**Strathearn Ramblers**

**Future walks programme through to the 18th October 2021.**

Guests are very welcome to join in on walks.

If you would like further information on how to join any of the walks please contact our Chairman; details below.

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**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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 **28th July. Dunsinane and Sidlaw Hills. Walk**

Distance- 8.5 miles

Start place, Collace village primary school meet there at 10.00am. ***Parking to be advised***

A gradual ascent from Collace village to a fine viewpoint over Strathmore and the fortifications of Dunsinane hill, immortalised in Shakespeare's Macbeth. We then descend to pleasant mixed woodland to reach the ruins of Woodburnhead with views of the Tay and the hills beyond to reach the village of Franklyden. After this, the route offers views west before reaching our start point.

 **4th August. Glen Sherup Hill Walk Ochil Hills**

Distance:15.2Kms / 9.5miles
Start: Glen Devon/Glen Sherup Forest Car park, 1.5 miles east of Glendevon on A823 at 9.00am
Finish: As above.
Approx time: 5 hours
Height Gained: 500m (1640ft)

Two long ridges around Glen Sherup give grassy, high level walking. The views are among the best in the Ochil, ranging from Highland Munros to the Pentland Hills beyond the Forth.
The terrain is forest, open hills with young trees, tracks and paths.

**15th. August. Falkland Estate and Tyndall Bruce Monument. Stroll**
Distance 5 miles
Starting at The Stables, Falkland Estate car park at 11.00am
Falkland is on the A912 rd. off the A91 Cuper rd.

[*This is a new stroll for the ramblers*].
This is a walk through the history of Scotland and the Stuart Kings and Queens. The area is criss-crossed by good footpaths and provides a great place for a wander. The route climbs up to the Tyndall Bruce Monument named after the local Laird Onesiphorus Tyndall Bruce. We return through the woods past the Witches’ Cave. This is a pleasant walk with some good photo opportunities.

It takes about an hour’s drive from the Crieff & Comrie to the start point.

**29th August. North Third Reservoir Circular. Walk.**

Start’ Battle of Bannockburn Visitor Centre 9:30am

Distance 9 miles

Starting from Battle of Bannockburn car park we cross the M9 following minor road passing Old Sauchie before climbing to the craggy escarpment of Lewis Hill with superb views all around. We then descend to North Third reservoir, walking round the shore before crossing the dam and coming down back through some woodland & passing by a fishery before rejoining the road leading back over the M9 & back to the car park.

The route is on minor roads, tracks & paths which can be muddy, please wear appropriate footwear.

A lovely walk.

**8th September. Beinn Ghlas and Beinn Lawers Loch Tay. Hill Walk**

Distance: 8 miles
Start: Meet at the Ben Lawers NTS Car park at 9.00am
Finish: As above
Approx time: 4-6 hours
Height Gained: 942m
Depart Creiff Coop 7.45am and Comrie School car park at 8.00am

Ben Lawers is the 10th highest Munro and is the culminating point of the sprawling range of mountains on the north side of Loch Tay. Its great height is undermined by a high level car park to begin the ascent. This is one of the most popular hills in Scotland hence the early start. A second Munro Beinn Ghlas is crossed enroute to the top of Ben Lawers.

**19th. September, Falkirk Wheel & Antonine Wall. Stroll**

Distance**:** 5 miles

**Start & Finish**: Millenium Wheel Drive Car Park meet at 11.20.

(Directions to Millennium Wheel Drive Car Park. Come off the M9 at junction 9 then take the 4th exit on A872. After approximately 4 miles turn left towards Denny on the A833. After approximately 3.5 miles at the Three Bridges Roundabout take second exit onto Millennium Wheel Drive then pass the park and ride and at second roundabout take second exit towards parking area next to railway line. Parking £3.50?)

An almost level walk following the Forth & Clyde Canal towpath to Bonnybridge on good surfaced paths, roads with pavements. Explore the Antonine Wall and Roman Fort before a woodland walk reaches the top of the Falkirk Wheel, a marvel of modern engineering. If time and conditions permit we will visit the Kelpies.

**26th September. Bishop Hill from Scotlandwell. Walk**

**Distance, 9 miles.**

**Start Time 10.10**

**Start and Finish Point**: Well Country Inn Car Park (What3Words; simmer.someone.unfair )

This is a walk from Felicity’s “Experience Big Tree County Vol 2”. It is a stretching walk over the mixed terrain reaching up to the top of Bishop Hill which is to the east of Loch Leven. From this point there are good views of the surrounding area. From Bishop Hill the route circles back to Scotlandwell via Portmoak Moss and the ancient well. There are limited parking areas within Scotlandwell but the best place is by the Well Country Inn which is on the left as your enter Scotlandwell from Kinnesswood on the A911.

 **6th October, Beinn A’an Circuit Trossachs. Hill Walk**

Distance: 6 miles
Start: Car Park on south side of A821 near Tigh Mhor at 9.00am
Finish: As above
Approx time 4/5 hours
Height Gained: 340m

Description to follow.

 **18th. October, Murthly Castle &t he banks of the silvery Tay. Stroll.**

Distance**:** 6.5 miles

Start & Finish: Murthly village (park and meet at 11.ooam the Nisa local)

A chance to enjoy the autumn colours on a delightful circular walk around the Murthly castle estate and parkland. It offers fine riverside views and a chance to see several mature specimen trees that are amongst the finest in Perthshire. Wildlife sightings are possible and the walking is generally easy on flat tracks and drives.

NB We will park on the main street in the village since there is very limited parking at the entrance to the castle.

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**NB, safety measures**

In the current circumstances, we are all responsible for helping to keep everyone as safe as possible by following government guidance. Please adhere to the following advice before and during the walk you join.

 Social distancing, 2 metres to be maintained at all times.

 Masks & Hand Sanitiser to be carried by all.

 Maintain distancing during initial briefing and rest stops.

 Travel arrangements – no car sharing for people from different households.

 Contact details in case of emergency must be carried as per club rules.

Where possible bring your own First Aid Kit, mobile and Test & Protect app.