

Ramblers Programme : January - Easter 2022

16th January 2022. Stroll

Title: Circular from Comrie via the Earthquake House.

Distance: 5 miles

Start: 10.00am Comrie school car park. [returning to same]

Description: A gentle stroll, taking in the Historic Earthquake House, lovely views of Aberruchill Castle, the River Ruchill, and surrounding hills. On quiet roads and unsurfaced roads.

30th January 2022. Walk.

Title:Dunblane to Kinbuck Circular

Distance: 7.5 miles

Start and finish: Dunblane Railway Station Building, Station Road.

Description: An almost level walk following the Allan Water to Kinbuck and visiting the interesting villages of Ashfield and Kinbuck. The walk is mainly on paths but with some town walk through Dunblane. The paths by the riverside can be muddy so please wear appropriate footwear. There is free parking near the railway station on B8033, Perth Road, which is the main road through Dunblane after coming off the A9 at the Queen Victoria School.

20 February 2022. Stroll

Title: Circular above Glen Lednock to Balmuick

Distance: 5.5 miles

Start and finish: Laggan Park car park

Description: An interesting and varied stroll on forest tracks and grassy hill tracks providing good views into upper Glen Lednock. After a gradual climb from the Millennium track, we traverse across the top of the golf course to cross the Milton track and climb a little more to join a grass track leading to Balmuick farm. We will then descend above Glen Lednock.

27 February 2022. Walk:

Title :Knock Mary / Drummond / Bennybeg

Distance: 8 miles

Start and finish : the Crieff visitor centre.

Start time : 9.45

Description: This is a walk of a loch , two ponds , two crags and a river giving good views of the Strathearn countryside Firstly, we head up Knock Mary and continue along to the road. After a short stretch on the road we then take the farm track past Loch Balloch.

Another short stretch of road takes us to field sides and Drummond estate then on to Bennybeg. The last part of the walk is alongside the river Earn and back to the start. The terrain is on woodland and farmland tracks that are muddy in places, with two short sections of road walking

20th March 2022. Stroll

Title: Loch Hoil

Distance: 6.5 miles

Start and Finish: Griffin Forest Car Park off the A826, Crieff to Aberfeldy road.

Start time: 10.50

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Description: This is a stroll we have not done in the Ramblers for many a long year, in fact I cannot remember it being done. We start at the Griffin Forrest Car Park and cross the road onto a wide track which leads through forest then open land to the hidden Loch Hoil. From there to take a narrower path to the south over open countryside then traverse back onto the path at the start of the stroll. Most of the stroll is on well defined paths but there is a short section of rougher ground.

March 26th 2022. Walk [NB this walk is on *Saturday* as Sunday is Mother's Day].

Title: Killiecrankie Circular via Craig Fonvuick

Distance: 7miles

Start and finish: Garry Bridge car park meet at 10am

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Description:- Starting at Garry Bridge car park we walk up the single track minor road towards Killiecrankie, passing the small settlement & parish church of Tenandry before reaching a signed track leading up to Craig Fonvuick. The sign says caution steep ascent to 410m but in reality it is not overly steep. We ascend through woods & pass a ruined sheiling before reaching the summit. This gives extensive views to the Pass of Killiecrankie, Ben Vrackie, Beinna'Ghlo & Blair Castle. The descent is fairly steep in places but again not overly steep. We cross over the River Garry by an old bridge leading into Killiecrankie, where we follow the river past the visitor centre (which has a much improved cafe, selling excellent coffee & cake) we eventually reach the footbridge across the Garry & back to the car park.

NB the walk is on minor roads, tracks & paths, the path is muddy in parts especially on the descent so please wear appropriate footwear & take walking poles if you use them.

Directions to Garry Bridge. Quickest route is through the Sma' Glen to the A9 at Dunkeld. Leave the A9 at junction signed for Tummel Bridge, turn right at junction onto B8019, after about a mile turn left over the Garry Bridge, the car park is on the right once over the bridge. Distance to Garry Bridge 44 miles.

10th April. Hill walk, Trossachs

Title: Beinn A'an Circuit

Distance: 6 miles . Height Gained: 340m

Start: Car Park on south side of A821 near Tigh Mhor

Finish: As above

Approx time: 4/5 hours

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One of the most popular walks amongst Scotland's smaller hills. It takes an excellent path to a wonderful viewing point for Loch Katrine below and the Trossachs beyond.

Thursday April 14th 2022. Social Stroll

Title: Comrie /Aberuchil Circular followed by soup/sandwiches in The Annie (Ancaster Arms)
Comrie

Distance: 5 miles

[Bus from Crieff leaves 9:46 Comrie 10:01 Meet at Comrie School Car Park 10:00am

Return bus at 14:20 or 15:20]

Description: A flat walk from Comrie over the Ross Bridge through The Ross towards Aberuchil Castle, we go up a track to the walled garden where a path leads through a gorge to a lovely waterfall. The path out of the gorge is steep so we will probably retrace our steps back to the walled garden. We will take the Dalchonzie Road back to the Ross Bridge. Back in Comrie we will retire to the Annie for soup, sandwiches (for which there will be a cost - to be advised) & a social gathering. Teas/coffee/soft drinks as well as a range of beers & wines will also be on offer - payable separately.

Due to Covid numbers may be limited (subject to whatever restrictions are in place) so please book early.