

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



A strong turnout of fifteen Ramblers enjoyed a leisurely 4.5-mile walk around Ceres on a fine spring day in early May, which proved warm enough for fleeces to be discarded for the first time this year. We set off through the village along Wemysshall Road for Hill of Tarvit, admiring the carpet of bluebells as we made our way up through the woodland to the mansion house. After a short lunch break while sunning ourselves on the steps overlooking the golf course, we walked on to Craigrothie and completed the circuit via the farm road to Denhead and the track back into the village. A very sociable outing concluded with post-walk refreshments in the Museum Café.

The following Saturday again saw fifteen of us meeting at Abdie and Dunbog Church for a 6.5-mile walk at Weddersbie Hill by Grange of Lindores. This was a change to the walk originally planned for Cairn Geddes near Glenfarg, which had proved unsuitable on the recce because of the large number of cattle in fields on the route. It was already very warm, and fleeces were certainly not required, as we started out on a track to the remains of the old Abdie Church. There we took a path across a field to join the minor road along by Golden Loch, sparkling in the strong sunshine. We began a gentle ascent on a track towards Weddersbie Hill and having reached the woods we were glad to stop in



the shade for drinks. Continuing on our circular, undulating route we passed Red Myre Loch, now completely covered in vegetation, and enjoyed the dense, coconut-scented gorse bushes lining the path in their brightest spring yellow. Further along we took respite under the trees once again for our lunch break, before continuing on the loop back to the edge of the woods and retracing our steps to the car park. We adjourned for tea at Cairnie Fruit Farm (your correspondent entertaining her passengers to the most indirect route she could find) after an excellent day out in the glorious Fife countryside.

Our next walk is on Sunday 26th May at Bishops Hill and Holl Reservoir, a 7.5-mile walk on moorland paths and tracks, with fine views over Loch Leven and surrounding countryside. 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 (This walk was cancelled owing to the poor weather)