

Glasgow Ramblers walks January to June 2024

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The system entries have been edited for clarity. All except two of the walks described can be accessed by public transport from Glasgow, details of which are provided.

06/01/2024

New Year Daunder to Dumbrock

- Circular
- Leisurely
- 8.5 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street to Milngavie and return.

An 8.5 mile stroll from Milngavie town centre up to the beautiful Dumbrock Loch, taking in the reservoirs at Milngavie, Drumclog Moor and Mugdock Loch. Good paths throughout, though may be very muddy in places. Some tarmac walking, particularly near the start.

Leader - Yvonne F.

18/01/2024

January stroll

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 5 miles
- From Cowcaddens Subway Station.

A leisurely walk from Cowcaddens Subway to Hillhead Subway via the Forth and Clyde Canal, Ruchill Park, North Kelvin Meadow and Children's Wood and the Kelvin Walkway. On a clear day there are great views over Glasgow from Ruchill Park flagpole. The paths are mainly tarmac or gravel, though the North Kelvin Meadow can be a little muddy. There are a number of steps - up to the canal at Spiers Wharf, up to Ruchill Park and down and up the Kelvin Walkway.

Leaders - Sandra W.; Andy W.

27/01/2024

John Muir Way - Craigendoran to Balloch

- Linear
- Moderate
- 7.0 miles
- By train from Queen Street Station to Helensburgh and return.

Helensburgh to Balloch is Part 1 of the John Muir way. We will start from the Craigendoran train stop in order to avoid the tedious two miles along the A818 Luss road out of Helensburgh. The route takes us into the hills and along the Stoneymollen (Coffin) Road then downhill into Balloch. On a clear day there are some lovely views looking back over to Helensburgh, Loch Lomond, Ben Lomond and beyond. The paths are good if a little uneven over some short distances along the way and one part could be muddy after wet weather.

Leader - Terry C.

03/02/2024

Semple Trail - Howwood to Lochwinnoch for weekend walkers

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 8.0 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central Station to Howwood train station, returning from Lochwinnoch station.

Discover the history and wildlife of Castle Semple Country Park. Leaving Howwood Train Station we follow the Black Cart Water towards Kenmure Hill, a short walk up a grassy hill and coffee with a view, hopefully. Retracing our steps

we pick up the Semple Trail stopping to explore the ruins of the Collegiate Church with its link to the Battle of Flodden, the remains of an elaborate 18th century water feature and a Grotto. The trail descends through Parkhill woods to Castle Semple Loch and a break for lunch close to the shore. We continue along and around the head of Loch Semple making our way to the RSPB Reserve (fee, optional donation). Walking through the nature reserve and along the new 400m boardwalk we reach the ruins of the previously inaccessible 16th Peel Tower. As we walk across the water, look out for Wigeon, Goldeneye and Grebes. Back to the shop/cafe at the RSPB centre it's a 5 minute walk to Lochwinnoch Railway Station.

Leader - Frances A.

07/02/2024

Semple Trail - Howwood to Lochwinnoch for weekday walkers

As above.

11/02/2024

Whinney Hill Woods

- Circular
- Moderate
- 8.0 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central Station to Balloch and return.

A circular route setting off from Balloch station. The walk is undulating with some steep climbs and combines parkland, woodland, water and meadow with good views along the length of Loch Lomond. If we have time we'll pop into the walled garden in Balloch Country Park near the end of the walk.

Leader - Yvonne F.

14/02/2024

Water of Leith: Balerno to Slateford

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 6.0 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street Station to Edinburgh Haymarket and bus to Balerno.

Follow in the footsteps of Robert Louis Stevenson as we walk along the tranquil banks of the Water of Leith. We start at the foot of the Pentlands in Balerno and walk past the Lennox Tower, Currie Kirk, Spylaw Park where we will have a picnic lunch stop, through the Colinton Tunnel and Redhall Walled Garden, finishing at the Water of Leith Visitor Centre via the Dells. With luck there should be snowdrops, dippers and perhaps the blue flash of a kingfisher. The trail is mostly on the former railway track so it's flat and with a good surface. The Dell can be muddy after heavy rain and there are a few wooden steps to negotiate.

Leader - Frances A.

17/02/2024

Stonemollan - Cardross to Balloch

- Circular
- Easy
- 6.0 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street to Cardross, returning from Balloch.

A six mile linear walk from Cardross on the banks of the River Clyde to Balloch on Loch Lomond via the Stonemollan Road. The route follows an ancient coffin road used by those living in Balloch to reach consecrated ground in Cardross to bury their dead. At the high point and on a clear day there are good views back over the River Clyde and to the north to Loch Lomond and the hills beyond. The trail then follows a pleasant route down to Balloch.

