Back on the path, battling the wind and showers, past a new hydro station, which blended into the hillside, and then onto the road and civilisation.

A very welcome finish was at the Rannoch Station Tea Room, who Ken had phoned earlier so they stayed open – a very smart move. Thank you. After 11 miles, we 14 weary walkers were a bit weather-beaten and very glad to see a pot of tea and a scone or midgie cake, hot toddy or wine.

Refreshed, it was back on the train to Crianlarich, which was delayed by the Royal Scotsman Train complete with passengers in bed and having manicures!!! And then home.

While on the train north, we had passed some West Highland Way runners who

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must have had a very hard day battling the weather conditions.

Thanks to Ken, Myra and Val for making the day so memorable.

Carol Buchan



Corroul to Rannoch pics © Ken Heiser

9th July STROLL Bridge of Cally to Blairgowrie

Sixteen members boarded the CoCo bus on a grey but dry morning and enjoyed a drive out to the start of the stroll at Bridge of Cally, thank you to Ken for his considerate driving. Before setting off our leader Margaret McVicar told us about the background to the trail and the story of the Caterans (cattle rustlers).

We did a linear walk on part of the Catearan Trail, which in total is 64 miles through Perthshire and Angus. Our stroll was 7 miles long, with a gradual ascent at the beginning. It went over the moors with some wonderful views, looking through the glen to Kirkmichael and the Spittal of Glenshee, but sadly we couldn't see Mount Keen due to low cloud cover.

Just as we were finishing off our lunch the rain started and continued for the next two hours, but a little bit of damp never put any of our ramblers off, so we continued our stroll on relatively good tracks, which are all way marked.

One part of the track at Middleton was very overgrown, but not insurmountable. A bit unpleasant trying to fight weeds which were well over waist height, and also very wet.

Just as we approached Blairgowrie the rain stopped, which allowed us to take our time and a wee rest before we walked through Lornty Mill Estate, which dates back to early 1800, when it was a jute and flax mill.

We also took time to look at Cargills Leap over the river Ericht, which is about ¼ mile out of Blairgowrie. It is said that Donald Cargill a leader of the Covenanters escaped the government

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troops by jumping across the river in approx. 1643.

To finish off our lovely day we stopped off at Stewart Tower Ice Cream, where we all enjoyed ice cream, scones etc etc.

There was a debate as to how many steps we took and how many miles we covered, the numbers varied depending on which app you were using! My app said that I had walked 20,478 steps and 7.5 miles I am happy with that!

A great day out, a good laugh and a guid claik (another Doric word for Ken!).

Thank you to our leaders. Margaret McVicar, Myra Robertson, Margaret Shankland.

Margaret Birks



Bridge of Cally to Blairgowrie
© Ken Heiser

12th July HILL WALK **Meall a'Bhuiridh and Creise** **Oh what a perfect day!**

Due to falling numbers of Ramblers taking part in hill walks, a new strategy was devised. What if the weather forecast for the week of the hill walk dictated when was the best day for an ascent and if that suited more people? Well it worked! The Wednesday was decided upon and four Ramblers from Crieff, four from Comrie and Robert Burns who was working at his daughter's in Fort William and met us at the Glencoe Ski Centre, set off to conquer the above Munros in glorious sunshine at 9am.

We followed the ski lift route steeply up (thinking it wasn't running in the summer!) and less than three hours later on a well signposted route, we had reached the summit of Meall a'Bhuiridh (which means Hill of the Bellowing/Roaring). I have to say that there was barely a whisper that day but now and again a gentle breeze was there to cool us as the temperature was about 20 degrees.

At the top we could see that the descent down before climbing to the ridge to Creise looked quite difficult and David McLeod said that anyone who didn't want to do it needn't and, as it was such a fine day, it was a lovely spot to wait for the others as they were returning the same way. It was really nice to be given this option and as always with Ramblers' walks the support, help and advice is always there. Most of us carried on but aware that at any time we could stop and wait. It was getting close to midday but we decided to press on and have lunch on Creise, which is what we did. We met two

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walkers at the summit from Elgin and we thanked one of them for wearing the bright orange top which had helped guide us up!

After a fairly quick lunch and lots of debates about the numerous mountains we could see including Ben Nevis, Schiehallion, the Cuillins on Skye and many more, we set off back. However Felicity wanted to go to a second top and take some photographs down Glencoe. She and Robert went that way but soon caught us up again later. We were all very careful making our descent, which is often more difficult than the ascent and where poles are very handy (note to self to remember to take mine!).

