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Glasgow Ramblers

Programme of Walks

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www.glasgowramblers.org.uk

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**Ramblers step out for 2014 – helping to deliver a physical activity legacy for
the Commonwealth Games**

This booklet contains the Glasgow Group Walk Programme, published as part of Ramblers Scotland's aim to get more people in the city out walking. This initiative links to "Walk the Path to 2014", which supports the Scottish Government's Active Nation Plan to encourage Scottish people to be more active in the run up to the 2014 Commonwealth Games. A bank of short Medal Walks based on hubs throughout the country is also being developed.

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 also support the other objects of The Ramblers.

**More information on Ramblers Scotland is available at:
www.ramblers.org.uk/scotland**

Group website

Up to date information can be found on our website www.glasgowramblers.org.uk. Digital photographs of group walks would be welcomed 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 news regularly to keep the website 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.

What You Need to Know

Anyone wishing to take part in any walk must contact the leader by phone or email a few days in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to confirm transport and walk details.

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 for 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.

Some walks are designated 'at an easy pace' for those who find the normal pace too fast. This does not mean that the ascents and descents are less steep – they are just taken at a slower pace.

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

Inexperienced walkers must check with the leader before going on a grade of walk with which they are unaccustomed. This applies particularly where 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 prior to the date of the walk for advice.

In the interests of safety, the leader may refuse to lead anyone whom he/she considers to be not suitably equipped.

Anyone with a health condition, for which there is a possibility that treatment might be required during a walk, must inform the leader, preferably in advance, but certainly at the start of the walk, and must 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 an incident arising for which no prior warning had been given).

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

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.

What to wear and what to bring

Warm and waterproof clothing should be carried, and strong footwear should be worn for all walks. Walking boots are essential on all A grade walks and on most B grade walks, and are advisable on most C grade walks. Denim jeans are not suitable as they get wet very quickly and are slow to dry out. A packed lunch and small snacks should be carried, and a flask of hot drink is strongly recommended.

All walkers should carry the name and telephone number of someone who can be contacted in the event of an emergency on a walk in any of the Programmes in this booklet.

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.

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 different from normal.

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 in this booklet, 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. 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 nor the leaders of individual walks in this Programme can accept liability for any accident that may occur on any walk. In the interests of enjoyment and safety, all members should stay within sight and earshot of the leader at all times, and should not leave the walk without first informing the leader.

Dogs

Registered Assistance Dogs only are allowed on any walks in this Programme.

Display of photographs for publicity and/on Group website

Digital photographs of Group walks are welcome, either for publicity or for display on the Group's website www.glasgowramblers.org.uk. Please email photographs to info@glasgowramblers.org.uk.

Anyone participating in a Group walk is assumed to consent to photographs in which they may appear being used for publicity or website purposes. Anyone who does not wish a photograph in which they may appear 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.

Other Ramblers' Groups

As well as the walks in these Programmes, members of The Ramblers are welcome to take part in the walks of any other Ramblers' Groups.

The Ramblers is divided into Areas. Glasgow is within North Strathclyde Area in which there are currently seven other Groups:

- Bearsden & Milngavie – www.bearsdenandmilngavieramblers.org.uk
- Cumbernauld & Kilsyth – www.ckramblers.org.uk
- Glasgow Young Walkers – www.glasgowyoungwalkers.org
- Helensburgh & West Dunbartonshire – www.hwdramblers.me.uk
- Mid-Argyll & Kintyre – <http://argyllcommunities.org/midargyllkintyramblers>
- Monklands - www.monklandsramblers.org.uk
- Strathkelvin – www.strathkelvinramblers.org.uk

The following Groups within other Areas are also close to Glasgow:

Renfrewshire, Cowal & Bute Area:

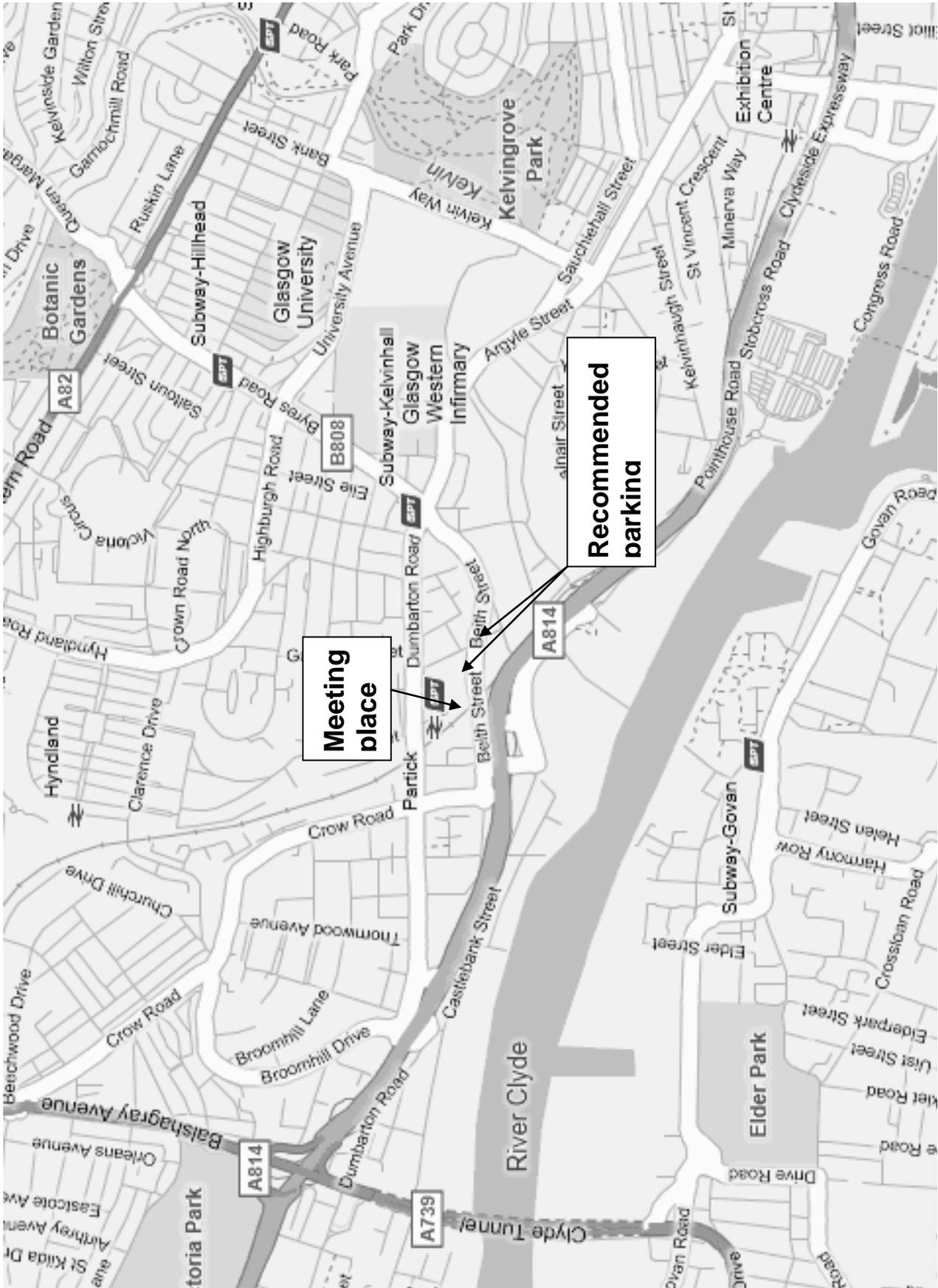
- Eastwood – www.eastwood-ramblers.org.uk
- Paisley – www.paisleyramblers.co.uk

Clydesdale to Solway Area:

- Clyde Valley (based in Hamilton) – www.clydevalleyramblers.org

Anyone without internet access who wishes a copy of the Programme of any of the above Groups, please write to:

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c/o 15 Newton Terrace,
Glasgow, G3 7PJ.