Leader - Annette B.

22/02/2024

Snowdrop Walk

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 5.0 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central Station to Kings Park, returning from Burnside Railway Station.

Come and see the glorious display of snowdrops in Castlemilk Park. This is an urban walk through a number of parks, starting with Kings Park then following part of the Magnificent 11 route up to Castlemilk Park to see the snowdrops. After a coffee break at the Jeely Piece Cafe the walk heads back to Overtoun Park then Stonelaw Wood to reach Burnside Station from where we will return to Glasgow Central.

Leader - Sandra W.

02/03/2024

Mugdock Meander

- Circular
- Leisurely
- 10.0 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street to Milngavie and return.

An approximately 10 mile circular walk on good paths and tracks, with some short-ish inclines, around Mugdock and Craigmaddie reservoirs and Mugdock Country Park.

Leader - Ian B.

08/03/2024

International Women's Day Walk

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 6.0 miles
- From George Square, returning on the subway from Govan.

March 8th is International Women's Day. To mark the day, this leisurely urban walk will take us round the four statues of women in the city of Glasgow. Yes that's right. Despite an abundance of statues across the city, only four are of women. Our walk will start in George Square at the statue of Queen Victoria and take us along the river past Dolores Ibarruri and on to Govan to Isabella Elder in Elder Park and Mary Barbour at the Govan Subway station where the walk will end. The route will showcase many other sights along the way including the nappy pin sculpture at Rottenrow Gardens, the new Govan to Partick bridge, which is currently being built, and Govan Old Church. We'll also stop for a coffee/tea break at the newly-redeveloped area around Barclays Bank on the south side of the river.

Leader - Yvonne F.

15/03/2024

Glasgow Murals Trail

- Circular
- Easy
- 3 miles
- From Glasgow Queen Street Station.

The walk will visit some of the beautiful murals on the Glasgow Murals Trail, mainly those in the city centre. Following the walk, the group can enjoy an afternoon tea at the Corinthian, Ingram Street.

Leader - Sandra W.

24/03/2024

Southside Dauner

- Circular
- Moderate
- 10.5 miles
- By bus or train from Glasgow City Centre to Queens Park, returning from Linn Park.

Join us for an urban wander through five Glasgow parks, visiting Queens Park, Cathkin Park, Ardmay Park, Kings Park and Linn Park. As well as a walk through some of Glasgow's green spaces there will be some history, some football and some wee hills. There are some good views over Glasgow. This is an undulating route on mainly good tarmac packs with the odd potentially muddy areas through woods.

Leaders - Sandra W.; Andy W.

06/04/2024

Largs Circular

- Circular
- Moderate
- 8.2 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central Station to Largs and return.

Join us on a circular walk up and over a number of hills behind Largs around Gogo Glen, with great views across the Clyde Estuary. Also including a couple of historical sites in the area. The walk starts with a stroll along the promenade, through some formal gardens followed by a short strenuous climb up a flight of steps to a viewpoint where we will stop for a snack. The rest of the outward section of the walk is undulating with a couple of steep sections. It goes over Jock's Castle, Rigging Hill and Paton Hill. Underfoot is typical peat based grass which in a number of places is very boggy and squelchy. We will have lunch on one of the hill tops. The inward section of the walk is on Forestry Commission access roads and gravel tracks. The final snack stop will be at Greeto Bridge before we head up the last hill of the day, Auchenmaide Craigs. This hill track also has a number of steps. From there we will descend back down into Largs.

Leaders - Sandra W.; Andy W.

13/04/2024

Kirkintilloch to Croy - Antonine Wall

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 7.5 miles
- Bus from Glasgow Buchanan St Bus Station to Kirkintilloch, returning by train from Croy to Queen Street Station.

We will walk along a section of the John Muir Way from Kirkintilloch to Croy, taking in the spectacular views from Bar Hill and Croy Hill. The route starts on the towpath of the Forth & Clyde canal in Kirkintilloch. Escaping the town heading east, you are quickly enjoying the company of wild fowl and the expanse of Campsie Hills to the north. Expect short steep climbs at Bar Hill and then further along when we reach Croy Hill. Both hills overlook the Antonine Wall and Glasgow's tower blocks are visible in good weather. Bar Hill has some remains of the well and bath house which were part of its Roman hill fort. On a good day it's the perfect spot for lunch. The last mile takes us down to Croy train station.

Leader - Terry C.

