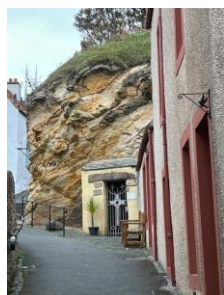


## The Ramblers - St Andrews & N.E. Fife Group



Ten Ramblers turned out last week for our leisurely 5-mile walk at Keil's Den, Lower Largo. Two of our number chose the not-so-leisurely option of climbing Largo Law instead, while the rest of us were more than content to make our way to the gently undulating tracks through the den, returning via Upper Largo. Your correspondent, having walked this circular route several times but always anti-clockwise, was quite disorientated when our walk leader, ignoring her protests, insisted on setting out in the clockwise (wrong) direction. Passing Alexander Selkirk's statue in Main Street we walked through the village and uphill beneath the old railway viaduct into the shady den. After a short break we continued along the den, catching a glimpse through the trees of the remains of Pitcruvie Castle, and beyond that, with the aid of binoculars, we spotted two intrepid figures nearing the summit of Largo Law. Emerging from the den into glorious sunshine we followed grass paths towards Upper Largo, with clear views over the Forth – though not as expansive as those from the Law which rewarded our more energetic colleagues. Leaving Upper Largo we returned via the Serpentine Walk to the car park and after meeting the two returning from their climb, we made a beeline for refreshments in a nearby café to conclude a great day out.



Last Sunday we had seventeen on our 'figure of eight' 7.5-mile walk taking in Pittenweem, Kilrenny and Cellardyke, with Anstruther at the centre. We set out westwards to join the recently upgraded path beside the Dreel Burn and on to country tracks towards Pittenweem. On arriving in the village we headed down towards the shore via Cove Wynd, passing St Fillan's Cave to reach the harbour and our stop for drinks. We then began our return to Anstruther along the coastal path, buffeted by the blustery wind that was whipping up large waves crashing on to the shore. Continuing through Anstruther we passed the school and were out into the countryside once more, following tracks across the fields to Kilrenny. Our lunch destination was the Common, where we were glad to find shelter from the wind and a seat for everyone, including a predictable go on a swing for one of us. Suitably restored we took the track past Innergellie House and into the woodland of the same name, a valuable habitat to many birds, animals and plants. After completing a circuit of the wood we returned through the village, admiring the many well-preserved houses before heading back towards the coast and into Cellardyke. There we stopped at a building which, as we learned from an interesting story researched by our leader, had been the home of Tahitian princess Titaua Marama in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century after she married a local man, George Darsie. Back in Anstruther again we adjourned to the welcoming Fisheries Museum café and a choice of excellent scones – including treacle, which conjured up fond childhood memories of Hallowe'en for some of us. A most enjoyable and informative walk!



Our next walk is on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, an 8-mile linear walk from Dunkeld to Bankfoot. 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](http://www.standrewsnefiferamblers.com)