Robert and I were in front as we got close to the ski lift path again and we could see that it was running now. Well you can imagine what I was thinking and having never been in an open gondola, I wanted to finish off the day in style. We asked how much and when the man quoted £5, Robert immediately thought that a pint of beer was much more worthy of his money! However Max and Fiona decided like me, that this would be a lovely ending to the walk and hopped on (seems Tina had had the same idea earlier.....).

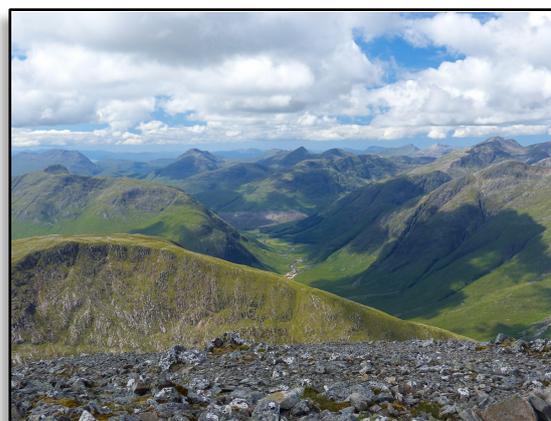
We all met at the bottom at more or less the same time but in our different ways which was just wonderful, and enjoyed beer and refreshments in the sunshine before setting off home. As far as I am concerned and I am sure most of our party, it was one of the best hill walks I have ever done. The company, weather, views and terrain were all superb and I am just grateful to the Ramblers for enabling me to see Scotland and its beauty from

such a height as otherwise I am sure I would not be able.

Lesley Wright



Meall a'Bhuiridh © David McLeod



Glen Etive from Creise © David McLeod



Apres Munro © Lesley Wright



HILL WALK 12th July – Meall a’Bhuiridh & Creise

top: Some of the group at the first summit, Meall a’Bhuiridh

R: Lesley Wright and Max Penfold tackle a scambly section up Creise

© Felicity Martin



Future Walks – July

30th July WALK Comrie Fortnight: Comrie to St Fillans

9 miles

Start from Comrie School car park **9.00am**

Return transport provided (free)

Leaders:

Irwin Keith (652541; mob. 07816 182730),

Ken Heiser, Val Callan

If possible, please book on the walk as per Comrie Fortnight programme, or let Irwin know you are coming.

A local walk from Comrie to St Fillans, to the north of the A85. The route gently rises passing the beautiful oaks of Twenty Shilling Wood to meet the Maam Road then through the Dunira Estate on good tracks. Beyond the plantations in Glen Boltachan the tracks peter out and the route climbs over open moorland to Loch Boltachan.

After passing around the loch the walk crosses a bealach and descends steeply on a twisting forest track to St. Fillans providing views of Loch Earn and the surrounding hills. At St Fillans transport will be provided back to Comrie.

Please note that good walking footwear should be worn as the walk crosses rough terrain around Loch Boltachan at about 500m.

Future Walks – August

1st August STROLL Comrie Fortnight: Glen Artney church to Comrie via the Linn

4.5 miles

Leave Comrie School car park **10.00am**
Walk starts Glen Artney church **10:15am**
Transport provided (free)

Leaders:

Myra Robertson (670166; mob. 07522
690289), Margaret Shankland, Val Callan

This stroll is fairly flat with some short ups and downs. The views of the surrounding hills and Glen Artney are stunning.

The Coco bus will drop walkers at the Glen Artney Church car park and pick them up just below Dalrannoch farm. There is a short road walk, a bridge to cross over the Water of Ruchill and a good path which can be wet and muddy in places.

If possible, please book on the walk as per Comrie Fortnight programme, or let Myra know you are coming.

13th August STROLL Pool of Muckhart

5 miles

Leave Comrie School car park **10.00am**
and Crieff Coop **10.15am**
Meet at Pool of Muckhart at 10.50am
Pay drivers **£3**

Leaders: **Felicity Martin** (670987; mob.
07801 896439), Val Callan, Ann Morrison

Directions: Drive through Glen Devon on the A823 then turn right onto A91 into Pool of Muckhart. Beyond the Inn at Muckhart turn left into School Road and park on the left opposite a bottle bank.

This stroll explores an excellent network of public footpaths on ancient tracks around the Clackmannanshire – Perth & Kinross border. It passes a modern golf course and a medieval mill.

The gradients are gentle and there are many views to south and north, particularly along the escarpment of the Ochils. The terrain is gravel farm tracks and pasture fields in rolling countryside, with one muddy section.

No HILL WALK this month, as 20th August is the Crieff Highland Games

25th – 28th August Weekend Away Ben Wyvis Hotel, Strathpeffer

Weekend Away newsletter with full details to follow for everyone booked for the trip. Guess which hill is in the programme (the clue's in the hotel name!).