17/04/2024

Atholl Woods, Dunkeld – for weekday walkers

- Circular
- Moderate
- 10.0 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street to Dunkeld and return.

A 10 mile walk along forest paths with good views.

Leader - John M.

20/04/2024

Atholl Woods, Dunkeld – for weekend walkers

As above.

24/04/2024

West Highland Way, Blanefield Railway and Mugdock Country Park

- Circular
- Moderate
- 12.5 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street Railway Station to Milngavie and return.

A moderately challenging walk, starting and finishing in Milngavie. We follow the West Highland Way to Carbeth. At Carbeth we leave the trail and divert towards Blanefield along the historic railway path, at Blanefield we pick up the John Muir Way before making our way through the Plantation and into Mugdock Country Park. We return to Milngavie train station via the reservoirs.

Leader - Frances A.

27/04/2024

Clyde and Mouse Valley and the Royal Burgh of Lanark

- Circular
- Moderate
- 6.2 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central to Lanark and return.

Exploring the Clyde Valley around Lanark and New Lanark, and a walk along the Mouse Water. Walking along footpaths, tracks and the River Clyde Walkway long distance route and involving a number of steep ascents and descents.

Leader - Gareth M.

04/05/2024

Summertime in Chatelherault Country Park

- Circular
- Moderate
- 10.0 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central Station to Hamilton Central, returning from Chatelherault station.

This is a figure-of-eight walk. We will leave from Hamilton Central train station and walk through part of the town and residential area before we arrive in Chatelherault Country Park. Our first stop will be the Duke's Monument built in memory of William the 11th Duke of Hamilton. We then walk on to the ruins of Catzow Castle and from here cross Dukes Bridge to get up to the visitors centre. From there we walk to Green Bridge where we cross the Avon River for our coffee stop. There is quite an ascent from here as we move onwards. The route takes us back down, crossing the Dukes Bridge again to the visitors centre where we will stop for lunch. There will be time to have a look around the beautiful Chatelherault Hunting Lodge, enjoying the great view from here. From here we walk down to the Old Avon Bridge then along the banks of the Avon River. There are about 200 steps to ascend on this part of the walk which take us back up to the visitors centre where the walk will end. Chaterherault train station is a few minutes from the visitors centre.

Leaders - Don B.; Terry C.

11/05/2024

Kincardine to Culross to Preston Island then return to Culross

- Circular
- Moderate
- 9.0 miles
- By bus from Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station to Kincardine, returning from Culross to Kincardine and then back to Glasgow.

The walk begins on Kincardine High Street and follows primarily tarmac paths for about four miles to Culross where we will stop for a picnic lunch before completing the approximately five miles Preston Island Circuit. If time allows we will have refreshments at the community owned Red Lion pub in Culross before returning by the hourly No 8a bus to Kincardine for the return bus to Glasgow.

Leader - Carol O.

15/05/2024

The Complete Falls of Clyde Circuit (shorter walk option)

- Circular
- Moderate
- 7.0 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central to Lanark and return (bus option from New Lanark to Lanark Station).

Beginning at Lanark Railway Station, the walk leads to UNESCO listed New Lanark on tarmac paths, then follows the River Clyde upstream to view the stunning waterfalls - Dundaff Linn, Corra Linn and Bonnington Linn. After crossing at Bonnington Linn, the path winds downstream through woodlands offering beautiful views of the Falls and New Lanark. The return crosses the river at Kirkfieldbank, passes through Castlebank Park and concludes at New Lanark Visitor Centre. The walk does involve some steep climbs up and down steps on mostly well maintained paths with some potentially muddy areas and uneven terrain.

Leaders - Marjory A.; Louise W.; Terry C.

18/05/2024

Ayrshire Coastal Path - Turnberry to Dunure

- Linear
- Moderate
- 10.0 miles
- By bus from Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station to Ayr and then Turnberry, returning by bus from Dunure to Ayr and then back to Glasgow.

A big day on the Ayrshire Coastal Path, as we walk the 10 miles from Turnberry Golf Course via the harbour at Maidens and the grounds of Culzean Castle to finish at the picturesque village of Dunure. The walk is on beach, rocky foreshore, tracks, field paths and pavements, with one steady climb of approximately 10 minutes.

Leader - Ian B.

25/05/2024

Car sharing walk - Two reservoirs and a hill - Burncrooks and the Whangie

- Circular
- Moderate
- 9.2 miles
- By car to Edenmill Farm Shop car park, setting off from Morrisons Car Park, Partick.