Walk Leaders – volunteers needed

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.

For the next programme from May to November 2013, we shall be holding a planning meeting on **Wednesday 27th February** and would welcome any member considering offering a walk to attend. With, hopefully more leaders, we hope to be able to run a few Summer evening walks. Phone Catherine on 07711268312 or email info@glasgowramblers.org.uk for more details.

Scottish Ramblers' Gathering

The Gathering will be held over the weekend Friday 3rd – Sunday 6th May 2013 and will be based in Dunkeld, Perthshire.

Bookings will open on **1st January 2013** and there will be information posted on the Ramblers Scotland website www.ramblers.org.uk/scotland. Early booking is advised.

First Aid Course

We are planning to organise a First Aid Course, which will take place in Glasgow on one or more weekday evenings during the first half of this Programme. If you may be interested in taking part, please contact Catherine by email catherine@cawatt.com or by phone 07711 268 312 by **30th November**

and you will be informed of the location and date(s) of the course when these are known.

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The normal meeting place, for walks not accessed by public transport, is outside the entrance to Partick Station (see location map on Page 7). Cars will be taken from here to the start of the walk. Recommended car parking is in Beith Street.

As indicated on Page 3 of this booklet, anyone wishing to take part in any walk must contact the leader by phone or email a few days in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to confirm transport and walk details.

Saturday 3rd November Seafar Woods Half day Grade C OS Map 64
Leader: Barry Pottle (0141 772 2263 or luckydollar@btinternet.com – email enquiries preferred)
A 4 mile (6km) walk through woodland and mainly off-road paths. Meet at **Buchanan Bus Station** at **9 am** at the stance for the 9.15 am X39 Stirling Bus to Cumbernauld Village.
Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and that travel details have not changed.

Thurs 8th Nov New Lanark and the Falls of Clyde Full Day Grade C+ OS Map 72

Leader: Catherine Watt (07711 268312 or catherine@cawatt.com)

An 8 mile low level ramble along both banks of the Clyde from New Lanark.

Meet at **Partick Station** at **9.30 am** having purchased a return ticket for the 9 40 am Lanark train. Walkers can catch the 9 47 am train from Glasgow Central (low level) and meet the leader at Lanark station at 10 45 am

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and that travel details have not changed.

Saturday 10th November Dumgoyne Full day Grade B+ OS Map 64

Leader: Alan Watt (07720 843 353 or alan@cawatt.com)

Starting at Campsie Dene in Blanefield, a 6 mile (10km) walk, steep in places, to the top of Dumgoyne, a volcanic plug. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**.

Walkers must contact the leader a few days in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to advise whether they require or can offer a lift.

Recommended passenger contribution £2.40 (24 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

Sunday 18th November Ben A'an Full Day Grade A OS Map 57

Leader: Greg Robertson (07716994026)

A short, steep linear route of 2.5 miles to a height of 1150 ft (350m). A great hill in the heart of the Trossachs with great views over lochs and hills. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**.

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to advise whether they require or can offer a lift.

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

Sunday 25th Nov Castle Semple Loch and Parkhill Wood Half Day Grade C OS Map 63

Leader: David Lowrie (0141 423 2139 or davidandgetraute@talk21.com).

Easy, undulating footpath & cycleway: Park at Loch Visitor Centre at N edge of Lochwinnoch, then walk along disused railway line, circuit through wood & along lochside back to Centre (kiosk/refreshments): 4 mls(6.4 km.)/2hrs. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**.

Walkers must contact leader a few days in advance to ensure that walk is still scheduled to take place, & to advise whether they require or can offer a lift.

