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# Glasgow Ramblers

## Programme of Walks

**1<sup>st</sup> November, 2015 – 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2016**

All the information in this booklet can also be found on the website:  
**[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.*

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.

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

All walkers must contact the leader by phone or email a few days in advance to confirm the transport arrangements and the walk details. Up-to-date information on walks can be obtained from [www.glasgowramblers.org.uk](http://www.glasgowramblers.org.uk) > walks programme > current walk programme. Where cars are needed for a walk, the leader has to know in advance if you require or can offer a lift.

**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.**

## 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 and a Grid Reference 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.

## Meeting Places

The meeting place for a walk is always given in the walk description. Our normal meeting places for walks are:

**Partick Station:** at the front entrance to the station off Merkland Street or just inside the station entrance if it is very wet. We normally meet here if we are going by car and sometimes when we take a train. The recommended parking for Partick Station is on Beith Street.

**Glasgow Central Station:** outside M & S Simply Food.

**Glasgow Queen Street Station:** outside the Main Booking Office by Boots or WH Smith.

**Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station:** by the Travel Information Board.

Sometimes, individual walkers opt to meet the main group at the start of the walk. If you decide to do that, it is essential that the walk leader is aware of where you will be.

## Travel to the start of the walk

See Programme for details of the normal meeting place. Everyone pays their own fares on public transport. 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 for car sharing is recommended under the details of each walk. 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.

## Dogs

Registered Assistance Dogs only are allowed on walks.

## 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).

## News

A warm welcome to all the new members who have joined Glasgow Ramblers during the last six months.

## Euroorando 2016

As Ramblers GB is a member organisation of the European Ramblers Association (ERA), we have been invited to take part in a Europe-wide event - Euroorando 2016 - which runs from the opening event in September 2015 and finishes at the week-long event in Sweden in September 2016.

The theme of Euroorando 2016 is "Energy". After the opening of Euroorando in September 2015, there will be plenty of walks organised throughout Europe which will have in common not only the theme, but also the feeling of being a part of a Pan-European event and of the European walking community.

The Committee thought it a good idea to be part of this event. We have therefore, designated the walk on Sunday, 7th February 2016 – The Magnificent Seven - as our contribution as it fits into the theme of "energy" in two ways: it's a 10 mile circular walk; and it's part of our project to way-mark a 10 mile circular route through three urban parks: Linn Park, King's Park, Castlemilk Park and over the Cathkin Braes.

If any members are interested in attending the Euroorando in Sweden next year, details can be found on the website: [euroorando2016.com](http://euroorando2016.com).

## Club 50

Club 50 is ScotRail's new exclusive club for people 50 or over, launched on 14th September. As a member you'll get a year-round 20% discount on Off-Peak and Advance tickets purchased online. Throughout the year you'll also benefit from other exclusive offers and deals.

It's quick and easy - all you need to join is an email address and photo. For details, check the website on: [www.scotrail.co.uk/offers/club50](http://www.scotrail.co.uk/offers/club50).

## Glasgow Ramblers Weekend Away Loch Ossian Youth Hostel – A Wilderness Experience

The hostel has been booked for the exclusive use of Glasgow Ramblers for the weekend of Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April to the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016. See entry in programme for details. View accommodation at: [syha.org.uk/wheretostay/highlands/loch-ossian.asp](http://syha.org.uk/wheretostay/highlands/loch-ossian.asp).

## **Committee Meetings**

Any member is most welcome to attend Committee Meetings as a visitor. The meetings in this programme will be held on Tuesdays: 3<sup>rd</sup> November; 19<sup>th</sup> January; and 8<sup>th</sup> March at The Unitarian Church Centre, 72 Berkeley Street in the basement room, starting promptly at 6.30pm. Anyone wishing to attend please contact Barry (luckydollar@btinternet.com or 0141-772 2263) not later than 5:00pm on the Friday before the meeting.

## **New walk leaders and ideas for walks needed! Please consider leading a walk**

We have a dedicated and enthusiastic group of walk leaders but we are always looking for more as well as new ideas for walks. Suggesting a walk does not necessitate leading it. If you wish, we will find another walk leader to do the recce with you.

Offering one walk per programme is an enormous help. For the next programme from November 2015 to April 2016, we shall be holding a planning meeting on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, at the Unitarian Church Centre, 72 Berkeley Street in the basement room 7:00 for 7:30 pm. Any member considering offering a walk in the future is most welcome. For ideas or more information, phone Margaret, the Programme Coordinator on 0141 221 3598 or email: [info@glasgowramblers.org.uk](mailto:info@glasgowramblers.org.uk).

