



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

At the beginning of August St Andrews & NE Fife Ramblers enjoyed a bespoke walk in the environs of Auchtermuchty which you are unlikely to find in any of the usual walks listings. With rain forecast (indeed seeming to arrive early just as we were setting out) and having encountered a less than friendly reception at one stage on the recce, the walk leader had



wisely decided to change from the route originally planned to a shorter woodland walk at Pitmedden. As we headed uphill towards Leckiebank the rain passed over and very soon the muggy air had us discarding our waterproof jackets. We then negotiated the waist-high (for some of us!) vegetation along the signposted path to Newton and the forest tracks beyond. After a brief coffee break and a collective decision to add an extra 'loop' to our walk we continued through the forest. With the rain approaching once more we took shelter under some trees for lunch and, in the absence of the side path we had been aiming for, made a further collective decision to retrace our steps to the main track. As the light rain cleared and the sun emerged (and with enthusiastic discussion of

several exciting plans for the week ahead) we successfully navigated our way to join the road below and our planned route back to the village. During post-walk refreshments we congratulated ourselves on a very entertaining day out and then made our way home just before the rain finally closed in.



Our next walk is tomorrow (Saturday) 17th August at Backwater Reservoir, Grade C+, 7.5 miles. This scenic walk follows paths, tracks and minor roads around the reservoir. All of our walks are open to guests who would like to try out The Ramblers, and details can be found on our website www.standrewsnefiferamblers.com