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

Friday 30th November Last date for registering for First Aid Course

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or by phone 07711 268 312 by **30th November**

and you will be informed of the location and date(s) of the course once these are known.

Saturday 1st December Group AGM followed by a walk Grade C Friends Meeting House

For AGM details see accompanying letter

leader: Catherine Watt (07711 268312 or catherine@cawatt.com)

A flat walk through Kelvingrove Park, along the River Kelvin and then into town along the canal to Speirs Wharf finishing at Cowcaddens Underground Station.

The walk from the Friends Meeting House is intended for those attending AGM and will start shortly after the close of the meeting. Walkers should bring a packed lunch. At end of the walk, those wishing to return to the starting point can do so by bus or walk back.

Sunday 9th December Blackford and Braid Hills Full Day Grade B OS Map 66

leader: Barry Pottle (0141 772 2263 or luckydollar@btinternet.com – email enquiries preferred)
A 6 m (10 km) walk, on the south side of Edinburgh, through Braidburn Valley Park and the wooded Hermitage of Braid up to Blackford Hill (538 feet; 164m). Hopefully we will have excellent views of Edinburgh Castle, Arthur's Seat and the Firth of Forth. We pass the Royal Observatory and return down the Braid Valley, skirting Braid Hills Golf Course to ascend the Braid Hills (highest pt Buckstone Snab (682 feet; 208m). Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**. **Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to advise whether they require or can offer a lift.**
Recommended passenger contribution £10 (100 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

Thursday 13th December West End Heritage Walk Half Day Grade C OS Map 64

Leader: Catherine Watt (07711 268312 or catherine@cawatt.com)

A 2 hr walk around the West End with coffee stop. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **10 am**.

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place.

Saturday 15th December Cowcaddens to Kirkintilloch Full Day Grade C+ OS Map 64

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

A 9.5 mile flat level walk along the Forth Clyde Canal from Cowcaddens to Kirkintilloch.

Return by bus from Kirkintilloch. Meet outside **Cowcaddens Underground Station** at **10 am**.

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and that travel details have not changed..

Saturday 22nd /Sunday 23rd December No walk planned

Sunday 30th December Law Hill Full day Grade B easy OS Map 63

leader: Barry Pottle (0141 772 2263 or luckydollar@btinternet.com – email enquiries preferred)
From West Kilbride station, we walk down Kilbride Glen to the shore, directly across from Arran. After a short distance along the shore, we turn inland, and follow farm tracks and then hill path up to top of Law Hill, directly above West Kilbride. If weather allows, we will have great views over to the Firth of Clyde, including Ailsa Craig, Arran, Bute and the Cumbraes. 6 miles (10km); height climbed 600 feet (200m). Meet at **Glasgow Central Station** outside Simply Foods at **9.30 am** having purchased a return ticket for the 9.42 am Largs train to West Kilbride
Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and that travel details have not changed..

Tuesday 1st January 2013 Scottish Ramblers' Gathering – Booking Opens

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Thursday 3rd January Meikle Bin Full Day Grade B (easy pace) OS Map 64

Leader: Tony and Moira Stevens 01419424777 or antonyrosslyn51@yahoo.co.uk.

Meet at **Partick Station** at **9 am** or at Todholes Car Park GR 673858 at 10.15 am. 8 miles mainly on forestry tracks. Starting at 210m up to 570m on the summit. Bring some festive fare.

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to advise whether they require or can offer a lift.

Recommended passenger contribution £4.80 (48 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

Saturday 5th January Cashel Half Day Grade B OS Map 56

Leader: Greg Robertson (07716994026)

A 4 mile walk up a steep slope above Loch Lomond with excellent views. Height gained 850ft
Meet at **Partick Station** at **9 am**. **Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to advise whether they require or can offer a lift.** Recommended passenger contribution £4.60 (46 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

Saturday 12th January Around Neilston Pad Full day Grade C+ OS Map 64

Leader: Linda Aitchison (0141 647 8371 or laitchison@btinternet.com)

A walk mainly on tracks and minor roads with moderate ascents and rough ground.
Meet at **Glasgow Central Station** outside Simply Foods at **9.25 am** having purchased a return ticket for the 9.35 am train to Neilston

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and that travel details have not changed..

