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# **Glasgow Ramblers**

## **Programme of Walks**

### **May to 8<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

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**[www.glasgowramblers.org.uk](http://www.glasgowramblers.org.uk)**

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# What You Need to Know

The Ramblers is the representative body for walkers. For over 75 years we have been campaigning in Great Britain to protect the natural beauty of our countryside, promote walking and safeguard public access to land. There is a network of around 500 Groups (nearly 60 in Scotland), which promote walking through regular Programmes of Walks and support the other objectives of The Ramblers.

**Ramblers Scotland's website is [www.ramblers.org.uk/scotland](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/scotland)**

## What grade of walk to choose

Please read these notes on walk grades carefully as they contain important advice for those taking part in walks. Each walk in the Programme has a grade, but please also note any extra information provided under the individual walks.

- A+** Severe. Arduous walks for the experienced and very fit, involving some or all of the following factors: on high ground with exposure; steep ascents and descents; at a brisk pace; distance over 15 miles. Standard grading for hill walking in winter conditions.
- A** Strenuous. For the fit, involving some or all of the following factors: on high or rough ground; steep ascents and descents; distances over 15 miles.
- B+** Between Moderate and Strenuous. For the reasonably fit. Standard grading for summits taken at a slower pace in summer conditions.
- B** Moderate. Demanding higher standards of fitness and stamina than C+.
- C+** Easy to Moderate. For those with improving fitness, offering some modest challenges.
- C** Easy. Mainly on level ground and often on paths and tracks. The grade of walk is suitable for beginners.

*Please note that the grades for walks are intended only as a rough guide. For information on a particular walk, always contact the leader beforehand.*

**If you wish to take part in a walk you must contact the leader by phone or email a few days in advance to confirm the transport arrangements and the walk details. For walks where cars are to be used, please advise the leader if you require or can offer a lift.**

The leader may cancel or change a walk because of adverse weather conditions or for any other good reason. This information will be posted on the website.

In dubious weather, it is wise to contact the walk leader beforehand for advice.

Inexperienced walkers must check with the walk leader before going on a grade of walk to which they are unaccustomed. An inability to cope with the conditions, or to maintain a reasonable walking pace, could cause a problem for the leader and jeopardise the safety of the party. In winter, if you are inexperienced in any grade of walk, you must contact the walk leader for advice.

**Anyone with a health condition, where there is a possibility that treatment may be required during a walk, must inform the leader in advance and give full details of the treatment which might be required. This is not intended to place any extra responsibility on the leader, but rather to protect the leader against incidents arising from no prior warning being given.**

In the interests of safety, the leader may refuse to lead anyone whom he/she considers to be unsuitably equipped.

### **What to wear and what to bring**

- Warm and waterproof clothing should be carried in a rucksack. Denim jeans are not suitable as they get wet very quickly and are slow to dry out.
- Strong footwear should be worn for all walks. Walking boots are essential on all Grade A walks and on most Grade B walks, and are advisable on most Grade C walks other than town walks.
- A packed lunch, small snacks and cold drinks are essential. A flask of hot drink is strongly recommended.
- All walkers should carry emergency contact details. The committee has purchased **emergency contact key-rings** which can be attached to the inside of a rucksack. These are available free of charge to members. The key-ring holds a small concertina of paper on which to write details of: person to contact; doctor; health information; medication; car registration.

Barry has been giving these out on walks but, if you still do not have one, email him at [luckydollar@btinternet.com](mailto:luckydollar@btinternet.com) or send a SAE to him c/o 15 Newton Terrace, Glasgow, G3 7PJ

- It is recommended that all walkers should carry their own First Aid Kit.
- Members of The Ramblers should carry their Membership Card on all walks.
- OS Map Numbers are given in the Programme for each walk, but this is only for the information of those who wish it; it is not necessary for all walkers to bring a map with them.

## **Registering Your Mobile Phone with the Emergency Services**

Those of us who attended the first-aid course last January were reminded about the advantages of using the number 112 to call the emergency services should the need arise when we are out and about. In areas where a mobile phone signal is weak and a phone call won't get through, a text message just might. To register any mobile phone, text "register" to 112 or 999. You will get a reply; then follow the instructions you are sent. This will only take two minutes of your time and could save your life. However, to contact the emergency services by text you have to register your number in advance. 112 is the international number and 999 the UK one for contacting emergency services.

An emergency call can still be made on a Pay as You Go phone even when no money has been credited and also on some phones which are locked with a password.

## **Dogs**

Registered Assistance Dogs only are allowed on walks.

## **Travel to the start of the walk**

See Programme for details of the normal meeting place, but please also check the details of the individual walk, in case the meeting place for that walk is at a different place. For walks not accessed by public transport, it is expected that those with cars will give lifts to those without. As a guide, 10p per mile per passenger is considered an amount which reasonably covers the costs incurred by the driver. A suitable amount is recommended under the details of each walk except where public transport is to be used. The walk leader will collect the money and share it out between drivers who have offered spaces in their cars.

## **What happens on the walk**

As groups are usually made up of members with varying walking abilities, all walkers should consider those at the back of the party. Walk leaders especially are reminded that they must set and control the pace of the walk to reflect these differing abilities, and must not allow the pace of the walk to be dictated by a few members of the party who may tend to force the pace. Failure to observe these considerations may deter members from fully enjoying the walk or from tackling higher grades of walk at a future date.

## **Who is liable on a walk**

Please note that neither the Ramblers Association nor the walk leaders of individual walks can accept liability for any accident that may occur on a walk. In the interests of enjoyment and safety, all members should stay within sight and earshot of the walk leader at all times, and should not leave the walk without first informing the leader.

