

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



Last week eleven members of St Andrews & North East Fife Ramblers and their guest, defying the less than promising weather forecast, met at Burnside Hall in Balmullo for a 5-mile circular walk around Lucklaw Hill. Tracks led us from the village up towards Cuplahills and into Willie's Wood, the first of three wooded areas on our route, the trees resplendent in their autumn colours. From there we levelled out for a short spell along a minor road before heading gently uphill again through our second wood.

We then followed a succession of paths which at one stage required us to cross a field with the ominous notice 'bull in field' on the gate. Our leader assured us that on his recce there had been no sign of a bull, but given recent experience on another walk involving a newly-present bull post-recce, we made our way across with eyes peeled. Thankfully the bull was indeed absent that day. Shortly afterwards we reached the



summit of Lucklaw Hill and our well-chosen destination for lunch. The skies were clear, with the occasional hint of sunshine, and we enjoyed stunning views over the Eden estuary and to Dundee and Angus to the north. We descended through the third wood, taking care on the steep, muddy, leaf-strewn track, to arrive at a minor road which led us back into Balmullo. Post-walk refreshments in a nearby café rounded off a very pleasant autumn walk.

Our next walk is this Sunday 26th November at Cloan Glen, Auchterarder. This is a 6-mile circular walk on tracks and country roads through woodland and farmland, with lovely scenery. 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