Saturday, 19th January North Strathclyde Area AGM and Members' Walk

The AGM of North Strathclyde Area of the Ramblers' Association will be held on Saturday, 19th January, 2013 at 10 am for 10.30 in the Meeting Room, Friends (Quaker) Meeting House, 38 Elmbank Crescent , Charing Cross, Glasgow . As Glasgow Group forms part of North Strathclyde Area, all Group members are entitled to attend. The Notice and Agenda for the meeting will be sent to all members in December. There will be a members' walk in the afternoon, organised by Glasgow Group, linking the Glasgow City Centre Green Spaces (Blythswood Square , Garnethill, George Square , Ramshorn Graveyard, Rotten Row). A train can be taken from High Street back to Charing Cross . No walking boots required!

leader: Ian Brooke (0141 557 2553 or ic.brooke@virgin.net

Thursday 24th January Cambuslang to Partick Half Day Grade C OS Map 64

Leader: Catherine Watt (07711 268312 or catherine@cawatt.com)

A 7.5 to 9 mile linear walk along the River Clyde Walkway with the option of finishing in Central Glasgow. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9.30 am**, having purchased a ticket for the Lanark train to Cambuslang at 9 40 am. Alternatively walkers can join the train at Glasgow Central (low level) catching the 9.47 am Lanark train alighting at Cambuslang at 10 am

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and that travel details have not changed..

Saturday 26th January Loch Ard Forest from Aberfoyle Full Day Grade B OS Map 57

Leader: Alan Watt (alan@cawatt.com or 0772 084 3353)

This long (10.6 miles) but easy walk, entirely on forest roads, tours the largest of the forests making up the Queen Elizabeth Forest Park - Loch Ard Forest. Although in a coniferous forest, the route has plenty to interest, including a loch side walk along Loch Ard, an impressive Victorian aqueduct and superb views of Ben Lomond. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and advise whether they require or can offer a lift.

Recommended passenger contribution £5.20 (52 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

Saturday 2nd February That Darn Road Half Day Grade C+ OS Map 57

leader: Barry Pottle (0141 772 2263 or luckydollar@btinternet.com – email enquiries preferred)
We will firstly take a short walk along the Riverside (Allan Water) path at Dunblane, visiting the historic Cathedral (admission free). Then a path known as the Darn Road, said to date from Roman times, will take us past a cave associated with Robert Louis Stevenson, to Bridge of Allan. About 5 miles (6 km). Meet at **Queen Street Station (high level)** at **10 am** having purchased a return ticket for the 10.10 am Inverness train to Dunblane. The leader will be at the platform side of the barriers. Walk finishes at Bridge of Allan, so car drivers are recommended to park there and catch the train at 10.41am.

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and that travel details have not changed.

Saturday 9th February Mugdock Country Park Full Day Grade C+ OS Map 64

leader: Ian Brooke (0141 557 2553 or ic.brooke@virgin.net)

Approx a 9 mile circular walk on good paths and tracks

Meet outside the booking office at **Queen Street Station (low level)** at **9.30 am** having purchased a return ticket for the 9.43 am train to Milngavie. Walkers can join the train at Partick on the 9 50 am Milngavie train. The walk starts from Milngavie Station at 10.15 am.

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and that travel details have not changed.