## **Ramblers Scotland Video**

To watch a new promotional video from Ramblers Scotland, do a search for Ramblers Scotland – at the heart of walking! Youtube

## **Medal Routes – new App**

The Medal Routes project, supported by Ordnance Survey, has created a mobile App for Apple and Android devices. Download is free to find hundreds of Medal Routes to walk across Scotland by visiting [www.medalroutes.org](http://www.medalroutes.org). There are now well over 100 Medal Route Walking Hubs in Scotland. To find a route near you visit: [www.ramblers.org.uk/medalroutes](http://www.ramblers.org.uk/medalroutes). If anyone has a suggestion for a medal route short walk please email: [robertburns@ramblers.org.uk](mailto:robertburns@ramblers.org.uk).

## **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 can receive a donation of £10, £20 or £30. [www.ramblersholidays.co.uk](http://www.ramblersholidays.co.uk).



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**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November**

**Mountain and Other Photography**

**Social Evening**

Denis Colman will give an illustrated talk on photography on Tuesday 10th November. The event will be held at the **Unitarian Church Centre**, 72 Berkeley Street in the basement room **7:00 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.scot](mailto:catherine@cawatt.scot)) by Friday 6th November.**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

**Dalreoch to Cardross**

**Full day**

**C+**

**Leader: Idris ([idrisscott@waitrose.com](mailto:idrisscott@waitrose.com) [emails preferred] or 01436673460).**

A nine mile walk with 900ft of ascent to a maximum of 800ft. We start at Dalreoch Railway Station and return to Cardross Railway Station. In between these points, we have a varied walk including river-side, loch-side, open moorland, a Bronze or Iron age hill fort, a 16th century castle and finally the sea shore. The walk starts at NS 391 757; OS sheet 63.

Meet at **9:40 am** at **Queen St Station**: in the main concourse near the entrance to WH Smith. Walkers should purchase a return ticket to Cardross to catch the 9:54 am Balloch train and alight at Dalreoch.

This train can also be boarded at Partick at 10:00 am.

The leader will meet the party at the starting point of the walk.

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

**Doune Trails**

**Full day**

**C+**

**Leader: Anne (01415732254 or [athomson555@gmail.com](mailto:athomson555@gmail.com))**

This 7.4 mile (12km) circular walk with a 100m ascent is along a dismantled railway, woodland paths and minor roads. We walk along a short section of the River Teith and pass Doune Castle.

The walk starts at NN 725019; OS sheet 57.

Meet outside **Patrick Station** at **9:00 am**.

The recommended passenger contribution to driver: £7.60 (76 mile round trip at 10p per mile).

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November**

**Glasgow Group AGM followed by a walk**

For AGM details see accompanying booklet. All members are invited to attend the AGM of Glasgow Ramblers. The meeting will be held at **The Unitarian Church Centre**, 72 Berkeley Street at **9:30am for 10:00am** in the downstairs room. Patrick Grady, MP for Glasgow North and, coincidentally, a former employee of the Ramblers, will be our guest speaker. The walk is intended for those attending the AGM, so will start following the close of the meeting and after lunch (bring a packed lunch). The walk will begin at the meeting venue, so no transport is required. From Berkeley Street, we walk down to the Clyde, across by the BBC then on towards Govan and Elder Park, returning on the Subway from Govan to St George's Cross. **Led by Ian ([ic.brooke@virgin.net](mailto:ic.brooke@virgin.net) or 0141 557 2553).**



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**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December                      Christmas Meal                      Social Evening**

**Organiser: Bobby ([bobby\\_robb@hotmail.com](mailto:bobby_robb@hotmail.com) or 0141 573 4781)**

After the enjoyable Glasgow Ramblers Christmas social event last year the Committee have decided to book the same venue for this year. Therefore, a Christmas meal has been booked at The Carlton George Hotel, 44 West George Street, Glasgow. The hotel is just off George Square and next to Queen Street Station. The table is booked for 7:30pm, currently for 15 people, but may possibly be increased if there is sufficient interest. Please meet at the restaurant on the 7th floor before 7.30 pm. Cost per person, including tip is £25. Please contact Bobby Robb if you wish to book a place. Payment must be paid, in full, by cheque to Bobby Robb on or before 31/10/2015.

