

Glasgow Ramblers walks May to December 2023*

These details were exported from the Ramblers Walks Manager system which can be accessed by all Walk Leaders.

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

17/05/2023

Dunfermline (Abbey Pittencrief Park and Limekilns)

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 7 miles
- By Stagecoach X27 bus from Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station, returning via local bus to Dunfermline Bus Station and then back to Glasgow.

A visit to historic Dunfermline which is Scotland's newest city. Starting with a 2 mile circuit of the attractive Pittencrief Park where we will have a picnic lunch in the Italian garden (or the adjacent Peacock cafe if you prefer. Toilet stop). The park has a number of points of interest including Malcolm Canmore's Tower which we can explore. You may see the free roaming peacocks. Then time to explore the adjacent Dunfermline Abbey where several medieval Scottish kings and queens are buried, including Saint Margaret, before a 3 mile walk through neighbouring countryside to the pretty coastal village of Limekilns. As Dunfermline is quite hilly the maximum ascent is 374 feet but most of the walk is on flat tarmac or gravel paths.

Leader - Carol O.

20/05/2023

Neilston Circular - a Pad around the Pad and a wee bit further

- Circular
- Moderate
- 9.5 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central to Neilston and return.

This is a circular walk starting from Neilston Station along the road to the Pad. From here we will be walking on a mixture of gravel paths, grass, minor roads and a potentially boggy area depending on recent weather. The walk goes up and over the Pad, along to Harelaw Loch, round the loch (this is the area that can be boggy) across and up to James' Hill. We will partially retrace our steps back down to Long Loch, then the opposite side of Harelaw Loch to return to the minor road that leads back to the Pad. There is a cafe at Harelaw Loch. There are views across East Renfrewshire from both the Pad and James' Hill.

Leader - Sandra W.

27/05/2023

Bridge of Allan and Dunblane riverside walk

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 7 miles
- Train from Glasgow to Bridge of Allan, returning from Dunblane.

This is a seven-mile walk starting in Bridge of Allan and finishing in Dunblane. It takes in the Darn Walk from Bridge of Allan to Dunblane along the banks of the River Allan and then we do a loop from Dunblane to Ashfield and back. Some of this walk is on narrow paths along the side of the river. It is quite steep in one section.

Leader - Yvonne F.

* From 2021 until May 2023, walks were entered on a different online system, so the details cannot now be accessed. Until 2020, walks details were available via PDF documents, produced twice yearly.

03/06/2023

Campsie Fells

- Linear
- Moderate
- 7 miles
- Bus from Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station to Clachan of Campsie and back from Queenzieburn

Clachan of Campsie to Queenzieburn via the Campsie ridge, Cort-ma Law and Birkenburn Reservoir. Walking mainly on hill paths and tracks with rough terrain at times.

Leader - Gareth M.

07/06/2023

Dog Friendly walk around Pollok Park

- Circular
- Leisurely
- 3 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central Station to Pollokshaws West and return, there are also regular buses from the city centre 57/57A and McGills number 3, stopping across the road from the Pollokshaws entrance.

A leisurely circular stroll around Pollok Park starting in the Riverside car park and finishing at the dog friendly cafe beside Pollok House. We will include the Rhododendron Walk which should be at its best.

Leader - Frances A.

10/06/2023

Ayrshire Coastal Path - Dunure to Ayr

- Linear
- Moderate
- 8 miles.0156859
- By train from Glasgow Central to Ayr then bus to Dunure and train back from Ayr station.

An 8-mile walk from Dunure back to Ayr on the Ayrshire Coastal Path. Expect pebbly beach, rocky foreshore, field-walking, disused railway line and promenade, plus one short sharp climb. If the weather is favourable there should be spectacular views to Ailsa Craig Arran and the north Ayrshire coast, plus there are two castles to visit at Dunure and Greenan.

Leader - Ian B.

17/06/2023

Never Mind the Bannocks

- Circular
- Moderate
- 6 miles
- By bus from Glasgow Buchanan Bus station to Whins of Milton and return.