## **Group website            [www.glasgowramblers.org.uk](http://www.glasgowramblers.org.uk)**

To get up-to-date information, please check our blog which you can access from the web site, [www.glasgowramblers.org.uk](http://www.glasgowramblers.org.uk), under *news > our blog* to see if any changes have been made to a forthcoming walk. This is particularly important during the winter months. **Any changes will also appear under *walks programme > current walk programme*.**

Digital photographs of group walks are welcome, either for publicity or for display on the website. After each walk a short paragraph from any walker would be appreciated for the Glasgow Ramblers' Blog. Ideas – weather, conditions, wildlife seen, views, any features. The blog, Glasgow Rambles, needs to be kept up to date. Any other suggestions or comments on the website would be appreciated. Please email photographs, blog entries, suggestions and comments to [info@glasgowramblers.org.uk](mailto:info@glasgowramblers.org.uk).

Anyone participating in a group walk is assumed to have given consent to photographs in which they appear being used for publicity or website purposes. Anyone who does not wish a photograph to be used for such purposes, should make this clear to the person taking the photograph. Requests for photographs to be removed from the website should be emailed to [info@glasgowramblers.org.uk](mailto:info@glasgowramblers.org.uk)

## **Facebook**

Glasgow Ramblers has a Facebook Page linked to the website. Even though you do not have a Facebook account you can still look at the up-to-date information on the page. However, if you want to put your own photos on or view other people's comments you need to sign in from a Facebook account.

Facebook can be accessed from the web site, [www.glasgowramblers.org.uk](http://www.glasgowramblers.org.uk), under *news > our facebook page*

or at [www.facebook.com/glasgowramblers.public](http://www.facebook.com/glasgowramblers.public)

## **Meeting Place - See Page 8 for map**

The normal meeting place, for walks not accessed by public transport from central Glasgow, is outside the entrance to Partick Station as shown on the previous page. Cars will be taken from here to the start of the walk. Recommended car parking is in Beith Street.

# News

## Committee Meetings

Any member is most welcome to attend Committee Meetings as a visitor. The meetings in this programme will be held on Tues 6<sup>th</sup> May, Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Sept at The Unitarian Church Centre, 72 Berkeley Street in the basement room, starting promptly at 6.30 pm. Anyone wishing to attend a meeting, please contact Barry (luckydollar@btinternet.com or 0141-772 2263) not later than 5 pm on the Friday before the meeting.

## Short Walk Programme

By the time you receive this programme we will have successfully completed 4 out of the 6 walks on the Short Walk Programme, a partnership with Ramblers Scotland and Glasgow Life. There are still two walks left on 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May.

## The Walking Partnership supported by Ramblers Worldwide Holidays

If you are planning a holiday with Ramblers Worldwide Holidays, please consider nominating Glasgow Ramblers. Depending on your destination, the group would receive a donation of £10, £20 or £30.

## Summer Walks on Tuesday Evenings from 5<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July

This addition to the programme was very successful last year and is being repeated again. See the programme for further details.

## Social Evening Gaelic Hill and Mountain Names Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Have you ever wanted to understand the names dotted all over an OS Map; Stuc a' Chroin, Beinn Dubh, Stob A' Choin, An Bodach to name a few. Find out how our hills are named by shape, body parts, people and animals.

Alasdair Law will give an illustrated talk on Gaelic Hill and Mountain Names on Tues 7<sup>th</sup> October at Unitarian Church Centre, 72 Berkeley Street in the basement room at 7.30 pm.

Tea, coffee and cake will be served from 7:15 pm.

The talk is free but, if you would like to book a place, contact Catherine (07711 268 312 or catherine@cawatt.com).

**Le deagh dhùrachd**

### **New walk leaders and ideas for walks needed!**

We have a dedicated and enthusiastic group of walk leaders but we are always looking for more and new ideas for walks. Suggesting a possible walk does not necessitate leading it.

We welcome three new leaders – Idris, Bobby and Don.

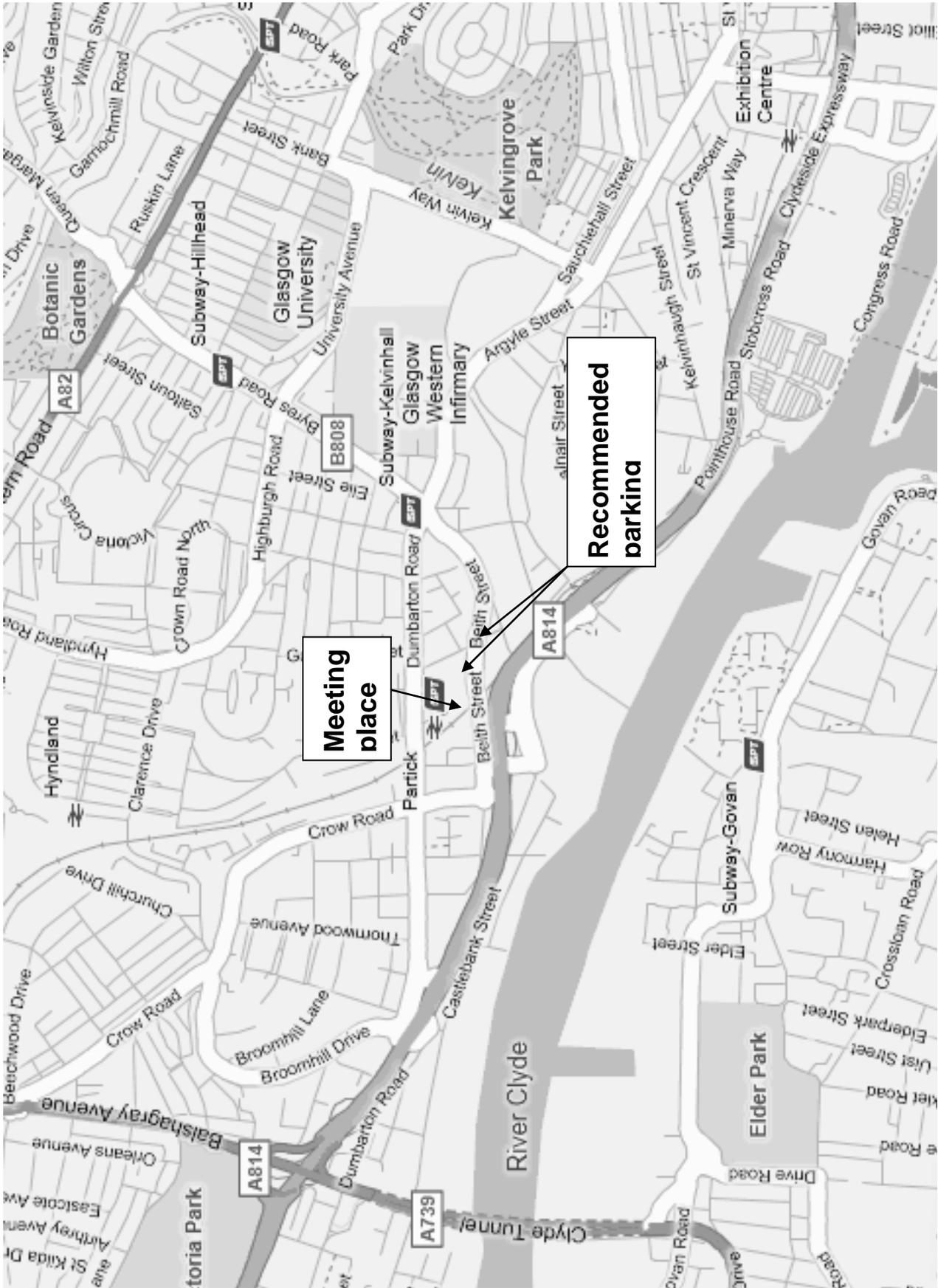
Offering one walk per programme is an enormous help. For the next programme from November 2014 to May 2015, we shall be holding a planning meeting on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**, at the Unitarian Church Centre, 72 Berkeley Street in the basement room 7 for 7:30 pm.