Saturday 16th February Queenzieburn Circuit Half Day Grade C+ OS Map 64

leader: Barry Pottle (0141 772 2263 or luckydollar@btinternet.com – email enquiries preferred)
From the edge of Kilsyth, we will start along a short section of an old mineral railway line (known as Neilston Walk), then follow minor roads uphill and across to the west. If weather is fine, we will detour from the road to a lovely spot for elevenses. As the road heads downhill, we turn east again along a historic path, Joe Moses Road, and then a track to the edge of Queenzieburn, from where another path is followed back to the starting point. About 4 miles (6km). Some uphill, but mostly level walking.

Meet at **Buchanan Bus Station** at **9.35 am** at the stance for the 9.45 am First Scotland No. 24 (Stirling) bus to Kilsyth (ask for stop on Glasgow Road before Laird's Hill Place). The leader will join bus at Bishopbriggs

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and that travel details have not changed.

Sunday 17th February Ben Venue Full Day Grade A OS Map 57

Leader: Greg Robertson (07716994026)

A classic hill walk in the Trossachs. 7.5 miles /12 km 2,100 ft / 640 m

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

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to advise whether they require or can offer a lift.

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

Thursday 21st February Callander Craggs Full Day Grade C+ OS Map 57

Leader: John McNulty (0141 773 0409 or squareloaf@talktalk.net)

A 6 mile walk on the crags in the footsteps of Sir Walter Scott

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

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to advise whether they require or can offer a lift.

Recommended passenger contribution to driver £8 (80 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

Saturday, 23rd February Circular round Moffat Full day Grade C OS Map 78

Leader: Lindsay and Sheila Bowman (07901 980880 or bandgproperties@hotmail.com)

A 6 miles circular walk from the Ram. Nae Burns, Bracken, Dykes or Ditches! Only gates and great paths! Café con leche in local café at the end of the walk.

Meet at **Buchanan Bus Station** at **8 50 am** at the stance for the 9 am X74 Dumfries bus to Moffat. If coming by car exit A74 at Junction 15 and park in High Street, Moffat near the Ram Monument where the leader will meet walkers at 10 25 am

Walkers must contact leaders in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and that travel details have not changed.

Wednesday 27th February Walk Leaders' meeting

Walk Leaders Meeting Friends Meeting House, 38 Elmbank Crescent, Charing Cross at 7 30pm

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Saturday 2nd March Beecraigs Country Park Full Day Grade B OS Map65/349

Leader: Tony and Moira Stevens (0141 942 4777 or antonyrosslyn51@yahoo.co.uk)

A 9 to10 mile walk. The walk starts at 157m and includes Cairnpapple Hill at 310 metres and Cockleroy Hill at 278 metres. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am** or, if travelling independently, the Beecraigs Visitor Centre near Linlithgow, West Lothian at 10 am.

Walkers must contact the leaders in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to advise whether they require or can offer a lift.

Recommended passenger contribution £8(80 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

Sunday 10th March Beinn Dubh Horseshoe Full Day Grade B+ OS Map 56

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

From Luss, we will head straight uphill to Beinn Dubh, with ever improving views (weather permitting) over Loch Lomond and its islands. A horseshoe ridge is followed over two further hills, having views (again weather permitting) to the Arrochar Alps. We return down Glen Luss. 7 miles (12km); height climbed 2100 feet (650m). Meet at **Buchanan Bus Station** at **9am** at the stance for the 9.15am Scottish Citylink No. 926 (Campbeltown) bus to Luss. Car drivers should park in the main car park in Luss, and await those arriving by bus at 10.11

Walkers must contact leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and that travel details have not changed.

Saturday 16th March Mugdock Reservoir Half day Grade C OS Map 64

Leader: Denise Connell (0141 632 0832)

Meet at **Glasgow Central Station outside Low Level ticket office at 9.45 am**, after purchasing return ticket to Milngavie, to catch 9.58 am train to Milngavie (alternatively walkers may join at Partick Station 10.05, or any of the intervening stops to Milngavie, or meet at Milngavie Station at 10.25 am.)

Walkers must contact leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and that travel details have not changed.

