

Glasgow Ramblers walks July to December 2024

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

06/07/2024

Magnificent 11 - 2nd anniversary

- Circular
- Moderate
- 11 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central to Muirend and return – walk starts around 10 minutes walk from Muirend station.

A round of the Magnificent 11, two years on from its successful launch event on Cathkin Braes. Expect 11 miles with steep climbs, cracking views, woodland and waterfalls, rolling hills and urban streets and the best of the South Side's parks.

Leader - Yvonne F.

11/07/2024

Bealach route Killiecrankie Pitlochry

- Circular
- Strenuous
- 11 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street and return. (Note – buses also go directly from Glasgow Buchanan Street to Pitlochry.)

Climbing onto the open moorland above Pitlochry to cross the Bealach na Searmoin, offering great views, to reach Killiecrankie. The return walk is down into the gorge, past the Soldier's Leap and along a stretch of the River Garry and Loch Faskally.

Leader - John M.

13/07/2024

Bridge of Allan circular including Dumyat and Yellow Craig

- Circular
- Moderate
- 9 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street to Bridge of Allan and return.

A fairly challenging climb up from Bridge of Allan to the dominant hill, Dumyat, which provides (weather permitting) superb views of the surrounding area. On the way down from the top we will take a path leading off to the left over grassy slopes and into woodland round to Yellow Craig where there are also good views. We keep descending through woodland until we reach a burn which we need to cross by stepping stones. This brings us to a minor road which we follow uphill for a short distance before re-entering woodland above University of Stirling Campus. We then make our way down to the university perimeter wall and along footpaths back to Bridge of Allan. There are several steep sections up and down; the terrain is very uneven in parts as you would expect on hills and woodland.

Leader - Judith A.

19/07/2024

West Kilbride and Seamill circular

- Circular
- Leisurely
- 5 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central Station to West Kilbride via Kilwinning and return.

An easy circular walk starting at West Kilbride station, through Kirktonhall Glen and on to a section of the Ayrshire coastal path before a wee uphill climb and an undulating stretch through rolling farmland. (Walk organised to coincide with the Glasgow Ramblers summer lunch in Seamill.)

Leader - Yvonne F.

20/07/2024

Largs Circular

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

A circular walk up and over a number of hills behind Largs around Gogo Glen with great views across the Clyde Estuary and also including a couple of historical sites in the area. The walk starts with a stroll along the promenade, followed by a short strenuous climb up a hill and a flight of steps to a viewpoint. The rest of the outward section is undulating with a couple of steep sections – going 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. The inward section of the walk is on Forestry Commission access roads and gravel tracks before heading up the last hill of the day, Auchenmaid Craig, then descending back down into Largs.

Leaders - Sandra W.; Andy W.

04/08/2024

Ayrshire Coastal Path - Lendalfoot to Turnberry

- Linear
- Moderate
- 11 miles
- By car to Lendalfoot, returning from Turnberry and so requiring car sharing / swapping.

A full day out on the Ayrshire Coastal Path from Lendalfoot to Turnberry via Girvan on paths, pavement, rocky and sandy shoreline and hillside tracks. This walk, though only featuring one shortish ascent, is challenging in places due to rocky stretches of shoreline. The tide will dictate how long these stretches are.

Leader - Ian B.

10/08/2024

Two cuts, a hill and plenty of views - Dunrod Hill, Greenock and Kelly Cuts

- Linear
- Moderate
- 11 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central to Drumfochar, returning from Wemyss Bay.

A walk with fabulous views of the Clyde Estuary, following the aqueducts from Drumfochar to Wemyss Bay. The first stage follows the Greenock Cut and then cuts off to go up Dunrod Hill and down to the Greenock Cut Visitor Centre. The second stage is along the Kelly Cut up to the Kelly reservoir and then down the Kelly Glen and into Wemyss Bay. The Greenock Cut is on good paths, across to Dunrod Hill can be boggy especially after any rain, the Kelly Cut is not as well maintained so can also be muddy; there are a couple stiles and a number of streams to cross.

Leaders - Sandra W.; Andy W.

17/08/2024

The Devil's Beeftub - Moffat

- Circular
- Strenuous
- 14 miles
- By bus from Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station to Moffat and return (get off at the car park at the southern end of Moffat; the return bus can be caught in the centre of Moffat).

Following the Annandale Way we start from the car park at the southern end of Moffat following the River Annan northwards for a mile or so before joining a quiet road. The road peters out and we begin our ascent proper, crossing the A701. A short wooded path then leads to a climb up the western flanks of Ericstane Hill before dropping down and following the A701 for a very short distance until we start our serious ascent up towards the trig point on Annandale Hill. We then follow an undulating route eastwards before starting to descend along the waters of the Tweedhope Burn. At Ericstane we walk along a long section of quiet road, rejoining our original route just north of Bridgend. The middle section has a number of steep ascents, the reward, with luck, is tremendous views into the Beef Tub and across to Skiddaw in the Northern Lakes. Some of the descents are also quite steep.

Leader - Frances A.