The walk starts at the car park at Edenmill Farm Shop. The path heads steadily upwards for about two miles to Kilmannan Reservoir where there will be a snack stop. From there the walk joins part of the John Muir Way and meanders on an undulating path around Burncrooks Reservoir. After a further three miles there will be a lunch break at the end of the reservoir. After lunch the walk will head up the hill following the tree line up and across to the Whangie, then around the rock formation and back up to the trig point on Auchineden Hill. There will be time for another snack if required. From here it's back down to the reservoir before returning to the Edenmill Farm Shop for a well deserved coffee and possibly a cake? While most of this walk is on Forestry Commission roads and tracks, the hill section is often muddy.

Leaders - Sandra W.; Andy W.

01/06/2024

Forth and Clyde Canal

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 7.5 miles
- Starting from Glasgow Buchanan Street Bus Station.

A linear walk, starting from the city centre and crossing the M8 motorway by the new bridge to Pinkston Basin. We will then continue on the canal footpath to Lock 27 at Anniesland. Along the way we will see a several developments that have brought significant transformation to a number of areas along the Forth & Clyde canal. The first of these is the on-going regeneration of the Sighthill area. Then further along we will pass the entrance to the Claypits development at Hamiltonhill as well as the huge on-going development at Stockingfield Junction where we will see the new bridge and various art installations including Bella the Beithir. Alongside all these new developments we

will also see some of the incredible engineering that still remains from the time the canal was first built in the 18th century.

Leader - Terry C.

05/06/2024

Cambuslang to Blantyre via Clyde Walkway

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 8.0 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central Station to Cambuslang, returning from Blantyre.

A quiet leafy stretch of the Clyde Walkway with several bridges to cross. Mostly level with one short sharp incline. Starting at Cambuslang Railway Station we walk downhill to the Clyde and follow the river for a mile or so before leaving the riverbank and entering woodland. Returning eventually to the river close to Uddingston, Bothwell Castle appears above us - an ideal lunch spot. Our end point on the Walk Way is the David Livingstone Centre where there is a cafe and toilets.

Leader - Frances A.

08/06/2024

John Muir Way - Final Stage

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 8.0 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street to Edinburgh Waverley and then East Linton, returning by bus or train from Dunbar to Edinburgh for the train back to Glasgow.

Starting from the picturesque village of East Linton with its 17th Century working mill, the route will take us about seven miles to Dunbar. It will be a varied walk, skirting along fields, a river, woods and a beach before the spectacular cliffs of Dunbar herald the end of the walk. There is a good chance of seeing deer in the fields with an outside chance of a kestrel, kingfisher or buzzard making an appearance in the skies.

Leader - Terry C.

15/06/2024

Bowling to Balloch via Dumbarton

- Linear
- Moderate
- 10.0 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street Station to Bowling, returning from Balloch.

The walk is a distance of 10 miles on mostly flat tarmac paths. The first section will be walking along the Clyde cyclepath then, after stopping for lunch at a suitable spot in Dumbarton town centre, we will continue alongside the river Leven to Balloch.

Leader - Carol O.

19/06/2024

Mary Queen of Scots Trail, Part 1

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 6.5 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central Station to Mossbank, returning by bus or train from Queens Park.

Walk in the footsteps of Mary Queen of Scots and find out more about her dramatic and tragic life. Starting at Mossbank train station we will walk beside the White Cart Water to Crookston Castle, built by the Darnley family, the most famous of whom was Henry Darnley, second husband of Mary Queen of Scots. There will be time to explore the castle which is remarkably well preserved. We rejoin the river and walk towards Queens Park via Pollok Park and Crossmyloaf. Our lunch stop, and the end of the walk, will be near the Queens Park Glasshouse overlooking the Battlefield Monument.

Leaders - Frances A with Catherine Vost, historian with expert knowledge of Mary Queen of Scots.

29/06/2024

A figure of eight around and over The Lomonds, Fife

- Circular
- Moderate
- 11 miles
- By car to Falkland, setting off from Morrisons Car Park, Partick.

Explore the Lomond Hills Regional Park, starting from the picturesque village of Falkland. This is a moderate walk, however there are two steep ascents and descents of West and East Lomond. There are fabulous views from the top of both hills. The walk follows the Mapsie Burn up to Mapsie Den then to Craigmead Car Park for a snack. The next stage is the circuit up West Lomond Hill, round and back to the car park for lunch. The final stage, with the option of a short detour to see a limekiln, is up to East Lomond. From there back down to Falkland, where weather, legs and driver permitting, some time can be spent exploring the village.

Leaders - Sandra W.; Andy W.