Any member considering offering a walk in the future is most welcome.  
Phone Catherine (07711 268 312) or Margaret (0796 8993264)  
or email [info@glasgowramblers.org.uk](mailto:info@glasgowramblers.org.uk) for more details.

Large print copies of this booklet can be obtained on request from [info@glasgowramblers.org.uk](mailto:info@glasgowramblers.org.uk)

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# PROGRAMME

**If you wish to take part in a walk you must contact the leader by phone or email a few days in advance to confirm the transport arrangements and the walk details. For walks where cars are to be used, please advise the leader if you require or can offer a lift.**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May                      Along the Clyde to Dalmarnock                      Short Walk Programme**  
**Leader: Alan (07720 843353 or alan@cawatt.com)**

Starting at Kelvingrove Art Gallery, a 4.5 mile walk along the Clyde Walkway through Glasgow Green and finishing at Dalmarnock. There will be a coffee stop at the People's Palace. A 2.5 to 3 hr walk plus travelling time back from Dalmarnock Station.

Meet at the **Kelvingrove Art Gallery (Argyle Street entrance)** at **10 am**.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May    Rough Castle and the Union Canal    Full Day    Grade C+    OS Map 65**  
**Leader: Barry (0141 772 2263 or luckydollar@btinternet.com – email enquiries preferred)**

A joint 16km/10 miles walk with Edinburgh Ramblers. We will follow the towpath of the Union Canal, with views over Falkirk and beyond, to Tamfourhill where we join the route of the Antonine Wall. We pass close to the Falkirk Wheel and eventually reach the site of the Roman fort known as Rough Castle, near Bonnybridge. From there we will walk past St Helen's Loch to High Bonnybridge. After some road walking, we will take a farm track through Beam Farm, and then follow a long very straight but pleasant track. We will descend through Kilbean Woods to the Glen Burn, and walk past the landscaped perimeter of a modern housing estate, to re-join the Union Canal. The towpath goes through a tunnel, but there is an alternative route available for anyone who does not wish to go through the tunnel. The walk finishes back at Falkirk High Station. Meet outside the main booking office at **Queen Street Station (high level)** at **9:15 am** having purchased a return ticket to Falkirk High for the 9:30 Edinburgh train. Car drivers, please note that the station car park is for rail users only, and parking is prohibited in the streets next to the station. Recommended parking at foot of High Station Road (junction with B803), then walk up to the station (about 5-10 minutes). Train is due to arrive at 9:51am.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May                      Committee Meeting                      Evening**

All members are welcome to attend the Committee Meeting. The meeting will be held at The Unitarian Church Centre, 72 Berkeley Street in the downstairs room at 6.30 pm. Members' comments and suggestions are very helpful and will be fully considered by the Committee. Anyone wishing to attend, please contact Barry (luckydollar@btinternet.com or 0141-772 2263) not later than 5 pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May    Victorian Aqueducts and Lime Hill    Full Day    Grade C    OSMap 57**  
**Leader: Idris (01436 673460 or idrisscott@waitrose.com)**

An easy 8 ml walk, entirely on forest tracks, around Lime Hill passing two small and one large aqueducts. Extensive views across Flanders Moss to the Menteith and Gargunnock Hills.

Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9:30 am**. The leader will meet walkers at the car park near Drymen Road Cottage on the Drymen to Gartmore Road (map ref NS 506936)

Recommended passenger contribution: £4 (40 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

**If you wish to take part in a walk you must contact the leader by phone or email a few days in advance to confirm the transport arrangements and the walk details. For walks where cars are to be used, please advise the leader if you require or can offer a lift.**

**Thursday 15th May                      Mugdock Country Park                      Short Walk Programme**  
**Leader: Gordon (07443 426941 or gordonarthur50@gmail.com).**

A 5 mile walk that starts from Milngavie town centre at the railway station, and proceeds along the first section of the West Highland Way into Mugdock Country Park, visiting Mugdock Castle and Loch, before returning to the station. Good tracks throughout and a short section through the pedestrianised centre of Milngavie. There is a slightly steep but fairly short ascent to the castle. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9:25 am** having purchased a return ticket to Milngavie to catch the 9:35 train (arriving in Milngavie at 9:52 am).