Starting from the National Trust for Scotland's Battle of Bannockburn Centre, we will follow the Bannock Burn, view the Bannockburn Falls, visit the village of Bannockburn and pass the site where it is believed the Battle of Bannockburn took place in 1314. Our route will take us across a footbridge at Milton Ford, used by every army heading north from Roman to Jacobite times, over the 15th century Spittal's Bridge and under the railway at the Thunder Bridge. Other features will include the impressive Telford's Bridge, the Yellow Hill and St. Ninian's. When we arrive back at the Battle of Bannockburn Centre, walkers can choose to visit the exhibition (charge for non-members of NTS) and/or have lunch at the café.

Leader - Barry P.

21/06/2023

Lochwinnoch walk

- Linear
- By train from Glasgow Central to Lochwinnoch and back from Howwood.
- Leisurely
- 5 miles

A leisurely lochside and woodland walk from Lochwinnoch Railway Station to Howwood. The walk is about 5 miles with lots of views, wildlife and places of historic interest. Walking surfaces are generally good except perhaps after heavy rain. Most of the walk is on the level but there is one short steepish, but optional climb up to the Temple. There are toilets at the Lochwinnoch Visitors Centre where we'll have a first stop. At the end we will have lunch at the Boarding House, an 18th century coach house.

Leader - Alan W.

24/06/2023

Culross to Limekilns Pier

- Linear
- Easy
- 8 miles
- By bus from Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station to Culross via Kincardine and back from Limekilns via Dunfermline.

Starting on the pier opposite Culross Palace we will follow a section of the Fife Coastal Path which in turn follows Sustrans Cycle Route 76. The walk is mostly on tarmac paths though if the tide is out there may be an opportunity to walk on beaches at Torryburn and Limekilns. There will be short sections of uphill or downhill paths (maximum 314 feet) and also some steps. There is a section through the woodland of Torry Bay Local Nature Reserve. On reaching Crombie Point we must divert onto local roads. The route is scenic but very noisy as we walk alongside a busy main road through Crombie village. We will stop for a picnic lunch at picturesque Torryburn beach.

Leader - Carol O.

28/06/2023

Queen's Park

- Circular
- Leisurely
- 2.5 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central to Queens Park Station and return.

We will enter the park at Balvicar Street, walking between the boating pond and the duck pond. After passing Camphill House built in 1798 by Robert Thomson, cotton manufacturer, used as a museum from the 1890s until the 1980s, now flats, we will explore the Scottish Poetry Rose Garden. Opposite the glasshouse (unfortunately closed in the evenings) we can view the Langside Monument, commemorating the Battle of Langside in 1568, which was Mary Queen of Scots last attempt to regain the throne. Our route will then take us across the hillside, over the site of an Iron Age camp to the flagpole at the summit, from where (weather permitting) there will be spectacular views. We will then head down the formal steps at the grand avenue, before leaving the park at Victoria Road.

Leader - Barry P.

01/07/2023

Magnificent 11 anniversary walk

- Circular
- Moderate
- 11 miles
- The start, at the gates to Linn Park on Clarkston Road, is on the No 4 and No 6 bus routes from Glasgow city centre and Muirend railway station is nearby. There are several points to catch transport back to the city centre if you don't wish to do the whole 11 miles.

A round of the Magnificent 11 a year on from its very successful June 2022 launch event. The walk route and description can be found here <https://www.glasgowramblers.org.uk/mag11>. There are grand views, lovely parks and woodland; sections of the walk, especially Part 4 can be muddy after rain.

Leader - Alan W.

08/07/2023

Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park - part Greenock Cut, Dunrod and Hillside Hills and Loch Thom

- Circular
- Moderate
- 12 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central Station to Drumfochar Station and back.

