

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



St Andrews & North East Fife Ramblers' mid-week excursion in early June attracted eleven members and two guests for a 6-mile walk taking in West and East Wemyss and the surrounding countryside. As we gathered at West Wemyss harbour in the chilly wind, some of us (aka your correspondent) were thankful for our winter gear, but twenty minutes later in the shelter of the coastal path we swiftly discarded jackets, hats and buffs. Passing below Wemyss Castle towering above us we headed towards the picturesque village of East Wemyss, where we stopped for refreshments by the sea wall amongst the brightly-coloured minion-themed planters. We continued on the coastal path, spotting dolphins in the distance before passing the Wemyss Caves and climbing the steps to the ruins of MacDuff's Castle. Shortly afterwards we left the coastal path and turned back towards the centre of East Wemyss, and while we walked our leader provided a very interesting account of the history of this former coal mining community. After lunch perching atop a grassy bank, we made our way through the pretty village den before striking out into the countryside to join the shady tree-lined track of the dismantled railway towards Coaltown of Wemyss. After reaching the village it was a pleasant stroll through the Wemyss Estate back to the car park. A short drive then took us to post-walk refreshments at the nearby driving range, completing an excellent and informative day out.



Our next walk is tomorrow (Saturday) at Cairnie Hill, Collessie, a 6.5-mile circular walk with some steady ascents on woodland paths and farm tracks, with fine views over the Howe of Fife and Lindores Loch. 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