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May                      Circular Walk from Kilsyth                      Half Day    Grade C+    OS Map 64**  
**Leader: Anne ( 0141 573 2254 or 07977 635467 or athomson555@gmail.com)**

A 9.km/ 6m circular walk from Kilsyth via Auchinstarry, Bar Hill and Twechar. The walk is on paths and tracks along a river bank, through woodland and along a canal bank. There is an easy, gradual ascent to 100m around (not over) Bar Hill. Meet at **Buchanan Bus Station** at **9:40 am** at the stance for 9:50 am No 24 Stirling bus. Alight at The Coachman Hotel, Kilsyth where the leader will meet the group at 10:40 am.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May                      Around Kirkintilloch                      Half Day    Grade C    OS Map 64**  
**Leader: Jeanette Somerville (0141 762 1183 or 07752322727)**

An easy level walk ( suitable for beginners) of about 7 miles along the canal from The Stables, and then on the old railway route out to Campsie Glen. Meet at **Buchanan Bus Station** at **9:40 am** at the stance for the 9:50 am No 24 Stirling bus. The leader will join the bus at Bishopbriggs. Alight at The Stables, between Bishopbriggs and Kirkintilloch. For those coming by car, the walk will start at 10:30 am from The Stables. There is a large layby on the A803 close to The Stables. Return by bus from Campsie Glen.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May                      Jaw Reservoir Circular                      Half Day    Grade B    OS Map 64**  
**Leader: Peter (078100 06591).**

A walk of 8 km on hill paths, which may be muddy, with a slight ascent of 150 m. The walk goes uphill through gates to reach the Jaw Reservoir returning downhill to a farm road and through woods. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9:15 am**. The leader will meet walkers at the car park at Cochno Farm, Cochno Road at 10 am (map ref NS 744950)  
Recommended passenger contribution: £1.50 (15 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June                      Necropolis                      Evening Walk                      Grade C**  
**Leader: Catherine (07711 268 312 or catherine@cawatt.com)**

A walk from the city centre to the Necropolis to visit the graves of many Scots including Wee Willie Winkie's poet before meandering up to the statute of John Knox. Great views over Glasgow. Short steepish path but it will be a slow ascent. Some walking on grass – may be wet. Meet at **Queen Street Station** (George Square Entrance) at **6:30 pm**.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June Commonwealth Games Walk Full Day Grade B(for length) OSMap 64  
Leader: Ian (0141 557 2553 or ic.brooke@virgin.net)**

A west to east linear walk across the city of about 12 mls, taking in Commonwealth Games venues and regeneration projects. Return from Dalarnock Station. No walking boots required. Meet at Boots opposite the main booking office, **Queen Street Station** at **9:15 am** having purchased a ticket to Scotstounhill for the 9:33 Dalmuir train. Walkers can meet the leader at Scotstounhill railway Station at 9:46 am.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June An Caisteal Full Day Grade A OS Map 56  
Leader: Alan (07720 843353 or alan@cawatt.com)**

An Caisteal is fine Munro a few miles south of Crianlarich. It is grassy on its lower slopes but rocky higher up. It has a height of 995 metres but the total ascent will be 830m. Steep in parts but a good ridge walk leading to the summit. Approx time to summit from A82 is 3hrs. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**.

Recommended passenger contribution: £9.20 (92 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June Partick Circular Evening walk Grade C  
Leader: Peter (078100 06591).**

A 2.5 hr walk from Partick Station along the cycle route to the Old Granary, Whiteinch and on to Scotstoun. Then through Victoria Park and Thornwood. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **7 pm**.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June Circular Walk around Moffat Full Day Grade C+ OS Map 72  
Leaders: Lindsay and Sheila Bowman (07901 980880 or sjlboman@gmail.com)**

A pleasant circular walk around Moffat. Meet at **Buchanan Bus Station** at **9:05 am** Stance 5 for the 9:15am X74 bus to Dumfries. If coming by car exit M74 at junction 15 and park in the High Street, Moffat. The leader will meet walkers at Moffat Ram Monument at 10:40 am.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June Forth& Clyde Canal and River Kelvin Evening Walk Grade C+  
Leader: Ian (0141 557 2553 or ic.brooke@virgin.net)**

Canal towpath and riverside walk of approx. 5 miles finishing at the top of Byres Road. Meet outside **Cowcaddens Underground Station** at **6:30 pm**.

**Thursday 19th June Drumpellier Country Park Half Day Grade C OS Map 64  
Leader: Anne ( 0141 573 2254 or 07977 635467 or athomson555@gmail.com)**

An easy, 5 miles, circular walk along a canal tow path, rough paths, grassy paths and tarred walkways. The walk passes through mixed woodland and open grassland and goes around Lochend Loch. The canal and loch attract a great number of water birds and, if we're lucky, we might catch a glimpse of some of the deer that live in the park. Meet outside the main booking office **Queen Street Station (low level)** at **9:20 am** having purchased a return ticket to Blairhill Station for the 9.28 am Coatbridge train. The leader will meet the walkers at Blairhill Station.

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June Goatfell Full Day Grade A OS Map 62  
Leader: John Mc (0141 773 0409 or squareloaf@talktalk.net)**

An 8 mile walk to the top of Goatfell on Arran. Ascent of 875m. Meet at **Glasgow Central Station (high level)** outside Simply Foods at **8:15 am** having purchased a return ticket for the 8:34 am train to Ardrossan Harbour.

