**The Ramblers - St Andrews & N.E. Fife Group**

St Andrews and NE Fife Ramblers explored a new location on their most recent outing, at Cloan Glen, Auchterarder. Eight members were joined by three well-kent faces from neighbouring group Glenrothes on a cool, overcast morning for this low-level 6-mile walk in the Perthshire countryside. Leaving the town behind we crossed under the dual carriageway to follow a couple of minor roads before turning off into the shady glen. After successfully fording the burn flowing through the glen – with only one brave soul venturing to use the stepping stones rather than the bridge – we continued to the top to emerge into open countryside. Our lunch stop there provided a fine view over the strath to the hills beyond; this in spite of the still grey skies which showed no sign of giving way to the sunny intervals that had been forecast. On the homeward stretch we followed Johnny Mathie’s Road, named after a local postman who walked this path on his round every day (perhaps singing as he went along). On returning to Auchterarder we adjourned to a very hospitable café nearby. A day of good walking, excellent company and splendid scones!

Our next walk is on Sunday 12th May at Kirriemuir and Loch of Kinnordy. Grade C+, 7.5 miles. This circular walk on paths, tracks and minor roads takes us through Kirrie Den to Loch of Kinnordy, round Caddam Woods to the Camera Obscura and return. Contact 07881 596883. This is followed by a mid-week leisurely walk around St Andrews on Wednesday 15th May. Grade C, 5 miles. This easy walk takes in the harbour, cathedral, castle and Lade Braes. Contact 01334 656137 or 07526 670535.

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Come and try your first walk with us to see if Ramblers is for you!