

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



Eight members of St Andrews and North East Fife Ramblers enjoyed a circular walk of approximately 6.5 miles at Crieff last Saturday. Starting from MacRosty Park under an overcast sky we made our way towards Turretbank Road, turning shortly afterwards onto a gently ascending tree-lined path. Encountering several fallen trees across our path we adopted various approaches to getting over or around them, before stopping for a welcome break with a fine view over fields towards Crieff. We then continued through the woods below the summit of Laggan Hill before passing Puddock Pond – with no



immediate evidence of amphibians – and Samson's Stone, a large boulder which sits in splendid isolation on the open hillside. The group opted to climb up the narrow, rather overgrown path to Sir David Baird's Monument, where we had a pleasant break for lunch in the shade at the foot of the monument to this highly-esteemed British Army general of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century. We descended by the same route and made our way along a path towards the River Earn to join Lady Mary's Walk, named after Lady Mary Murray whose family were local landowners in the nineteenth century. By now the sun was at its strongest and we were glad of the shade afforded by this scenic woodland walk beside the river. Back at the car park we made a beeline for ice cream and cups of tea in the nearby café, watching with some envy as children kept cool under the water jets in the play park. Yet another interesting and varied walk, in a scenic area we haven't visited for some time.



Details of our walks – which are open to guests as well as members of Ramblers – can be found on our website [www.standrewsnefiferamblers.com](http://www.standrewsnefiferamblers.com)