**If you wish to take part in a walk you must contact the leader by phone or email a few days in advance to confirm the transport arrangements and the walk details. For walks where cars are to be used, please advise the leader if you require or can offer a lift.**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June                      Ruchill Park                      Evening walk                      Grade C**  
**Leader: Susan (0141 339 7127 or susan.stuart@ntlworld.com)**

A short evening walk to Ruchill Park which enjoys one of the finest views over Glasgow.  
Meet at the entrance to **Kelvinbridge Underground Station on Great Western Rd at 6:30 pm**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June                      GlenTarken Circular                      Full Day                      Grade B                      OS Map 51**  
**Leader: Bobby ( 0141 573 4781 or 07729191331 or bobby\_robb@hotmail.com)**

7 mls/11km starting at Woodhouse layby 2 km west of St Fillans on Loch Earn.  
515 m of ascent. A circular walk on good tracks including short ascent of Creag Dhubh at an easy pace. Meet outside **Partick Station at 9 am**.  
Recommended passenger contribution: £11 (110 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July                      Tollcross Park                      Evening Walk                      Grade C                      OS Map 64**  
**Leader: Barry (0141 772 2263 or luckydollar@btinternet.com – email enquiries preferred)**

2 miles/3 km. Tollcross Park is not as well known as it deserves, except to those who live in the East of the city. We will pass the site of International Rose Trials (hopefully in full bloom by the time of our walk), the original(1899) and modern(2000) Winter Gardens, the Mansion House (now sheltered housing) and conclude with a walk down the pleasant wooded glen. Mostly on good paths, but some muddy sections in the glen. Meet at **Buchanan Bus Station at 6:05 pm** at the stance to catch 6:20 pm First Glasgow No 240 Overtown bus to Tollcross Road getting off at the stop before Wellshot Road. Car drivers are recommended to park in the Glasgow Life Tollcross Leisure Centre (International Swimming Pool) car park, entered near the foot of Wellshot Road, and walk down the steps at the corner of the car park to the park gate at the junction of Tollcross Road and Wellshot Road.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July                      Dawsholm Circular                      Half Day                      Grade C                      Map 64**  
**Leader: Peter (078100 06591)**

An 8 km walk on canal paths and tracks (both could be muddy). Starting from Westerton Station following canal to Dawsholm Park, through woods into Garscube Estate following path alongside Kelvin to Sports Fields and onto path for Kelvin Walkway. Then down to Dawsholm Road to rejoin canal and back to Anniesland Station where the walk will finish. Meet at **Partick Station at 9:15 am** having purchased a return ticket to Westerton for the 9:21 Milngavie train.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July                      Largs Hill Walk                      Full Day                      Grade B                      OS Map 63**  
**Leader: John B (0141 647 8371 or johnlinda30@tiscali.co.uk)**

3 hills all rising to just under 400m. A 9 ml walk with some paths but mainly over moorland. Meet at **Glasgow Central Station** (high level) outside Simply Foods at **8:30 am** having purchased a return ticket for the 8:45 train to Largs.  
If you come by car the train arrives in Largs at 9:44 am

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July      Esk me Another      Full Day      Grade C      OS Map 66**  
**Leader: Barry (0141 772 2263 or luckydollar@btinternet.com – email enquiries preferred)**  
9 miles/14 km. From Dalkeith town centre, we will head down to the River South Esk and follow it to Newbattle Abbey (now a college). The next section of the walk will go through woodlands high above the river, eventually emerging at the impressive 23-span Lothian Bridge Viaduct. From here we will follow a variety of paths, ultimately leading us back to the town centre. We will enter Dalkeith Country Park (belonging to the Duke of Buccleuch). There is an admission fee of £1 each, but it will be worth it to see the park and the interesting buildings it contains. During this part of the walk, we will see the River South Esk again, but also the River North Esk. A few short uphill sections. Mostly on good paths, but some muddy stretches.  
Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**.  
Recommended passenger contribution: £10.80 (108 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July      Hill of Stake and Misty Law      Full day      Grade A      OS Map 63**  
**Leader: Alan (07720 843353 or alan@cawatt.com)**  
Starting from the car park in Muirshiel Country Park a circular 11km walk over the two highest tops on the boundary between North Ayrshire and Renfrewshire reaching a height of 522m. It's likely to be boggy in places. On a good day fine views over the Clyde to Bute.  
Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**.  
Recommended passenger contribution: £4 (40 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July      Glen Turret      Full day      Grade B+      OS Map 52**  
**Leader: John Mc (0141 773 0409 or squareloaf@talktalk.net)**  
A 10 mile circular walk up Glen Turret fro Crieff. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**.  
Recommended passenger contribution: £10 (100 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July      Committee Meeting      Evening**  
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**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> July      Drymen, Garadhban Forest, Buchanan Castle      Full day Grade C      OSMap57**  
**Leader: Idris (01436 673460 or idrisscott@waitrose.com)**  
An easy, 8.5 mile walk on paths, tracks and forest tracks with a gentle 500ft climb. Initially along part of the West Highland way before entering the Buchanan Estate and passing the castle. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9:30 am**. The leader will meet walkers at the main car park in Drymen located on rhs of B858 about 100 yds beyond Drymen Square (map ref NS 475886)  
Recommended passenger contribution: £3.40 (34 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August      River Leven      Half Day      Grade C      OSMap 56/63**  
**Leader: Tony (0141 942 4777 or antonyrosslyn51@yahoo.co.uk)**  
A walk of 4-5 miles beside the River Leven from Balloch to Dumbarton. Return by train from Dumbarton. Meet at **9:10 am** outside the main booking office, **Queen Street Station (low level)** having purchased a return ticket for the 9:24 train to Balloch.  
The leader will meet walkers at Balloch where the train arrives at 10:11 am.