Saturday 23rd March Beinn Narnain Full Day Grade A OS Map 56

Leader: Alan Watt (alan@cawatt.com or 0772 084 3353)

Beinn Narnain is a Munro although only by the narrow margin of about 35 ft. A steep start, but an interesting walk with some light scrambling. If the weather is bad there is the option of a walk avoiding the top. Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**.

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to advise whether they require or can offer a lift.

Recommended passenger contribution to driver £7 (70 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

Thursday 28th March Houston and Bridge of Weir Half Day Grade C OS Map 63/64

Leader: Catherine Watt (07711 268312 or catherine@cawatt.com)

Explore the weave and the weft along the River Gryfe between Houston and Bridge of Weir. A 6 mile walk. Partly a country walk along a riverside path which may be muddy, and partly village walks on tarmac paths and pavements.

Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9.30 am**.

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to advise whether they require or can offer a lift.

Recommended passenger contribution £2.90 (29 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

Saturday 30th March Rumbling Bridge Full Day Grade C OS Map 58

Leader: John McNulty (0141 773 0409 or squareloaf@talktalk.net)

An 8 mile long walk . Meet at **Partick Station** at **9 am**

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to advise whether they require or can offer a lift.

Recommended passenger contribution to driver £8 (80 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

Saturday 6th April The Mouse Water Full Day Grade B OS Map 72

Leader: Moira Henderson (01236 630602 or 0775 246 1521)

A low level 6.5 mile (11 km) circular ramble from Lanark Station to Cleghorn Bridge over the Mouse Water. Mainly along paths (which may be muddy). Parts of the walk on roads. This walk is not suitable if you are uncomfortable walking along a narrow path with a steep drop.

Meet at **Glasgow Central Station** at **8 55 am** outside Marks and Spencers Simply Foods having purchased a return ticket for the 9 07am Lanark train. The leader will meet walkers at Lanark Station at 10 15 am.

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and that travel details have not changed.

Saturday 13th April Bracklinn Falls to Callander Crags Full Day Grade B OS Map 57

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

A walk partly on tracks, road and hill but not too steep. Distance 7 miles. Walk starts at the Bracklinn Falls Car Park.

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

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to advise whether they require or can offer a lift.

Recommended passenger contribution £8.20 (82 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

Sunday 21st April Roslin Glen Full Day Grade C OS Map66

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

A 6 mile walk on paths, tracks, cycle track and country roads. There is the option of a visit to Rosslyn Chapel (£9 and £7 for a concession). Meet outside **Partick Station** at **9 am**.

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to advise whether they require or can offer a lift.

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

Thursday 25th April Drumfrochar to Wemyss Bay Full Day Grade C+ OS Map 63

Leader: Catherine Watt (07711 268312 or catherine@cawatt.com)

A fairly steep start from the station, then to the Cornalees Visitors Centre and downhill via the Kelly Cut to Wemyss Bay. 8 to 9 Miles. Meet at **Glasgow Central Station** outside Simply Foods at **9.40 am** having purchased a return ticket for the 9.50 am Wemyss Bay train. We shall alight at Drumfrochar at 10.23 am

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and that travel details have not changed.

Saturday 27th April Around Kilsyth Half Day Grade C OS Map 64

Leader: Jeanette Somerville (0141 762 1183 or 07752322727)

Meet at **Buchanan Bus Station** at **9.05 am** at the stance for the 9 15 First Scotland No. 27 bus Falkirk bus to Kilsyth. Ask the driver for a ticket to the stop in Kilsyth opposite the Police Station on Parkfoot Street. The leader will join the bus at Bishopbriggs. The walk will start outside the Swimming Pool at 10.15 am. This walk is on good level paths and takes in woodland, Colzium Estate, a loch, a canal walk and lovely views - 7 miles.

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and that travel details have not changed.