Future Walks – September

10th September STROLL Loch Dochard from Victoria Bridge

7 miles

Leave Crieff Coop **8.45am** and
Comrie School car park **9.00am**
Meet Victoria Bridge at **10.15am**
Pay drivers **£4.50**

Leaders:

**Margaret Birks (01786 880288, mob.
07977 865434)**, Ann Morrison, Vall Callan

A fairly level stroll of 7 miles through magnificent mountain scenery to the remote Loch Dochard and return.

NOTE THE EARLY START, due to the distance involved!

Directions: Head for Bridge of Orchy and turn left for Inveroran. The car park is just before Victoria Bridge.

HILL WALK on or near 17th September Meall Garbh & An Stuc

9.5 miles Ascent 1030m

Leave Crieff Coop **7.45am** and
Comrie School car park **8.00am**
Meet at Ben Lawers Hotel at 9.00am (pay
hotel for parking); Pay drivers **£3**

Leaders:

**Dave McKeggie (652289; mob. 07901
706117)** and others to be arranged

These Munros of the Lawers range give an excellent circuit of the corrie holding Lochan nan Cat. An Stuc was promoted to Munro status in 1997 and its ascent involves a steep scramble. The walk, less Meall Greigh, the eastmost Munro in the range, is described at <https://www.walkhighlands.co.uk/perthshire/meall-garbh.shtml>

If you wish to do this walk, please contact Dave in advance and he will let you know the date chosen (it may not be 17th if the forecast is bad for that day).

24th September WALK 'In remotest Breadalbane' Glen Lochay to Strath Fillan

10 miles

Coco bus (fee is **£5**), leaving:
Crieff Coop **8.45am** and
Comrie School car park **9.00am**

Leaders:

Irwin Keith (652541; mob. 07816 182730),
Ken Heiser, Val Callan

This remote historic route follows west along Glen Lochay through the heart of the forest of Mamlorn. A good track leads from Kenknock southwest up the River Lochay with forded burn crossings. There is a wild and boggy section at the watershed before descending beside the Inverhaggie Burn to reach the A85 northwest of Crianlarich.

PLEASE COMPLETE BOOKING FORM A at the back of the newsletter

Future Walks – October

8th October STROLL Craigie & Mailer Hill

5 miles

Leave Comrie School car park **10.00am**
and Crieff Coop **10.15am**;
Meet at Cherrybank Inn, Perth at 10.45am
Pay drivers **£2.50**

Leaders:

Felicity Martin (670987; mob. 07801
896439), Irwin Keith, Myra Robertson

Directions: From Broxden roundabout take the Glasgow road into Perth and, at the mini roundabout before the Cherrybank Inn, turn right onto the B9112 then immediately left to park in Low Road behind the Inn (not in the Inn car park).

This stroll starts through Buckie Braes, where Craigie Burn tumbles down rocks, and passes above Craigie Hill golf course. It crosses a bridge over the M90 to Mailer Hill, which is crowned by masts.

From here a panoramic view stretches up Strathearn, north to the Highlands, south to the Ochils and east to Perth. The return is via St Magdalene's Hill, another great viewpoint. The hills will be taken slowly.

15th October HILL WALK East and West Lomond

7.5 miles

Leave Comrie School car park **8.00am**
and Crieff Coop **8.15am**

Leaders: **Charlie Panton** (655337; mob.
07786 180688)

Directions: At Falkland turn right off the A912 to go through the centre of the town. Continue along the narrow High Street and up the steep, bendy road to Craigmead car park on the right at the top.

Two easy summits (both of which are superb viewpoints) to finish this year's hill walks: a 5-mile circuit of West Lomond and a shorter, there-and-back leg to East Lomond.

With a start point high up between the two, the climbing involved to reach the top of these two extinct volcanoes is much less than on most of our hill walks.

29th October WALK Aberfeldy to Pitlochry

9.5 miles

Coco bus (fee is **£5**), leaving:
Comrie School car park **9.00am**
and Crieff Coop **9.15am**

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Leaders:

Carol Buchan (07523 088613)
Fiona Penfold, Margaret Birks

This walk starts from Aberfeldy Square and is along the last section of the Rob Roy Way. It follows a riverside path along the River Tay, using the disused railway line to Grandtully Rapids.

After crossing the river, there is a steady ascent of 300m through wood and moorland to a forest with a stone circle. It finishes with a moderate descent to Pitlochry, where we can stop for tea and cake.

