

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

On the last day of August ten Ramblers ventured into the Ochils for an 8.5-mile, somewhat challenging walk in the peaceful remoteness of Glen Devon Woodlands. After a short delay while a pair of 'misremembered' boots was retrieved from the car park in Cupar, we set off in glorious sunshine from Castlehill Reservoir. A gentle ascent brought us to the old drove road alongside Glen Quey Reservoir, where we stopped at its southern end for a short break at a convenient picnic table. Continuing along the boggy grass path around Hillfoot, we reached a splendid viewpoint looking across to the King's Seat above Dollar and down to Castle Campbell, both familiar from our walk there a few weeks



before. We rested here for a while before following a woodland path and emerging onto a stony, relentlessly uphill track (most politely described as 'a bit of a slog'). Taking plenty of stops to admire the view, we finally reached the highest point and (perhaps with the exception of your correspondent, still to replace her leaky boots) we were glad to return to boggy grass paths leading us more gently up to the summit of Seamab Hill, at 439 feet. After a quick group photo we began our descent, tricky enough on the steep, rutted path and

then joined a shady path through the community woodland known as Geordie's Wood. The conditions underfoot were still quite slippery, as one of our number found to his surprise, fortunately without injury except perhaps to his pride. The walk description 'may be muddy in places' was certainly apposite. On leaving the wood we rejoined the first track we had followed some five hours earlier, and it's fair to say we were happy to arrive back at the car park shortly afterwards. Despite our tiredness however, we all agreed that this had been a great late-summer walk in the wildness of the hills and in excellent company.



Our next walk is on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September at Rotmell Wood, Dunkeld, a 7.5-mile woodland circuit on good tracks and paths. 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.standrewsnefiforamblers.com](http://www.standrewsnefiforamblers.com)