**Menu: [www.carlton.nl/d/george/media/Windows\\_Christmas\\_Menu\\_copy.pdf](http://www.carlton.nl/d/george/media/Windows_Christmas_Menu_copy.pdf)**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December                      Flotterston Midlothian                      Full day                      B**

**Leader: John Mc ([squareloaf@talktalk.net](mailto:squareloaf@talktalk.net) or 01417730409)**

A 10 mile (16 km) circle walk in the Pentland Hills.

The walk starts at: NT 234631; OS Sheet 66.

Meet the leader at **8:30 am** outside **Partick Station**.

The recommended passenger contribution to driver: £10 (100 miles return trip at 10p per mile).

**Thursday 10th December                      The Drumchapel Way                      Half day                      C**

**Leader: Catherine ([catherine@cawatt.scot](mailto:catherine@cawatt.scot) [email preferred] or 07711268312).**

This is a circular walk of 5 to 5.6 miles (8 to 9 km) through the woodlands and meadows beyond Drumchapel. The woods that ring the Drum are part of a network of 14 woodlands in and around Glasgow known as the Commonwealth Woods, a legacy of the 2014 games. The walk passes through the Garscadden Burn Park, Garscadden East and West and Burn Park Woods and alongside the Cleddanns Burn.

The walk starts at NS 523704; OS Map 64.

Meet the leader outside **Partick Station** at **9:25 am** having purchased a return ticket to Drumchapel for the 9:33 am Balloch train. Alternatively, walkers can meet the leader at Drumchapel Station at 9:42 am.





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**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

**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 5:00pm on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> January.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

**River Clyde Walkway**

**Full day**

**C+**

**Leader: Gareth (gareth.morgan@southlanarkshire.gov.uk or 01415710394)**

This is an 11 mile (18 km) walk along the Clyde Walkway and Sustrans cycle route 75 from Blantyre train station to Dalmarnock train station. The walk will pass by David Livingstone Centre, Bothwell Castle and venues for Glasgow 2014.

The walk starts at: NS 692580; OS sheet 342 (Explorer).

Meet the leader at **9:00 am** at **Central Station**: outside M&S Simply Food. Walkers to purchase a return ticket to Blantyre for the 9:21 am Larkhall train (low level). Walkers can catch this train at Partick station at 9:10 am if they wish. We will catch a train from Dalmarnock station after the walk.

**Thursday 28th January**

**Arthur's Seat**

**Full day**

**C+**

**Leader: John Mc (squareloaf@talktalk.net or 01417730409)**

This 4 mile walk around Holyrood Park and Arthur's Seat with a steep ascent of 825 ft has good views over Edinburgh.

OS sheet 66.

Meet the leader at **9.30 am** at **Buchanan St Bus Station**: by the travel information board.

**Sunday 31 January**

**In the steps of Clan Carmichael**

**Half day**

**C+**

**Leader: Ian (ic.brooke@virgin.net or 01415572553)**

A 4.5 mile (7 km) walk in South Lanarkshire discovering the heritage of the Clan Carmichael. The walk is on estate roads, hill tracks and open hillside, with some climbing and one steep descent.

The walk starts at: NS 944399; OS sheet 72.

Meet the leader at **9:00 am** at **Partick Station**.

The passenger contribution to the driver is £7.60 (a round trip of 76 miles at 10p per mile).



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**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**Walk Leaders Meeting**

**Evening**

The meeting will be held at **The Unitarian Church Centre**, 72 Berkeley Street at **7:00pm for 7:30pm**. The purpose is to get together and plan the next programme. Any member who may 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 0141 221 3598 or email [info@glasgowramblers.org.uk](mailto:info@glasgowramblers.org.uk) for more details.**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

**Lochwinnoch and Parkhill Woods**

**Half day**

**C+**

**Leader: Catherine ([catherine@cawatt.scot](mailto:catherine@cawatt.scot) [email preferred] or 07711268312)**

This walk of approximately 5 miles (8 km) is a 2.5 to 3 hour loop from Lochwinnoch Station via the RSPB reserve to the Castle Semple Visitors' Centre where we'll have a coffee stop. Then along the side of the loch and through Parkhill Woods following the hill path, returning along the old railway line. The paths may be steep and muddy in places. The walk starts at: NS 360579; OS Map 63.

Meet at **Central station** outside M & S Simply Foods at **9:25 am** having purchased a return ticket to Lochwinnoch for the 9:34 am Ayr train. Walkers can meet the leader at Lochwinnoch station at 9:57 am.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**Mugdock Park**

**Full day**

**C+**

**Leader: Ian ([ic.brooke@virgin.net](mailto:ic.brooke@virgin.net) or 01415572553)**

This is a 10 mile (16 Km) walk on good paths and tracks through the country park and around the reservoirs. The walk starts at: NS 557 744; OS sheet 64.