24/08/2024

West Island Way - Rothesay to Kilchattan

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 8 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central to Wemys Bay then ferry to Rothesay and return – with a bus back to Rothesay from Kilchattan at the end of the walk.

Starting from Rothesay we will follow the West Island Way to the southern tip of the island. This is a mostly flat walk with gentle undulating parts on a variety of good surfaces, crossing a farmer's field and skirting along the shoreline for a bit.

Leader - Terry C.

31/08/2024

Glencoe Ski Resort to Bridge of Orchy (note this walk was amended to a shorter section of the West Highland way on the day due to transport issues)

- Linear
- Moderate
- 11.5 miles
- Bus from Glasgow Buchanan Street Bus Station to Glencoe Ski Resort, returning from Bridge of Orchy.

From the bus stop we make our way up to the Glencoe Ski Resort then head back downhill to join the West Highland Way heading south, picking up parts of the historic drover road crossing the expansive and exposed Rannoch Moor. In fine weather it's a place of beauty but can be wild and forbidding in foul weather. On the way to Inveroran we cross several bridges including Ba Bridge and Victoria Bridge. Leaving Inveroran we head uphill and possibly make a short detour to visit a cairn which offers superb views. From there we are walking mostly downhill on a zigzag path, Bridge of Orchy coming into view with the two mighty Munros (Beinn Odhar and Beinn Dorain) backdropping the village. Note that there is a fairly steep ascent from Inveroran to the cairn at the summit of the hill. This section of the WHW is mostly on fairly wide paths but can be uneven underfoot and a bit slippery in wet weather.

Leader - Margaret D.

07/09/2024

Gryffe Valley Way - three options

- Linear
- Moderate
- 11, 14.5 or 18 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central to Drumfrochar, returning by the X7 bus to Buchanan Bus Station (all options).

The Gryffe Valley Way is a 21 mile route from the Visitor Centre at the Greenock Cut to the Sports Centre in Linwood. Join us to walk part of this route. All options will start from Drumfrochar Station: option 1 is 11 miles to Kilmacolm; option 2 is 14.5 miles to Bridge of Weir; option 3 is 18 miles to Craigends. Full details of the walk can be found here <https://www.rotary-ribi.org/clubs/page.php?PglD=860660&ClubID=1803>. For this walk, the first stage from Drumfrochar Station will join part of the Greenock Cut circular route up to Loch Thom, across to the Gryffe Reservoirs, then follow quiet roads and cycle paths to Kilmacolm. The next stage will continue through some woods back to the cycle path to Bridge of Weir. The final stage follows the river through woods past the Craigends yew to Craigends.

Leaders - Sandra W.; Andy W.

[NOTE – 20-23/09/24 – Aviemore weekend away. Details of walks omitted, but they comprised: Rothiemurchus Forest and Iron Bridge; Aviemore Orbital; Craigellachie; Loch Garten and the Speyside Way; Lairig Ghru; The Ryvoan Pass Glenmore to Nethy Bridge; Feshie Bridge; Loch Morlich Circular; Aviemore to Kincaig on the Speyside Way; Loch an Eilein and Loch Gamhna.]

26/09/2024

Kilsyth Circular - for weekday walkers

- Circular
- Moderate
- 8 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street to Croy and return.

A circular walk starting at Croy, visiting Colzium House and following paths through woodland and along the Forth and Clyde Canal.

Leader - John M.

28/09/2024

Rescheduled Glencoe Ski Resort to Bridge of Orchy

See 31/08/2024 for details.

29/09/2024

Kilsyth Circular - for weekend walkers

See 26/09/2024 for details.

10/10/2024

A version of the Commonwealth Walkway - Part One - for weekday walkers

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 8 miles
- Starting in Glasgow City centre

The Commonwealth Walkway is a route around Glasgow, connecting 35 of the city's main highlights in one walk. The Walkway, created by The Outdoor Trust, starts at City Chambers in George Square, with further key waypoints on the route including the cathedral, canal, Kelvin River, Botanical Gardens, Riverside Museum, House for an Art Lover, Pollok Park, Queen's Park and the Commonwealth Games venues to the east of the city, including the Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome. It is an urban walk mainly on pavements and tarmac paths. Part One starts in George Square, goes up through Strathclyde University to Glasgow Cathedral, then over the rusty bridge to Sighthill and Pinkston Basin, then along the Forth and Clyde Canal and the Kelvin Walkway to Kelvingrove Park. The final stage goes down to the River Clyde at the Riverside Museum and across the new bridge to Govan.

Leaders - Sandra W.; Andy W.

13/10/2024

A version of the Commonwealth Walkway - Part One - for weekend walkers

See 10/10/2024 for details.

26/10/2024

Rosneath Peninsula from Kilcreggan

- Circular
- Leisurely
- 8 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central to Gourock then ferry to Kilcreggan and return.

A walk on the Rosneath Peninsula, starting from Kilcreggan and climbing on forest tracks to extensive views at 202 metres high from Cloch MacKenny before dropping down to Gare Loch and following shoreline paths along the Firth of Clyde.

Leader - Ian B.