**If you wish to take part in a walk you must contact the leader by phone or email a few days in advance to confirm the transport arrangements and the walk details. For walks where cars are to be used, please advise the leader if you require or can offer a lift.**

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August      Culross and Valleyfield      Full Day      Grade C      OS Map 65**  
**Leader: Anne ( 0141 573 2254 or 07977 635467 or athomson555@gmail.com)**

A walk of 13km/8 m along a cycle path, on woodland tracks and around Preston Island (which isn't an island). Ascent 60 m. Meet at West Car Park, Culross at 10:15 am.

Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**.

Recommended passenger contribution: £6.80 (68 miles round trip at 10p per mile)

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August      Ben A'an (454m/1520 ft)      Full Day      Grade A      OS Map 57**  
**Leader: David ( 0141 423 2139 or d.lowrie@outlook.com)**

Easy hillwalk: fairly steep forest path, then final steep rocky path to summit (views).

Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**.

Recommended passenger contribution: £6 (60 miles round trip at 10p per mile)

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August      Historic Linlithgow      Full Day      Grade C+      OS Map 65**  
**Leader: Gordon ( 07443 426941 or gordonarthur50@gmail.com)**

This 6 mile walk visits the historic town of Linlithgow and its surrounding countryside. From Linlithgow station, the walk follows the Union Canal towpath into the countryside to the Telford aquaduct, then along the riverside on the Avon Heritage Trail. A short section through the outskirts of Linlithgow leads to the path around Linlithgow Loch. The circuit of the loch is completed at Linlithgow Palace. There is then an opportunity to explore the environs of the palace, or seek refreshment in the town, before returning to the station. A mainly level walk on canal towpath, riverside and lochside paths, with short sections on street.

Meet outside the main booking office at **Queen Street Station (high level)** at **9:30 am** having purchased a return ticket to Linlithgow for the 9:45 Edinburgh train.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August      Partick Station to Milngavie      Full Day      Grade B      OS Map 64**  
**Leader: Tony (0141 942 4777 or antonyrosslyn51@yahoo.co.uk)**

A 10 mile walk with modest ascents along the Kelvin Walkway from Partick Station to Milngavie. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**. Return to Glasgow or Partick by train.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> August      Around Cumbernauld      Full Day      Grade C+      OSMap 64/65**  
**Leader: Moira (01236 630602 or 07982 330096)**

A 7.5 mile walk on footpaths taking in Palacerigg Country Park, views over Fannyside Loch and the old Glencryan Firebrick Clay Mines. There is car parking at Greenfaulds Station for drivers. Return bus journeys are on the hour and on the half hour. The Leader will meet the walkers at Greenfaulds Station at 9:45am. Meet outside the main booking office at **Queen Street Station (high level)** at **9:10 am** having purchased a return ticket to Greenfaulds for the 9:22 Falkirk Grahamston train. Alight at Greenfaulds at 9:46 am.

**Sunday August 24th John Muir Way and Cort-ma Law Full day. Grade B+ OSmap 67.**

**Leader: David Lowrie (0141 423 2139 or d.lowrie@outlook.com)**

16km./10mils. 5 hrs. Circular walk on good track along John Muir trail/Glazert Water to Lennoxton, steeply up to Cort-ma Law (531m./1742ft.), then W. along the escarpment to Crow Rd. & down trail back to Campsie Glen. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**.

Recommended contribution to driver: £2.40 (24 miles round trip at 10p per mile)

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August Summer Extravaganza Full Day Grade B OS Map 82**

**Leader: James (07736 390887 or jfm6721@talktalk.net)**

Stage 1 of the Southern Upland Way from Portpatrick to Castle Kennedy (21km/13 miles)

A lovely walk that initially offers the prospect of stunning cliff-top views over the North Channel to Ireland, followed later by super views of majestic Loch Ryan, Stranraer, and the surrounding countryside from the heights of The Rinn of Galloway. Ascent of approx. 350m; walk duration approx. 5 - 6 hours. Meet at **7:15 am** in **Glasgow Central Station** outside "Simply Foods" having bought a cheap day return ticket for Stranraer (£21.00). We will then catch the 7:30am train to Ayr, followed by the 8:37am Ayr to Stranraer train arriving 9:58am, followed by the 10:50am Stranraer to Portpatrick bus arriving 11:09am (NB single bus fare cost of £1.75). On completing the walk at Castle Kennedy we will take the 5:50pm Stagecoach no. 500 bus service to Stranraer with a journey time of 5 minutes (NB single bus fare cost of £1.25), before boarding the direct train service from Stranraer to Glasgow Central that departs Stranraer at 7:08pm and arrives in Glasgow Central at 9:31pm.

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September Ardgowan and Leapmoor Full Day Grade C+ OS Map 63**

**Leader: Catherine (07711 218312 or catherine@cawatt.com)**

From Inverkip Station, an 8 mile walk along woodland paths and tracks which may be muddy. The walk past the marina, through Argowan Woods and up through Leapmoor Forest includes a gentle hill. Meet at **Glasgow Central Station** (high level) outside Simply Foods at **9:45 am** having purchased a return ticket to Inverkip for the 9:55 am Wemyss Bay train. Walkers can meet the leader at Inverkip Station at 10:37 am

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Sept B29 Super-Fortress Crash Site, Lochgoilhead Full Day Grade B+ OS 55**

**Leader: Ian (0141 557 2553 or ic.brooke@virgin.net)**

An out-and-back walk of approx. 6 miles. A climb from sea level to just over 50m before a drop down to the lonely, atmospheric crash site. Great views over Argyll.

Meet outside **Partick Station** at 9 am.

Recommended passenger contribution: £9.60 (96 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September Walk Leaders' Meeting Evening**

The meeting will be held at The Unitarian Church Centre, 72 Berkeley Street at 7.30 pm in the basement room. The purpose is to get together and plan the next programme for November 2014 to April 2015. Any member who might consider offering a walk in the future is most welcome to attend. We have a dedicated group of members prepared to lead walks but we are always looking for more leaders. Even offering one walk per programme would be a huge help to the group. Also ideas for new walks would be of interest.