Future Walks – November

12th November STROLL Doune Ponds, Castle & River Teith

2+ miles

Leave Comrie School car park **10.00am**

and Crieff Coop **10.15am**

Meet in Doune at 10.50am

Pay drivers **£2**

Leaders:

Margaret McVicar (670989; mob. 07513 431237), Ann Morrison, Pat Keith

Two short circuits on the Doune walks network. Doune ponds nature reserve is a circular walk in woods and round three ponds. The ground is firm without any gradients steeper than 8%. The castle part can be a bit muddy along the river. It is very easy walking.

Directions: Take the A9 south then slip road onto the A820 from Dunblane bypass. Drive through Doune and turn right into Station Wynd just before the A84 junction. Car park on left.

26th November WALK Kinnoull Hill and Perth Riverside

7.5 miles

Leave Comrie School car park **9.00am**

and Crieff Coop **9.15am**

Meet at South Inch car park (pay & dispay) at 10.50am; Pay drivers **£2.50**

Leaders:

Ken Heiser (670987; mob. 07801 896439), Val Callan, Myra Robertson

This circuit crosses the railway bridge over the Tay, passes Branklin Gardens then follows paths up the wooded hillside. The gradient is ever changing (with some steep bits) and there are superb views over the cliffs (where care is needed).

After passing Kinnoull Tower, the route descend to Jubilee car park, skirts Deuchny Wood and goes down the ancient Coronation Road to Scone. It returns via the Milkboys Path and Riverside Gardens.

December

10th December XMAS STROLL Mystery route

About 3 miles

Leave Crieff Coop 9.45am
and Comrie School car park 10.00am
where the stroll starts

Leaders:

Irwin Keith (652541; mob. 07816 182730)
and his elves

An easy stroll with stops for fun and carols. Fancy dress welcome. Stopping at Auchingarrich for lunch.

Please complete the Xmas lunch booking form on page 18.

**BOOKING FORM FOR THE STRATHEARN RAMBLERS SOCIAL AT
THE WHITE CHURCH, COMRIE ON FRIDAY 20th OCTOBER 2017**

Name(s)

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I/We enclose a cheque for £ at £20 per head. The cheques to be made payable to "Strathearn
Ramblers".

If possible I/we would like a lift for persons from Crieff.

Special dietary requirements (please include the name of the person)

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The form and monies to be passed to the Treasurer, Susan Sinclair, 5 Strathview Place, Comrie, PH6
2HG by 10th October 2017



Bus Booking Form A

24th September 2017 WALK Glen Lochay to Strath Fillan

Closing date: Wednesday 20th September 2017.

Please reserveseats on the bus for this walk.

Enclosed is the sum of £..... @ **£5** per person.

Cheques to be made to "Strathearn Ramblers".

Tick the box if you wish to be picked up at Comrie School car park at 09:00

Tick the box if you wish it be picked up at Crieff Coop car park at 09:15

Names of passengers

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Please pass this form and monies in an envelope clearly marked "Walk 24/9/17" to:

Ken Heiser, 18 Polinard Comrie PH6 2HJ

Bus Booking Form B

29th October 2017 WALK Aberfeldy to Pitlochry

Closing date: Wednesday 25th October 2017.

Please reserveseats on the bus for this walk.

Enclosed is the sum of £..... @ **£5** per person.

Cheques to be made to "Strathearn Ramblers".

Tick the box if you wish to be picked up at Comrie School car park at 09:00

Tick the box if you wish it be picked up at Crieff Coop car park at 09:15

Names of passengers

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Please pass this form and monies in an envelope clearly marked "Walk 29/10/17" to:

Ken Heiser, 18 Polinard Comrie PH6 2HJ

Christmas Lunch Booking Form

Lunch at 12.30 for 13.00 on Sunday, 10th December 2017 at Auchingarrich Wildlife Centre

I/We wish to attend the Christmas Lunch at Auchingarrich Wildlife Centre on 10th December 2017 The names of the attendees are:

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Enclosed is the sum of £..... @ £12 per person.

Please pass this form and monies in an envelope clearly marked as the "Xmas Lunch" to

The Treasurer, Susan Sinclair, 5 Strathview Place, Comrie, PH6 2HG

Cheques to be made to "Strathearn Ramblers".

Closing date: Sunday 3rd December 2017.

The lunch will consist of a choice of soup, a main course of turkey baguettes and all the trimmings with tea or coffee and Christmas mince pies to finish. As we do not have a licence to serve alcohol please bring your own bottle.

Please indicate any dietary requirements below.

Name	Dietary requirements

The Christmas Stroll will start at 10.00 from the Comrie School Car Park.

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