Sunday 28th April Ben Vorlich Full Day Grade A OS Map 56

Leader: Alan Watt (alan@cawatt.com or 0772 084 3353)

Starting at Ardlui on Loch Lomond, a 13 km circular mountain walk to the summit of Ben Vorlich at 943 m. There are great views from the plateau into the Arrochar Alps. A suitable alternative walk will be arranged if the weather or visibility is unsuitable.

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

Walkers must contact the leader in advance to make sure that the walk is still scheduled to take place and to advise whether they require or can offer a lift.

Recommended passenger contribution £8 (80 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

Friday 3rd to Monday 6th May Scottish Ramblers' Gathering at Dunkeld, Perthshire

Early booking is strongly advised. Booking opens on **1st January 2013**.

More information is available at: www.ramblers.org.uk/scotland

SUMMARY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Walk</u>	<u>Grade</u>	
Sat 3 rd Nov	Seafar Woods	Half day	Grade C
Thurs 8 th Nov	The Mouse Water	Full Day	Grade B
Sat 10 th Nov	Dumgoyne	Full day	Grade B ₊
Sun 18 th Nov	Ben A'an	Full Day	Grade A
Sun 25 th Nov	Castle Semple Loch and Parkhill Wood	Half Day	Grade C
Frid 30 th Nov	Last date for registering an interest in a First Aid Course		
Sat 1 st Dec	Group AGM at 10 am followed by a walk		Grade C
Sun 9 th Dec	Blackford and Braid Hills	Full Day	Grade B
Thurs 13 th Dec	West End Heritage Walk	Half Day	Grade C
Sat 15 th Dec	Cowcaddens to Kirkintilloch	Full Day	Grade C ₊
Sun 30 th Dec	Law Hill	Full day	Grade B easy
Tues 1st Jan	Booking opens for Scottish Ramblers Gathering		
Thur 3 rd Jan	Meikle Bin	Full Day	Grade B
Sat 5 th Jan	Cashel	Half Day	Grade B
Sat 12 th Jan	Around Neilston Pad	Full day	Grade C ₊
Sat 19 th Jan	North Strathclyde Area AGM at 10 30 am followed by a walk		Grade C
Thurs 24 th Jan	Cambuslang to Partick	Half Day	Grade C
Sat 26 th Jan	Loch Ard Forest from Aberfoyle	Full Day	Grade B
Sat 2 nd Feb	That Darn Road	Half Day	Grade C ₊
Sat 9 th Feb	Mugdock Country Park	Full Day	Grade C ₊
Sat 16 th Feb	Queenzieburn Circuit	Half Day	Grade C ₊
Sun 17 th Feb	Ben Venue	Full Day	Grade A
Thurs 21 st Feb	Callander Crags	Full Day	Grade C ₊
Sat 23 rd Feb	Circular round Moffat	Full day	Grade C
Wed 27 th Feb	Walk Leaders' Meeting at 7.30 pm		Friends Meeting House
Sat 2 nd March	Beecraigs Country Park	Full Day	Grade B
Sun 10 th March	Beinn Dubh Horseshoe	Full Day	Grade B ₊
Sat 16 th March	Mugdock Reservoir	Half day	Grade C
Sat 23 rd March	Beinn Narnain	Full Day	Grade A
Thurs 28 th March	Houston and Bridge of Weir	Half Day	Grade C
Sat 30 th March	Rumbling Bridge	Full Day	Grade C
Sat 6 th April	The Mouse Water	Full Day	Grade B
Sat 13 th April	Bracklinn Falls to Callander Crags	Full Day	Grade B
Sun 21 st April	Roslin Glen	Full Day	Grade C
Thurs 25 th April	Drumfrochar to Wemyss Bay	Full Day	Grade C ₊
Sat 27 th April	Around Kilsyth	Half Day	Grade C
Sun 28 th April	Ben Vorlich	Full Day	Grade A
3 rd to 6 th May	Scottish Ramblers' Gathering at Dunkeld, Perthshire		