

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



Five hardy Ramblers gathered at Glen Devon in Perthshire in mid-July for a circular walk around Glen Sherup. With its prolonged ascents and final descent this 9.5-mile circuit was advertised as



somewhat more strenuous than our usual excursions, but

we were spurred on by the anticipated 'superb views' over the Ochils, the Firth of Forth and beyond. And no doubt they were indeed superb, if only we could have discerned them through the leaden skies, swirling mist and latterly the steady downpour that accompanied us throughout much of the walk. We set out on a forestry track towards Glen Sherup Reservoir, and after crossing alongside the dam wall our route took us gradually uphill, with – at this stage – clear views down over the reservoir. A light drizzle had already begun however, prompting the donning of our waterproof gear followed by a brief stop for coffee further up the hill. We carried on around the loop on open grassy hillside, catching a view of Lower Glendevon Reservoir below us, and then turned in the direction of Tarmangie Hill. The mist closed in as we continued to make our way steadily uphill – one of the aforementioned prolonged ascents. Eventually we reached our designated lunch stop at the top of the hill, where we found a sheltered hollow – and a temporary break in the rain – just below the summit. There followed two, more gentle ascents during which we did manage to catch fleeting glimpses of the Forth, squeezed between the lowering skies and the landscape below.

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steady descent in the
the forest, where we
we continued
trees. From there we
track which led us
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layers we agreed to
cup of tea on this
for home and dry
great walk worth
better weather next



Then it was a long and now persistent rain towards obtained relative shelter as downhill underneath the emerged onto a winding back to our starting point. discarding our wet outer forgo our usual post-walk occasion and make straight clothes. This is another repeating – hopefully in 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