Phone Margaret (07868 993264) or email [info@glasgowramblers.org.uk](mailto:info@glasgowramblers.org.uk) for more details.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September Durisdeer Full Day Grade A OS Map 72**

**Leader: Greg (07716 994026)**

Ballencleuch, Roger Law and Harestane Rig. Grass and heathery hillside walk over several tops. Possibly boggy. Return on tracks and paths. Approx 9 miles with 689 m of ascent.

Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**.

Recommended passenger contribution: £10 (100 miles round trip at 10p per mile)

**If you wish to take part in a walk you must contact the leader by phone or email a few days in advance to confirm the transport arrangements and the walk details. For walks where cars are to be used, please advise the leader if you require or can offer a lift.**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September                      Glen Ogle                      Full Day                      Grade B                      OS Map 51**

**Leader: David ( 0141 423 2139 or d.lowrie@outlook.com)**

9km/6mils/3 hrs. Old railway walk. Easy (except for short steep section at start) low-level circular walk to beautiful Lochan Lairig Cheile. Meet outside **Partick Station at 9 am.**

Recommended passenger contribution: £10 (100 miles round trip at 10p per mile)

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September    Lomond Hills, Falkland    Full Day    Grade B+    OS Map 58/59**

**Leader: Ian (0141 557 2553 or ic.brooke@virgin.net)**

Figure of 8 circuit of East and West Lomond. Approx 9.5 miles with 550m of ascent. Possibility to do half the route and visit Falkland Palace (£12 or £8.50 conc: NTS members free). The leader will do the full walk. Meet outside **Partick Station at 9 am.**

Recommended passenger contribution: £11.20 (112 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept                      Autumnal Perth Hills                      Full Day                      Grade B                      OS Map 53**

**Leader: James (07736 390887 or jfm6721@talktalk.net)**

A circular walk (13km/8m) from the railway station in Perth city centre to the heights of Kinnoull Hill and Deuchny Hill, with the prospect of Autumnal colours and super views over the city and the River Tay. Ascent of approx. 240m, walk duration approx. 4.5 - 5 hours.

Meet outside the main booking office **Glasgow Queen Street Station (high level) at 9:30am** having bought a cheap day return ticket to Perth (£15.70) catching the 9:41am Aberdeen train to Perth, arriving 10:37am.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September                      Committee Meeting                      Evening**

All members are welcome to attend the Committee Meeting. The meeting will be held at The Unitarian Church Centre, 72 Berkeley Street in the downstairs room at 6.30 pm. Members' comments and suggestions are very helpful and will be fully considered by the Committee. Anyone wishing to attend, please contact Barry (luckydollar@btinternet.com or 0141-772 2263) not later than 5 pm on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October                      Broughton Heights                      Full Day                      Grade B                      OS Map 72**

**Leader: John B (0141 647 8371 or johnlinda30@tiscali.co.uk)**

Broughton Heights – 5 hills from 500+ metres. Approx 8 miles mainly hill country and some tracks. Meet outside **Partick Station at 9 am.**

Recommended passenger contribution: £9.60 (96 miles round trip at 10p per mile)

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October                      Social Evening                      Gaelic Hill and Mountain Names**

Have you ever wanted to understand the names dotted all over an OS Map; Stuc a' Chroin, Beinn Dubh, Stob A' Choin, An Bodach to name a few. Find out how hills are named by shape, body parts, people and animals. Alasdair Law will give an illustrated talk on Gaelic Hill and Mountain Names on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October. **The event will be held at the Unitarian Church Centre, 72 Berkeley Street in the basement room 7:15 for 7:30 pm.** Tea, coffee and cake will be served from 7:15 pm. The talk is free but, to book a place, contact Catherine (07711 268312 or catherine@cawatt.com) by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October    Cardross to Balloch    Full Day    Grade C+    OS Map 63**

**Leader: Don (07837 325672)**

A 5 mile walk from Cardross, the first 2 miles a gentle incline on tarmac road taking us up to the old 'coffin walk'. Then farm track (possibly muddy in parts) to the forest ending with a forest walk downhill to Balloch. Classic views of Ben Lomond on a clear day.

Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9:35 am** having purchased a return ticket to Balloch to catch the 9:47 Helensburgh train (arriving in Cardross at 10:16 am).

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October    Erskine Riverside    Half Day    Grade C with C+ option    OSMap 64**

**Leader: Barry (0141 772 2263 or luckydollar@btinternet.com – email enquiries preferred)**

4 miles/6 km. We will walk along the bank of the River Clyde, firstly upstream to Newshot Island Nature, where we will follow a short loop through woodlands, then downstream, past the former slipway of the Erskine Ferry to a point where we are directly underneath the Erskine Bridge. Walkers may then return by the same route, or will have the option of taking a path uphill by the bridge supports, then another woodland walk which gradually takes us back down to the riverside. Meet at **9:15 am** at **Buchanan Bus Station** at the stance to catch 09:30 McGill's No. X23 Erskine bus to Bridgewater Shopping Centre. Car drivers should not park at Shopping Centre, because of limited stay restrictions, but should contact leader for directions to car park close to riverside. Wait there for those arriving by bus (due to arrive at Shopping Centre 10:15), who should take 5-10 minutes to walk down from Shopping Centre.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October    Drumclog Moor and Dougalston    Half Day    Grade C+    OS Map 64**

**Leader: Barry (0141 772 2263 or luckydollar@btinternet.com – email enquiries preferred)**

5 miles/8 km. From Milngavie town centre, we will follow the West Highland Way along the Allander Water but, as the WHW heads up Drumclog Moor and turns left, we will instead turn right and briefly visit the Milngavie Reservoirs. From there we will cross over to explore woodland paths in Dougalston Estate. Our walk will be completed by crossing through Lennox Park, where we will rejoin the Allander Water and return to Milngavie Station. A few short uphill sections. Mostly on good paths, but some muddy stretches.