02/11/2024

Millport - Isle of Cumbrae

- Circular
- Moderate
- 9 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central to Largs, then ferry to Great Cumbrae and return.

A scenic walk along the quiet country roads of Great Cumbrae - on a good day there are great views across the Firth of Clyde to Bute and Arran. The surface will be tarmac throughout, heading first to Fintry Bay then on to Millport. The next part of the takes us on a steady climb over a hill which descends to the ferry terminal where the walk finishes.

Leader - Don B.

09/11/2024

Carluke to Hamilton via the Clyde Walkway and RSPB Baron's Haugh Reserve

- Linear
- Moderate
- 11 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central to Carluke, returning from Hamilton Central.

A linear walk on paths, minor roads, the River Clyde Walkway and RSPB's Baron's Haugh Reserve – and including some descents, ascents and potentially slippery sections.

Leader - Gareth M.

16/11/2024

Post Glasgow Ramblers AGM Walk - Over the new Govan to Partick bridge and along the River Kelvin

- Circular
- Leisurely
- 6 miles
- Subway or bus to Govan

A circular walk from the Pearce Institute, where the Group AGM was held, and starting by crossing the new Clyde destrian / cycle bridge which links Govan's Water Row with Partick's Pointhouse Quay and Riverside Museum. Then walking to Kelvinhall and following the River Kelvin below the University of Glasgow, through Kelvingrove Park and along the walkway past the Botanic to the Arboretum. At that point we will cross the river and return via the Arboretum, Botanic, Byres Road, the new University of Glasgow campus on the Western Infirmary site and finally back to Kelvinhall and the bridge to Govan. The walk is all on pavements or tarmac paths and largely flat.

Leader - Helen S.

22/11/2024

Cathcart to Carmunnock and coffee - for weekday walkers

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 5 miles
- Train from Glasgow Central to Cathcart, returning from Carmunnock by bus.

A linear walk from Cathcart train station to Carmunnock on undulating paths in open countryside and taking in sections of the Magnificent 11 in reverse. The walk also includes a stroll through Linn Cemetery and Linn Park. Carmunnock, where the walk finishes, is Glasgow's only remaining identifiable village and is a pretty conservation area. Some of the terrain could be wet, slippery and/or boggy. There are stretches of ascent and descent including steps to negotiate. There are also a couple of stiles to cross and a busy main road at one point where care is required,

Leader - Yvonne F.

30/11/2024

St Andrew's Day at The Kelpies - lit up

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 8.5 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street to Falkirk High, returning from Falkirk Grahamston.

Celebrate St Andrew's Day walking along the Union Canal to the Falkirk Wheel and then the Forth and Clyde Canal to the Kelpies - 30 metre high steel horses' heads which in previous years have been lit up blue. The short (two mile) towpath walk from Falkirk High Station to the Wheel includes going through the 180m Roughcastle Tunnel (lights and a handrail) beneath the Antonine Wall. Another four miles along the Forth and Clyde Canal towpath brings us to the Kelpies. Some of this stretch is quite industrial. The last section is a flat two mile walk back through Helix Park and Falkirk with good street lighting to Falkirk Grahamston station.

Leader - Frances A.

05/12/2024

A version of the Commonwealth Walkway - Part Two - for weekday walkers

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 7 miles
- By subway or bus to Govan Subway Station, returning by bus from Pollokshaws Road or train from Crossmyloof.

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Leaders - Sandra W.; Andy W.

07/12/2024

Kilmardinny Loch...a walk before the Christmas Lunch

- Circular
- Easy
- 4 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street and return.

A circular walk, starting and finishing in Milngavie and taking in Kilmardinny Loch. Although there are short sections on residential streets, there are also lovely long sections in the area's green spaces.

Leader - Yvonne F.

08/12/2024

A version of the Commonwealth Walkway - Part Two - for weekend walkers

See 05/12/2024 for details.

14/12/2024

Strathclyde Country Park Loch Loop (aka blue route)

- Circular
- Leisurely
- 4 miles
- By X11 First Bus (Motherwell service) from Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station to the bus stop near the Airbles Street (Strathclyde Road) entrance. Alternatively, by train from Glasgow Central to Motherwell plus a one mile walk along Hamilton Road to the start point.

A leisurely walk around Strathclyde Country Park loch plus coffee if people wish to do so, beginning at the main entrance on Airbles Road, Motherwell ML1 3ED.

Leader - Carol O.

21/12/2024

Cathcart to Carmunnock and coffee - for weekday walkers

See 22/11/2024 for details.

28/12/2024

A post Xmas Saturday morning at the Milngavie reservoirs

- Circular
- Easy
- 4.5 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street to Milngavie and return.

A chance to walk off a wee bit of the Xmas pudding and perhaps get some clear views over Glasgow on a four-and-a-half mile ramble up from Milngavie Station and around the two reservoirs. We will end with the option of a Milngavie cafe visit. The walk is all hard surfaced paths or tarmac, with one section which is often muddy. It is mostly completely flat, apart from the fairly gentle uphill / downhill section between the station and the reservoirs.

Leader - Helen S.