Exploring part of the regional park from Drumfochar Station up to Overton to join the Greenock Cut, then following the cut round to the old IBM site. At this stage there are great views of the Firth of Clyde across to Arrochar Alps and Ben Lomond, Cowal Peninsula and down to Arran. Next the walk heads into the hills, up to a disused auxiliary reservoir around the slopes of Cauldron Hill, up to the trig point on Dunrod Hill then across to the cairn on Hillside Hill. Again there are excellent views across the Thom and Gryffe Reservoirs and across Daff Reservoir and the Kelly Cut towards Wemyss Bay and Arran. From the hills the walk goes down to the Greenock Cut Visitor Centre and circumnavigates Loch Thom, then rejoins the Waterman's Road and heads back down to Overton and from there to Dumfochar Station. The paths are a mix of short sharp uphill pavement up to the Cut; level gravel along the Cut; undulating and rutted grass and potentially boggy on the hills steep in some places; minor roads around Loch Thom; then joining an uneven gravel and hardcore track with some added potholes to return to Overton. There are a few stiles and burns to cross.

Leader - Sandra W.

13/07/2023

Walk the length of the Union Canal Part 1

- Linear
- Moderate
- 9.5 miles
- Train from Glasgow Queen Street Station to Falkirk High, returning from Linlithgow Train Station

This is the first of three walks that will take us along the Union Canal that runs for 31 miles from Falkirk to Fountainbridge in Edinburgh. This first section is a level walk from Falkirk High Station to Linlithgow, taking us through a long, occasionally drippy, tunnel, once used by Burke and Hare, and across the Avon viaduct. The single file tunnel footpath is uneven, slippery in places and requires care - there is a rail so it's quite safe! Linlithgow is famous for its Palace, birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots.

Leader - Frances A.

15/07/2023

Strathblane Circular via Pipe Path, Glengoyne Distillery & West Highland Way

- Circular
- Leisurely
- 8 miles
- By bus from Glasgow Buchanan Street Bus Station to Strathblane - this bus calls in to Milngavie railway station so can also be caught there (trains from Glasgow Queen Street), returning the same way.

The walk will start at the war memorial in Blanefield below St Kessog church. We shall walk along Campsie Dene Road and follow the Pipe Path to below Dumgoyne then drop down to Glengoyne distillery, crossing the main road at pedestrian crossing and picking up part of West Highland Way heading back to Strathblane. Fairly good paths throughout although could be muddy depending on weather. Some ups and downs but nothing too difficult.

Leader - Judith A.

20/07/2023

Walk the length of the Union Canal Stage Two

- Linear
- Strenuous
- 16.5 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street Station to Linlithgow and then the Ciltylink 900 bus back to Glasgow from the A8 Newbridge East stop.

This middle section of the Union Canal is a long 15 miles, starting at Linlithgow and finishing at Ratho Basin. From Ratho Basin it is another 1.5 miles to the bus stop on the main road where we catch the bus back to Glasgow. The

first few miles of the tow path are quiet and peaceful as we walk through farmland. We will have an early coffee stop at the Park Bistro - options for a cafe coffee or bring your own. At Winchburgh Junction construction work is underway, currently the tow path is open - should there be a diversion in place on the day of then this will slightly increase the length of the walk. We will stop for a picnic lunch at Bridge 40, then we join the Shale Trail for a few miles with views of the shale bings and Niddry Castle. We reach Broxburn after about 9.5 miles and the former shale houses at Holygate. A few miles further on we walk over the Avon Viaduct with spectacular views for those who dare to look down, and a shortly afterwards reach the Edinburgh International Climbing Arena with its friendly Refresh Cafe. After a restorative tea break, it's on to Ratho basin and the final leg to the bus stop on the A8.
Leader - Frances A.

29/07/2023

Magnificent 11

- Circular
- Moderate
- 11 miles
- The start, at the gates to Linn Park on Clarkston Road, is on the No 4 and No 6 bus routes from Glasgow city centre and Muirend railway station is nearby. There are several points to catch transport back to the city centre if you don't wish to do the whole 11 miles.