Meet the walk leader at **9.15 am** at **Central Station:** outside M&S Simply Food for the 9.28 am direct train to Milngavie. Alternatively, meet at Milngavie Station at 10:00 am.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March**

**Blackford and Braid Hills**

**Full day**

**B**

**Leader: Barry ([luckydollar@btinternet.com](mailto:luckydollar@btinternet.com) or 01417722263 [emails preferred])**

A 6 mile (10 km) walk that will pass through Braidburn Valley Park and Hermitage of Braid, before climbing the steps to Blackford Hill (538 feet/164m). Weather permitting, we will have excellent views of Edinburgh Castle, Arthur's Seat and the Firth of Forth. We will pass the Royal Observatory and return down to the Braid Valley, then up the other side via Howe Dean. After skirting Braid Hills Golf Course, there will be an easy ascent to the Braid Hills (highest point Buckstone Snab 682 feet/208m). From there it is not far back to our starting point. The walk starts at: NT 242695; OS sheet 66.

Meet the leader at **9:00 am** outside **Partick Station**. The recommended passenger contribution to the driver is £10 (100 miles round trip at 10p per mile).

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**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**Committee Meeting**

**Evening**

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**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

**Pentlands Trio Circular**

**including the highest peak - Scald Law Full day B+**

**Leader: Bobby ([bobby\\_robb@hotmail.com](mailto:bobby_robb@hotmail.com) or 01415734781)**

This is an 8 mile (13 km) circular walk over the Pentland Hills of Scald Law, Carnethy Hill and Turnhouse Hill. Hill and glen paths and tracks, with some steep ascents and descents, and a minor road. It will take 4 -5 hours with a total ascent of 610 metres.

The walk starts from The Flotterston Inn Car Park (car parking free): NT 233631; Landranger map 66.

Meet the leader outside **Partick Station** at **9:00 am**. The recommended passenger contribution to driver: £10.40 (104 mile round trip at 10p per mile).

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**Great Cumbrae Island Adventure**

**Full Day B**

**Leader : James (07736-390887 or by email at [jfm6721@talktalk.net](mailto:jfm6721@talktalk.net)).**

An excursion into the "interior" of Great Cumbrae, taking in the highest point of the island at The Glaid Stone, then venturing across to picturesque Fintray Bay and Sheriff's Port, before finishing in Millport. Total distance covered 16km / 10 miles, and a total ascent of 200m / 600ft. Optional extension of 6km / 4 miles available from Millport back to the Cumbrae Slip ferry terminal for those feeling energetic, otherwise we shall go via the shuttle bus.

Meet in **Glasgow Central Station** outside M&S "Simply Food" at **9:30 am** having bought an off-peak return ticket for the 9:48 am Largs train (£9.30). The return ferry fare from Largs to Cumbrae Slip is £5.00, and a single fare on the bus from Millport to Cumbrae Slip is approx. £2.00.

**Thursday, 24th March**

**Edinburgh Botanic Gardens**

**Full day C**

**Leader: Catherine ([catherine@cawatt.scot](mailto:catherine@cawatt.scot) [email preferred] or 07711268312).**

Starting from Princes Street, it is a one mile walk to the Royal Botanic Gardens Edinburgh. The gardens were founded in the 17th Century and cover 70 acres of amazing variety. There are lots of nooks and crannies to explore including the Rock Garden, the Queen Mother's memorial garden, the Chinese Hillside and the famous glasshouses. There is an entrance charge for the Glasshouses - £5 (£4 concession) or £3, if there are more than eleven people. It depends on the weather but we will spend 3 to 4 hours in Edinburgh. The walk will finish at St Andrew's Bus Station.

Meet the leader at **Buchanan St Bus Station** at **9:20 am** to catch the **9:30 am** Edinburgh bus.





