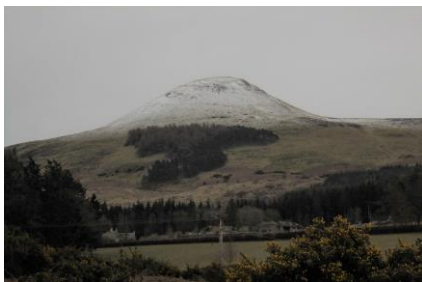


The Ramblers - St Andrews & N.E. Fife Group



Ten members and two guests of St Andrews & North East Fife Ramblers gathered in the car park at the Pillars of Hercules in mid-March to start their walk to Drumdreel Wood and Falkland Estate. Thankful that the weather was much improved from earlier in the week, we started off towards the Stables at Falkland Estate before joining Maspie Den.

Most of the group were familiar with

this trail and, despite the day's rain on Monday, the paths were reasonably dry and mud-free. An uphill stretch tested some of the group but it wasn't long before we reached our first stop for drinks and snacks. Still more uphill followed, before we levelled out and were walking along the Arraty Craigs, where we were afforded

views of the Howe of Fife through the gaps in the trees. After our lunch stop it was now all downhill before the long straight along

Kilgour and back towards the car park. Passing fields containing sheep, we noted that the lambs have yet to make an appearance.

Meanwhile one or two of the group could not resist stopping to 'make friends' with some cattle on the other side of the path. Back at the car park, we decided to go straight to the café at the Pillars of Hercules where cakes and coffees were enjoyed in the outside tented area. A thoroughly enjoyable walk, even though the stated 5 miles turned out to be 6.3 miles!



Our next walk is on Sunday 16th April, an easy 7.5-mile low level circuit from Ardler to Newtyle on woodland tracks and paths, with some walking on minor roads and railway beds. All of our walks are open to guests who would like to try out The Ramblers, and full details can be found on our website www.standrewsnefiferamblers.com