

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

On a bright, sunny but windy day 12 walkers from the St Andrews & NE Fife Ramblers Group gathered at the car park at Holl Reservoir, just outside Leslie. The walk started with a gentle uphill section and as we gradually gained height our expert on hair extensions enthralled some of us on the way with his impressive if rather surprising knowledge on the subject. We continued through some trees before taking a short coffee break, where we were able to sit on a bridge above a stream. Our leader had promised us a particularly muddy section for the next 10-15 minutes, and he did not disappoint! We then joined a nice path which led us to a junction towards Bishop's Hill.



A short but steady climb took us to a path at the top of this incline and then through a gate towards the hill. Looking back, John Knox's pulpit could be seen as we neared the top and we stopped briefly to admire the views towards West and East Lomond and the reservoirs (of which there are 6, serving Kirkcaldy & Glenrothes). Further uphill sections, and a very brief flurry of rain, led us to the hill itself where a welcome break for lunch was taken. We selected to sit on the leeward side out of the wind, which by this time was quite persistent. The views compensated for this though and we could see Dundee in the distance, amongst other

landmarks. We were also entertained by a continuous display of gliders as they circled around the hill. It was then mostly downhill all the way back to the car park, and noticeably warmer with the wind and sun at our backs. The views now stretched out towards the east coast and Glenrothes, with Largo Law prominent. A thoroughly enjoyable 7.5-mile walk, judging by the comments of the walkers, and one which many would be keen to do again in the warmer weather or when the heather is in bloom.