Join Gary Linstead, Glasgow City Parks Ranger, for a guided walk on the Magnificent 11 as recently unveiled by Cameron McNeish. The walk route and description can be found here <https://www.glasgowramblers.org.uk/mag11>. You will enjoy the greenest urban walk in Scotland, a waterfall and lots of other sights along the way. Gary will pass on his wealth of information on Glasgow's green spaces and have you splitting your sides with his jokes.

Leader - Gary L.

29/07/2023

Kilchattan Circular

- Circular
- Moderate
- 5.5 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central Station to Wemyss Bay, ferry to Rothesay then bus to Kilchattan, returning the same way.

Part 1 of the West Island Way, starting and finishing at Kilchattan Bay on Bute. The walk starts with some tricky rocky surfaces as we track along the coastline, then is reasonably flat with just a short uphill section after we leave Glencallum Bay. Next it's on to the ruins of St Blane's church where we can have lunch and then back to Kilchattan.

Leader - Terry C.

10/08/2023

Walk the length of the Union Canal Part 3

12/08/2023

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 9 miles
- By 900 Citylink bus from Glasgow Buchanan Street to the A8 Newbridge East stop and back from Edinburgh by bus or train.

The last section of the Union Canal takes us into the heart of Edinburgh. After a walk of just under 2 miles, mainly uphill, from the bus stop on the main Glasgow to Edinburgh road, we arrive at Ratho Basin. We continue along the tow path walking under bridges carrying dual carriageways, past housing estates and finally we finish beside the modern waterside apartments by the Leamington Lift Bridge, with Edinburgh Castle obscured above on its hill. This is the Lochrin Basin. We also cross two viaducts, one over the city bypass, and the impressive Slateford Viaduct over the Water of Leith. From the Lochrin Basin there are several straightforward routes into the city or you may prefer to walk to Haymarket which is very close for transport options back to Glasgow.

Leader - Frances A.

12/08/2023

Crianlarich to Ardlui

- Linear
- Moderate
- 8.5 miles
- By the 914 Citylink service from Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station to Crianlarich, returning via the 977 from Ardlui Hotel to Glasgow; there are also trains from Ardlui to Glasgow Queen Street.

Starting in Crianlarich we will join the West Highland Way and walk south along an uneven but good path which goes gently downhill for about 2 miles. Crossing over the A82 through a sheep creep, the way continues along the spectacular river Falloch. This section has quite beautiful scenery on all sides as you pass through Glen Falloch surrounded by mountains. The final mile of this walk takes us past Inverarnan to Ardleish. Here we will call the ferry and take the 10 minute trip across Loch Lomond to the Ardlui Hotel.

Leader - Terry C.

17/08/2023, repeated 19/08/2023

Dunkeld to Pine Cone

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

This will be a 10 mile walk from Dunkeld train station to the Pine Cone viewpoint in the Craigvinian Forest. On a good day there is a magnificent view to be had from the viewpoint along the Tay valley. For the majority of the route you can expect good forest roads.

Leader - John M.

26/08/2023

Part of the West Highland Way - Tyndrum to Bridge of Orchy and back

- Linear
- Strenuous
- 14 miles
- By the 914 bus from Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station to Tyndrum and return.

A beautiful walk surrounded by mountains, starting in Tyndrum (facilities at the Green Welly) and retracing our steps after a picnic lunch stop at Bridge of Orchy station.

Leader - Maggie C.

14/09/2023

Kirkcaldy Esplanade to Burntisland Links

- Circular
- Moderate
- 7 miles
- By X27 Stagecoach bus to Kirkcaldy from Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station, returning by Stagecoach 7 bus from Burntisland to Kirkcaldy and then the X27 to Glasgow.

A walk of approximately 7 miles, from Kirkcaldy Esplanade along the Fife Coastal Path to Burntisland Links via Kinghorn. This walk is mostly flat with steep steps up to go round a caravan park as we leave Kinghorn. Where possible we will walk alongside the coast on paved promenades or gravel paths. If the tide is low we'll walk along the beach. We will stop for a picnic lunch at Pettycur Bay, Kinghorn.