**All walkers must contact the leader by phone or email a few days in advance of a walk to confirm: the transport arrangements; walk details; where cars are needed for a walk, if you require or can offer a lift.**

**Up-to-date information on walks can be obtained from: [www.glasgowramblers.org.uk](http://www.glasgowramblers.org.uk) > walks programme > current walks programme.**

**Friday 29th April – Sunday 1st May                      Glasgow Ramblers Weekend**  
**Loch Ossian Youth Hostel – A Wilderness Experience**

If you would like to join the group for this walking weekend at Loch Ossian Youth Hostel, using the information below, please contact **Bobby Robb on 0141 573 4781 or [bobby\\_robbs@hotmail.com](mailto:bobby_robbs@hotmail.com)**. The hostel has been booked for the exclusive use of Glasgow Ramblers. Cost is £35.00 per person for two nights. The club has taken out a group membership with Scottish Youth Hostel Association to cover membership for all. Off peak return cost is £37.80. These details are based on Scotrail 2015 timetable. **29/4/2016** depart **Glasgow Queen Street** at **18.21** arrive Corroun 21.20.

**1/5/2016** depart **Corroun 18.25** arrive Glasgow Queen Street 21.20.

Updates will be put on the club website once 2016 details are known.

Please make your own train booking. At present you can only book train journeys 13 weeks in advance. Book on or after 29/1/2016. Make £35.00 cheque payments for accommodation to Bobby Robb before 15/2/2016.

It is planned to have a selection of walks graded A-C available over the weekend.

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April                                      Queenzieburn Circuit                                      Half day                      C+**  
**Leader: Barry ([luckydollar@btinternet.com](mailto:luckydollar@btinternet.com) [email enquiries preferred] or 01417722263).**

This 4 mile (6 km) walk from the edge of Kilsyth, 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 the weather is fine, we will detour 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.

The walk starts at: NS703778; OS sheet 64.

Meet at **Buchanan St Bus Station**: by the travel information board at **9:15 am** for the 9.30 am **Kilsyth Northfield bus** to Kilsyth (ask for stop on Glasgow Road before Laird's Hill Place. The leader will join the bus at Bishopbriggs).



# Summary of Walks

<b>Date</b>	<b>Walk or Event</b>	<b>Full/Half Day/Evening</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> November	The Hidden Heritage Trail	Full Day	B
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Allander River and Mugdock Estate	Full day	C+
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Devil's Cauldron and Melville Monument	Full Day	B+
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Mountain and Other Photography	Social Evening	
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Dalreoch to Cardross	Full day	C+
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Doune Trails	Full day	C+
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Glasgow Group AGM followed by a walk		
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	The Seven Lochs Trail	Full day	C
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Milngavie to Dalmuir	Full day	B
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Meal	Social Evening	
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Flotterston Midlothian	Full day	B
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup> December	The Drumchapel Way	Half day	C
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> December	The Greenock Cut	Full day	B
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Seafar Woods	Half day	C
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> January	East End Heritage Walk	Half day	C
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Fereneze Braes	Half day	B
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> January	North Strathclyde Area AGM and Members' Walk		
Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Duncolm top of the Kilpatricks from Cochno Road	Full day	B+
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Committee Meeting	Evening	
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	River Clyde Walkway	Full day	C+
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Arthur's Seat	Full day	C+
Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> January	In the steps of Clan Carmichael	Half day	C+
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Euroorando 2016 Walk The Magnificent Seven	Full Day	C+
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Samson Stone	Full Day	C
Sat 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Lang Craigs	Full day	B
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Walk Leaders Meeting	Evening	
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Lochwinnoch and Parkhill Woods	Half day	C+
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Mugdock Park	Full day	C+

<b>Date</b>	<b>Walk or Event</b>	<b>Full/Half Day/Evening</b>	<b>Grade</b>
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Blackford and Braid Hills	Full day	B
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Committee Meeting	Evening	
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Pentlands Trio Circular including the highest peak - Scald Law	Full day	B+
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Great Cumbrae Island Adventure	Full Day	B
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Edinburgh Botanic Gardens	Full day	C
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Neilston Pad and a little bit more	Half day	C
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Ben Donich	Full day	A
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Around Linlithgow	Full day	C+
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Ben Shee circuit	Half day	C+
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> April	The Cumbrae Wander	Full Day	C+
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Carbeth to Balloch over the Kilpatrick Hills	Full day	B+
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Approach to Historic Ayr	Full Day	C+
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> April – Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Glasgow Ramblers Weekend Loch Ossian Youth Hostel – A Wilderness Experience		
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Queenzieburn Circuit	Half day	C+

### **Preview of Next Programme:-**

Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Cruach Ardrain	Full day	A
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Exploring North Glasgow	Full day	C+



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**Several email addresses on the list of members of Glasgow Ramblers are out of date.**

**If you can provide an email address and are willing to have it forwarded to the Ramblers Association please contact Catherine: [info@glasgowramblers.org.uk](mailto:info@glasgowramblers.org.uk).**

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