Meet at **9 am** outside the main booking office **Queen Street Station (low level)** to catch 09:14 train to Milngavie. Car drivers are recommended to park at Milngavie station car park.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October    Coffin - Route Wanlockhead and Southern Upland way**  
**Full day    Grade B    OS Map 78**

**Leader Bobby Robb ( 0141 573 4781 or 07729191331 or bobby\_robbs@hotmail.com)**

9 miles / 15km    560 metres of ascent at an easy pace. Walk starting at Museum of Lead Mining in Wanlockhead, Scotland's highest village. Come off M74 at Abington & follow signposts for Lead Museum turning onto B797. Continue on through Leadhills then into Wanlockhead. Free parking. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**.

Recommended passenger contribution: £10 (100miles round trip at 10p per mile)

**If you wish to take part in a walk you must contact the leader by phone or email a few days in advance to confirm the transport arrangements and the walk details. For walks where cars are to be used, please advise the leader if you require or can offer a lift.**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November Kaim Hill Full day Grade B OS Map 63**

**Leader: Barry (0141 772 2263 or luckydollar@btinternet.com – email enquiries preferred)**

A Fairlie good walk – you'll be glad you Kaim! From the station we will head into the wooded Fairlie Glen, passing the remains of a 15<sup>th</sup> century castle, and continue up the glen, steep in places, then out onto the open hillside. We will strike up onto Kaim Hill itself, from where, weather permitting, we should get good views of the Firth of Clyde and its islands. After descending, we will return to Fairlie by a mainly level path skirting below the hill. (8 miles/13 km; total height climbed 1500 feet/450m). Meet **9:35 am** in **Glasgow Central Station (high level)** outside "Simply Foods" having bought a return ticket to Fairlie for the 9:48 Largs train. Car drivers, please note that, although the station car park in Fairlie is for rail users only, there should be parking spaces available in Station Road. Train is due to arrive at 10:37 am

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November Baron's Haugh and Dalzell Estate Half Day Grade C OS Map 64**

**Leader: Catherine ( 07711 218312 or catherine@cawatt.com)**

A 6 mile circular walk from Airbles Station, enjoying nature and history side by side. From the station it's a short walk on pavements to the Clyde Walkway and then around Baron's Haugh RSPB Nature Reserve where the paths may be muddy. Stopping at the hides we should see wintering wildfowl – bring binoculars. The next stage is through the Dalzell Estate and back to the station. Meet at **Partick Station** at **9:15 am** having purchased a return ticket to Airbles for the 9:30 am Motherwell train. Alternatively walkers can catch 9:37 am Motherwell train from Glasgow central (low level) and meet the leader on the train or on arrival at Airbles at 10:08 am

**Saturday 8<sup>st</sup> November The Kelpies Full Day Grade C+ OS Map 65**

**Leader: Alan (07720 843353 or alan@cawatt.com)**

A 9 mile walk from Falkirk High along the Union Canal to the Falkirk Wheel, then along the Forth Clyde Canal to the Kelpies and Helix Park, finishing the walk at Falkirk Grahamston. Meet outside the main booking office **Glasgow Queen Street Station (high level)** at **9:20 am** having bought a return ticket to Falkirk High for the 9:30am Edinburgh train.

# Summary of Walks

<b>Date</b>	<b>Walk or Event</b>	<b>Full or Half Day or Evening</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Along the Clyde to Dalmarnock	Short Walk Programme	
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Rough Castle and the Union Canal	Full	C+
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Committee Meeting	Evening	
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Victorian Aqueducts and Lime Hill	Full	C
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Mugdock Country Park	Short Walk Programme	
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Circular Walk from Kilsyth	Half	C+
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Around Kirkintilloch	Half	C
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Jaw Reservoir Circular	Half	B
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Necropolis	Evening Walk	C
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Commonwealth Games Walk	Full	B
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> June	An Caisteal	Full	A
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Partick Circular	Evening Walk	C
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Circular Walk around Moffat	Full	C+
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Forth & Clyde Canal and River Kelvin	Evening Walk	C+
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Drumpellier Country Park	Half	C
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Goatfell	Full	A
Tue 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Ruchill Park	Evening Walk	C
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> June	GlenTarken Circular	Full	B
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Tollcross Park	Evening Walk	C
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Dawsholm Circular	Half	C
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Largs Hill Walk	Full	B
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Dalkeith	Full	C
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Hill of Stake and Misty Law	Full	A
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Glen Turret	Full	B+
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Committee Meeting	Evening	
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Drymen, Garadhban Forest.	Full	C
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	River Leven	Half	C
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Culross and Valleyfield	Full	C
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Ben A'an	Full	A
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Historic Linlithgow	Full	C+
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Partick Station to Milngavie	Full	B
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	Around Cumbernauld	Full	C+
Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	John Muir Way and Cort-ma Law	Full	A

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Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Summer Extravaganza	Full	B
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Ardgowan and Leapmoor	Full	C+
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	B29 Super-Fortress Crash Site	Full	B+
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Walk Leaders' Meeting	Evening	
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Durisdeer	Full	A
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Glen Ogle	Full	B
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Lomond Hills, Falkland	Full	B+
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Autumnal Perth Hills	Full	B
Tues 30 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Committee Meeting	Evening	
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Broughton Heights	Full	B
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Gaelic Hill and Mountain Names	Social Evening - Talk	
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Cardross to Balloch	Full	C+
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Erskine Riverside	Half	C/C+
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Drumclog Moor and Dougalston	Half	C+
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Wanlockhead ,Southern Upland Way	Full	B
Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Kaim Hill	Full	B
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Baron's Haugh and Dalzell Estate	Half	C
Sat 8 <sup>st</sup> Nov	The Kelpies	Full	C+

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