Leader - Carol O.

16/09/2023

Ayrshire Coastal Path - Turnberry to Dunure

- Linear
- Moderate
- 10 miles
- By X77 bus from Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station to Ayr then the 60 to Turnberry, returning via the 361 service from Dunure to Ayr town centre and the X77 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.

[NOTE - 29/09-02/10/2023 walks during the Arran weekend away omitted.]

15/10/2023

Kincardine to Culross to Preston Island then return to Kincardine via Culross

- Circular
- Moderate
- 9 miles
- By Stagecoach X27 bus to Kincardine High Street from Glasgow Buchanan Bus Station, and return.

From Kincardine High Street we will walk along the Fife Coastal Path to Culross (toilet stop). We'll then continue on to walk around the Preston Island promontory sitting in Torry Bay. There are several picnic spots where we can stop for coffee or lunch and also discover the local history of salt panning. On the return to Culross we'll stop at the community owned Red Lion Pub for refreshments before walking back to Kincardine.

Leader - Carol O.

18/10/2023

Largs - Gogo Glen to Greeto Bridge

- Circular
- Moderate
- 5.5 miles
- By train to Largs from Glasgow Central Station and back.

The walk from Largs Station will follow the Gogo Water up to the Greeto Bridge then back up to the Auchenmaid Craigs and down to the shore. This walk provides great views over Cumbrae, Bute and Arran. There are a couple of steep ascents and descents, quite a bit on stairs. The paths are mainly good - some tarmac, some gravel and stone and some through the woods.

Leader - Sandra W.

21/10/2023

The Smugglers' Trail

- Circular
- Moderate
- 15 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central Station to Troon and back. For anyone who wishes to cut the walk short there is the option of taking the No 10 or the No 14 bus from Loans back to Troon.

The 15 mile round trip of The Smugglers' Trail offers a variety of terrain, starting along the beach from Troon and then crossing Royal Troon Golf Course. The trail passes Crosbie Kirk and heads through Fullerton Park, passing Fullerton House (toilet facilities). From there we are surrounded by fields before some pavement walking through the village of Loans. There are some gentle uphill climbs, passing farms, a reservoir and through Dundonald Woods. The trail finishes at Dundonald Castle and Visitors' Centre (toilet facilities). From here we shall return to Troon by the same route.

Leader - Margaret D.

26/10/2023 and 29/10/2023

Stroll around Pollok Park

- Circular
- Easy
- 3.5 miles
- By train from Central Station to Pollokshaws West and return, there are also regular buses from the city centre 57/57A and McGills number 3, stopping across the road from the Pollokshaws entrance.

We will start and finish at the park entrance on Pollokshaws Road, just a few minutes from Pollokshaws West station and across the road from the 57/57A bus stop. The riverside path is beautiful in the autumn and we will follow the White Cart Water to Pollok House where we will stop for coffee in the Edwardian cafe (or bring your own if you prefer - there are benches close by overlooking the water). We will continue along the river-walk past some of the Covid memorial structures to the Burrell through the North Wood and back to the starting point.

Leader - Frances A.

11/11/2023

Clyde 'coastal' path

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 9 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street to Kilpatrick, returning from Milngavie Station.

A 9 mile linear walk from Kilpatrick to Milngavie train stations via the most easterly section of the Clyde 'coastal' path.

Leader - Gareth M.

18/11/2023

Invite from Eastwood Ramblers -Magnificent 11

- Circular
- Moderate
- 11 miles
- The start, at the gates to Linn Park on Clarkston Road, is on the No 4 and No 6 bus routes from Glasgow city centre and Muirend railway station is nearby. There are several points to catch transport back to the city centre if you don't wish to do the whole 11 miles.

Eastwood Ramblers have invited our members to join their walk next Saturday. The walk is a final one with Gary Linstead, the Glasgow Countryside Ranger who developed this fabulous urban walk - the greenest one in Scotland.

The walk route and description can be found here <https://www.glasgowramblers.org.uk/mag11>.

Leader - Sandra W.

19/11/2023

Langbank to Port Glasgow via Kilmacolm

- Linear
- Moderate
- 9 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central Station to Langbank , returning to Glasgow from Port Glasgow railway station.

A linear walk of approximately 9 miles, climbing 191 metres from Langbank railway station on the River Clyde to Knockmountain, before dropping down to Kilmacolm and along the disused railway track (Sustrans Route 75) to Port Glasgow. Walking on country lanes, hill paths and tarmac.

Leader - Ian B.

26/11/2023

Autumn in the Kilpatricks

- Circular
- Moderate
- 8.5 miles
- By train from Glasgow Central Station to Kilpatrick and return.

A simple out and back on good paths from Kilpatrick station with time to enjoy the views and the sights of late autumn. We'll take the long steep climb up to Loch Humphrey where we'll stop for coffee. From here the walk evens out and we follow a woodland trail to the head of Loch Humphrey and onwards to Greenland and Black Linn reservoirs. It's a fairly strenuous 8.5 miles with a long steep ascent and descent at the start and finish. Some sections might be pretty muddy.

Leader - Yvonne F.

30/11/2023, repeated 03/12/2023

Beecraigs & Linlithgow

- Circular
- Leisurely
- 7 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street Station, and return.

A 7 mile walk through the pines, beech trees and mossy stream-side glens of Beecraigs Country Park in West Lothian where you will see red deer and Highland cattle. The walk will start and finish at the railway station in Linlithgow. The return leg will take us along the union canal for a stretch and pass Linlithgow Palace, birthplace of Mary Queen of Scots.

Leader - John M.

07/12/2023

Glasgow Green to Cuningar Loop

- Circular
- Leisurely
- 9 miles
- Starting at Glasgow Green.

Cuningar Loop has expanded - more paths, more sculptures, more fun – see

<https://forestryandland.gov.scot/visit/cuningar-loop>. Join us on a walk through Glasgow Green and out to Cuningar Loop. Cuningar Loop is an exciting woodland park on the banks of the Clyde. Climb up the Tor and get views over the park. We will return to Glasgow Green walking beside the River Clyde.

Leader - Sandra W.

09/12/2023

Water of Leith Walkway: Slateford to Leith

- Linear
- Leisurely
- 8.5 miles
- By train from Glasgow Queen Street to Haymarket then by 44 bus the short distance to the Water of Leith Visitor Centre in Slateford to join the Water of Leith Walkway, returning from Leith by bus or tram to Edinburgh city centre and then train to Glasgow.

Following the second half of The Walkway, we will pass Saughton Park, Murrayfield Stadium, Dean Village, St Bernard's Well, Stockbridge, Cannonmills and Bonnington. The official end of the Walkway is Victoria Bridge in Leith. The historic swing bridge is currently being restored - we will walk past it and finish the walk at Ocean Terminal where there are buses and the tram back to the city centre. It is a straightforward, flat walk on good paths with some city pavement walking.

Leader - Frances A.

14/12/2023

West End Walk

- Circular
- Easy
- 5.5 miles
- Starting from Partick Station – accessible by train, subway or bus from Glasgow city centre.

An easy circular walk of two to three hours depending on weather around the West End of Glasgow. We'll take in the Botanics and a stretch of the Forth and Clyde Canal with a stop for morning coffee.

Leader - Yvonne F.

16/12/2023

Kelpies and Callendar Park Falkirk

- Circular
- Moderate
- 8 miles
- From Glasgow Queen Street to Camelon Train station, returning by train from Falkirk High.

An 8 mile walk from Camelon train station on the outskirts of Falkirk along the Forth & Clyde Canal to the Kelpies and Helix Park (lunch stop - toilets, visitor centre and cafe). After lunch we will head south past Falkirk FC football stadium to Callendar Park and on to the finish line at Falkirk High train station for the train home.

Leader - Terry C.